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Mountainair and Sandia Ranger Districts to Implement Stage 2 Fire Restrictions

Effective Thursday May 22, 2025

Order Number 03-03-00-25-07

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – May 19, 2025 – The Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands will implement Stage 2 Fire Restrictions on the Mountainair and Sandia Ranger Districts located within the State of New Mexico as described per order 03-03-00-25-07 and as shown on the **attached maps**.

This Order will be in effect on May 22, 2025, at 8:00 AM, and shall remain in effect until August 31, 2025, at 8:00 am or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

The purpose of this Order is to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires during periods of high fire danger and severe fire weather conditions.

Stage 2 fire restrictions prohibit the following activities:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, including charcoal, coal, and briquettes.
- 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.
- Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest System roads, on all lands and trails, unless solely for the purpose of parking in an area that is devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway, or in areas that are designated for parking within developed recreation sites.

Stage 2 fire restrictions prohibit the following activities from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm:

- Operating a generator, chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, processing, road building and woodcutting or firewood gathering capable of igniting a fire.
- Welding, or operating any acetylene or other torch with an open flame.
- Blasting or using any type of explosive.

Exemptions of Stage 2 fire restrictions:

- Persons using a stove or grill that is solely fueled by pressurized liquid petroleum or pressurized liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels.
- Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order).
- Persons operating generators with an approved spark arresting device in the area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three (3) feet of the generator.
- Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
- Purchasers of Commercial Timber Sale Contracts will follow the limitations included in C(T) 7.22# – Emergency Fire Precaution Schedule – Table A, as provided in the contract.

Official Order 03-03-00-25-07 is posted on [Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands Alerts & Notices](#)
National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC): [Southwest Fire Restriction Map](#)

Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Mountainair Ranger District: 40 Ranger Station Rd., Mountainair, NM 87036 (505-847-2990); Sandia Ranger District: 11776 Hwy. 337, Tijeras, NM 87059 (505-281-3304) and at the Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands Supervisor's Office: 2113 Osuna Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113 (505-346-3900).

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