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State Forester Notice of Stage 2 Fire Restrictions State-Owned Lands Outside Incorporated Municipalities Effective May 30, 2014

Fire, smoking, firearms, fireworks, and industrial restrictions are being implemented by the Arizona State Forester on all State-owned and managed lands. The restrictions are effective May 30, 2014 at 0800 hrs and will continue until further notice (Authority: ARS 37-623 and ARS 37-623.02).

Fire restrictions are necessary due to existing very high to extreme fire danger to prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public health and safety. Contributing factors include high temperatures, low humidity, and persistently dry vegetation that provide conditions for rapid spread of wildfire.

This Notice applies standardized fire restrictions across unincorporated State-owned and State-managed lands south of the Grand Canyon, including:

- All State Trust lands outside incorporated municipalities
- All Game and Fish Commission Wildlife Areas and Department properties outside incorporated municipalities
- All State Parks outside incorporated municipalities
- All Department of Transportation highway right-of-way property outside incorporated municipalities not owned by Federal land management agencies.

The *restrictions* are as follows:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove including fires in developed campgrounds or improved sites is ***prohibited***. ***Exemptions*** include persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
- Smoking is ***prohibited unless*** it is within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- Discharging a firearm except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations is ***prohibited***. The ***exemption*** to this is that the discharging of firearms is allowed on agency designated shooting ranges.
- The discharging or using of any kind of fireworks and incendiary devices is ***prohibited***.
- The following mechanical and industrial activities are ***prohibited***:

- Operating any internal combustion engine.
- Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
- Using an explosive.

Additional *exemptions* to the above-listed restrictions include:

- Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act. This process can be utilized in cases where public works and public utility emergency repairs are necessary.
- Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Industrial operations where specific operations and exemptions are identified and mitigation measures are implemented as outlined in an agency plan.
- Operating generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
- Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads so long as you park in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway.
- All land within a city boundary is exempted unless otherwise stated in city ordinance.

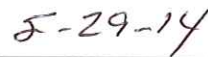
All exemptions to these restrictions must be approved by the State Forester.

If local authorities have imposed stronger restrictions than those listed above, then the local restrictions shall apply.

These restrictions apply to all permit and lease holders, and other authorized users of State-managed lands. These restrictions do not apply to private lands.



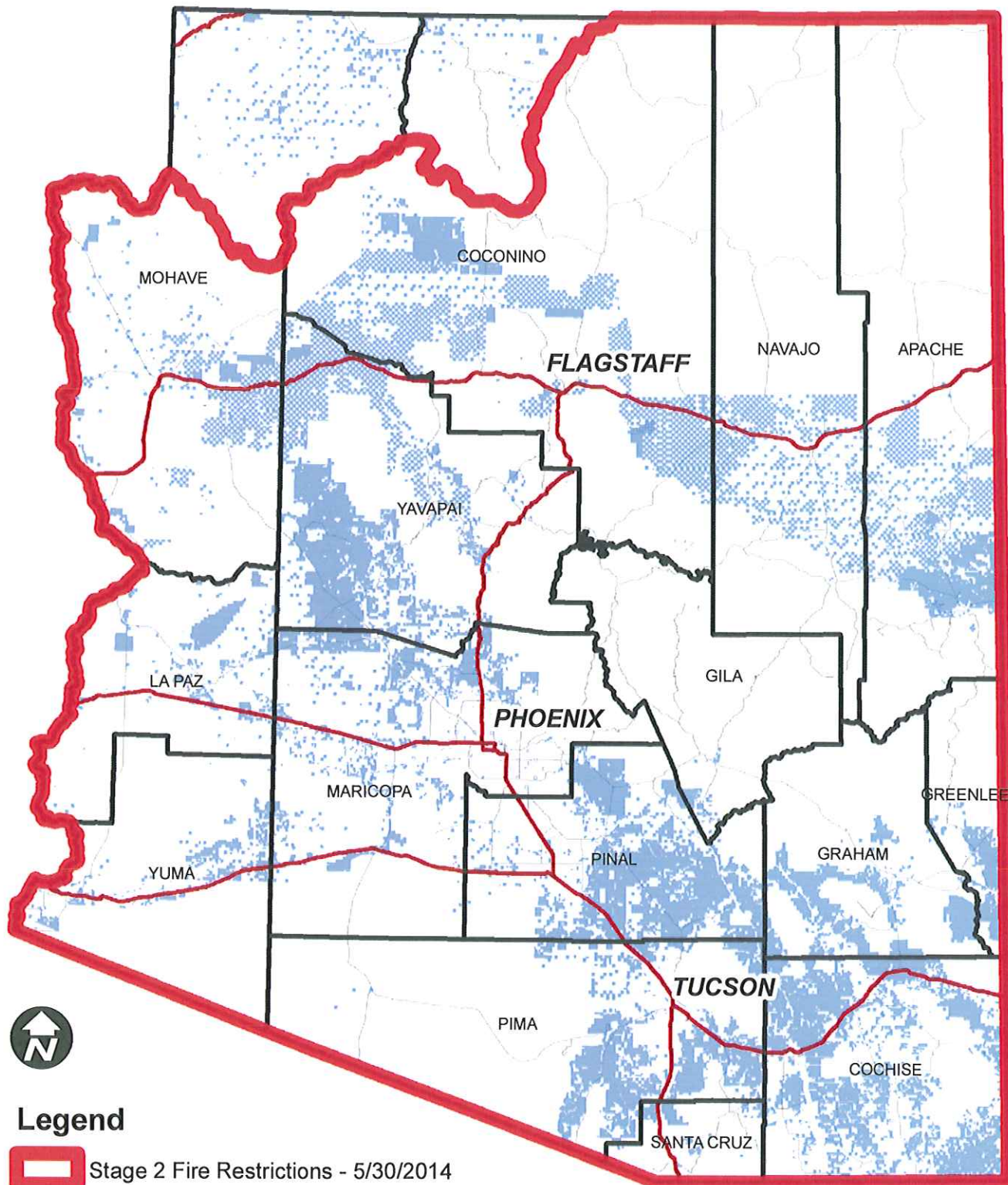
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