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Fire Restrictions to be Implemented Friday, August 14th on the Prescott NF Due to Lack of Rain

PRESCOTT, AZ, August 12, 2020 - Due to lack of monsoon precipitation and key criteria being met for restrictions, the Prescott National Forest will enter Stage I Fire Restrictions on **Friday, August 14th at 8 a.m.** The goal of the fire restrictions is to protect public health by reducing the number of preventable human-caused wildfires. Restrictions will remain in effect until forest officials determine that conditions have changed sufficiently to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfire.

Stage I fire restrictions prohibit the following:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, or using a fire, including charcoal and briquettes outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service within a designated area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).**
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d).**
3. Discharging a firearm, except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(m).**

Exemptions to the restrictions include the following: Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the provisions in this Order:

1. Holders of Forest Service Special Use Authorizations are exempt from Prohibition #1 above, provided such fires are within a fire structure and they are within their permitted area.
2. Persons using a stove or grill that is solely fueled by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels.
3. Persons using a stove fire in a designated area.
Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.

With no significant moisture predicted in the long-term forecast, additional restrictions may be implemented as conditions warrant. Fire managers are assessing conditions daily, and coordinating efforts with neighboring local, state, and federal partners.





AREA DESCRIPTION

This area only affects National Forest System lands within the boundary of the Prescott National Forest.

Fires are allowed in metal fire rings and/or metal pedestal grills provided by the Forest Service in the following developed recreation sites only:

Prescott National Forest - BRADSHAW RANGER DISTRICT

- Alto Pit OHV Campground and Day-Use
- Yavapai Campground
- Cayuse Equestrian TH Day-Use
- Wekuvde Day-Use
- Groom Creek Day-Use & Horse Campground
- Hilltop Campground
- Ranch Trailhead #62
- Lynx Campground
- Lynx Creek Ruin Day-Use
- Lynx Lake North Shore Day-Use
- Lynx Lake South Shore Day-Use
- White Spar Campground
- Thumb Butte Day-Use

Prescott National Forest - CHINO VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT

- None

Prescott National Forest - VERDE RANGER DISTRICT

- Mingus Mountain Campground
- Sycamore Cabin Rental
- Potato Patch Campground
- Powell Springs Campground
- Beasley Flat Day-Use
- Mingus Picnic Day-Use
- Skidmore Day Use
- Mingus Vista Day-Use
- White Bridge Day-Use
- Black Canyon Day Use
- Bignottii Day Use
- Summit Day-Use
- Copper Canyon Trailhead

The public can obtain fire information via the following:

- Prescott National Forest Web Site: www.fs.fed.us/r3/prescott
- Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)
- **Arizona Fire Restrictions:** <https://www.firerestrictions.us/az/>
- Local Ranger Stations: Bradshaw Ranger District, (928) 443-8000; Forest Supervisors Office (928) 777-2200; Verde Ranger District (928) 567-4121

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