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Prescott National Forest Enters Stage II Fire Restrictions on Wednesday, June 3rd

PRESCOTT, AZ, May 29, 2020 - Due to increasing fire danger the Prescott National Forest will implement Stage II fire restrictions effective Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 8 a.m. These additional fire restrictions will remain in effect until forest officials determine that conditions have changed sufficiently to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfire.

Stage II fire restrictions prohibit the following:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material.
3. Welding, or operating any acetylene or other torch with an open flame.
4. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment operated by an internal combustion engine between the hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
5. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun, except while engaged in a lawful hunt.

Exemptions to the restrictions include the following:

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this order.
2. Persons using a stove or grill that is solely fueled by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels.
3. Persons operating generators with an approved spark arresting device in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the generator.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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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