

# News Release

## USDA Forest Service

### Coronado National Forest

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**Effective Immediately**

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### **CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

#### **Stage II Fire Restrictions Across the Forest**

Tucson, AZ (June 5, 2012) – Coronado National Forest will implement Stage II fire restrictions across the Forest effective immediately. Restrictions will remain in place until July 31 or until they are rescinded due to decreased fire danger.

The restrictions have become necessary due to increased fire danger and are being implemented to protect public health, safety and National Forest System lands, resources and facilities.

Current prohibitions on all ranger districts of the Coronado National Forest are:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove fire, including within a developed recreation site, or improved site. 36 CFR 261.52(a) **EXCEPTION:** Use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices is allowed so long as such devices met the fire underwriter's specifications for safety.
2. Using an explosive. 36 CFR 261.52(b)
3. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building. 36 CFR 261.52(d)
4. Operating or using any internal combustion engine, except motor vehicles. 36 CFR 261.52(h)
5. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52 (i)
6. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun, except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal law and regulations. 36 CFR 261.58(m)
7. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest system roads, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 30 feet of the roadway, and except for parking overnight in Forest Service developed campgrounds and trailheads. 36 CFR 261.56

Prohibitions are temporary and will be lifted when fire restrictions expire. Any violation of the prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six months. Fireworks are always prohibited on National Forest lands.

For additional information on fire restrictions on public lands in Arizona and New Mexico please call the toll-free Regional Fire Restrictions Hotline at 1-877-864-6985.

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