



ORDER NO. 02-485

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CARSON NATIONAL FOREST**

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within all National Forest System lands as described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, Carson National Forest, Colfax, Mora, Rio Arriba, Taos, within the state of New Mexico.

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 all flammable material. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d).**

EXEMPTIONS

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 restriction #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.
4. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the exterior boundaries of the Carson National Forest, as depicted on the attached map at Exhibit A.

PURPOSE

To reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires during periods of high fire danger and severe fire weather conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect at 8:00 AM on Friday October, 23 2020, and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2020 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. Exhibit B, "Definitions," is attached and incorporated into this Order.
4. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581 (b)(7)).
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Carson National Forest Supervisor's Office in Taos, NM, telephone number (575) 758-6200.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Taos, New Mexico this 20 day of October, 2020.



Forest Supervisor
Carson National Forest

EXHIBIT B
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DEFINITIONS:

DESIGNATED AREA: Developed recreation sites such as (campgrounds and picnic areas) that are maintained and administered by the Forest Service, shown on the current Forest visitor maps, and are equipped with a permanent fire structures.

FIRE STRUCTURE: A permanent metal or concrete structure, which is specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire that has been installed and maintained by the Forest Service or equivalent.

STOVE FIRE: A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove, which is outfitted with a chimney that is at least five (5) feet in length and is equipped with a spark arrestor consisting of a mesh screen with a screen opening of ¼ inch or less.

For further definitions or clarification of definitions, refer to 36 C.F.R. § 261.2.