



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS**

STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) the following acts and omissions are prohibited within the area of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, in the state of Arizona as described in this Order and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove fire including fires in developed campgrounds or improved sites. **36 CFR 261.52(a)**
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building. **36 CFR 261.52(c)**
3. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. **36 CFR 261.52(f)**
4. Discharging a firearm except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations. **36 CFR 261.58(m)**
5. Mechanical and Industrial Prohibitions
 - a. Operating any internal combustion engine. **36 CFR 261.58(h)**
 - b. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame. **36 CFR 261.52(i)**
 - c. Using an explosive. **36 CFR 261.52(b)**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. 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.
2. Industrial operations where specific operations and exemptions are identified and mitigation measures are implemented as outlined in an agency plan.
3. Persons using a device fueled solely 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.

4. 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.
5. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads so long as you park in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway.
6. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
7. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
8. All land within a city boundary is exempted unless otherwise stated by city ordinance.
9. Discharging of firearms is allowed on agency designated shooting ranges.

RESTRICTED AREA:

The Restricted Area includes all National Forest lands within the boundaries of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A).

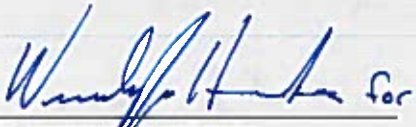
PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety and protection of public and private properties within and adjacent to National Forest lands.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will become effective at 01:00 AM on May 4, 2018 and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2018 or rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
2. Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individual or \$10,000.00 for organizations or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous order prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order

Done at Springerville, Arizona, this 2nd day of May, 2018.


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Stage 2 Fire Restrictions

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Exhibit: A

