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San Bernardino National Forest Increases Fire Restrictions

SAN BERNARDINO, California, June 26, 2017 – The San Bernardino National Forest will increase the current seasonal fire restrictions effective Saturday, July 1, 2017.

Hot, dry and windy conditions along with critically dry and receptive fuel types throughout the San Bernardino National Forest have prompted local fire managers to implement additional fire restrictions. The restrictions are designed to prevent accidental wildfires, these restrictions will affect additional recreation sites and become more restrictive in areas already in restrictions.

The fire restrictions that are effective on all San Bernardino National Forest lands are as follows:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire except within the areas listed in Exhibits A, B, and C.
- Smoking is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or in the areas listed in exhibits A, B, and C.
- Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above, however, persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use a portable contained-gas or liquefied-petroleum stove or lantern with a fuel shut-off valve.
- Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame is prohibited.
- An approved spark arrester is required for all off-highway vehicles.

Fire Management Officer Jaime Gamboa said that everyone can play a role in keeping our community safe. “The community and all forest users can help in the prevention of fires by being careful when using your public lands and by remaining vigilant in reporting illegal and inappropriate behaviors within the forest and our community.”

The US Forest Service will be aggressively citing those who do not comply with the posted restrictions. Violation of these prohibitions is subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both, as Class B misdemeanors under federal law. Persons may also be responsible for resource damage, suppression costs and any injuries that occur if they are found liable for causing a wildfire.

Forest visitors are encouraged to **“Know Before You Go”** and call ahead to the local Ranger Station to check on location conditions and restrictions at the following offices:

San Bernardino National Forest Supervisor’s Office
602 S. Tippecanoe Ave., San Bernardino
(909) 382-2600

Big Bear Discovery Center
41397 North Shore Drive / Highway 38, Fawnskin
(909) 382-2790

San Jacinto Ranger Station
54270 Pine Crest, Idyllwild
(909) 382-2922

Front Country Ranger Station
1209 Lytle Creek Road, Lytle Creek
(909) 382-2851

Mill Creek Visitor Center
34701 Mill Creek Road, Mentone
(909) 382-2881

Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center
51-500 Highway 74 Palm Desert
(760) 862-9984

About the U.S. Forest Service:

The mission of the U.S. Forest Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. Public lands the Forest Service manages contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending alone. Those same lands provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$7.2 billion per year. The agency has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 80 percent of the 850 million forested acres within the U.S., of which 100 million acres are urban forests where most Americans live.

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SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST
Forest Order No. 05-12-00-17-01
Fire Restrictions

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a), and to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the San Bernardino National Forest. This Order is effective from July 1, 2017 through the end of the official 2017 fire season.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire except within the areas listed in Exhibits A, B, and C. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or in the areas listed in Exhibits A, B, and C. 36 CFR 261.52(d).
3. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i).

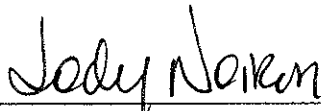
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
3. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above, however, persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use a portable contained-gas or liquefied-petroleum stove or lantern with a fuel shut-off valve.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months or both 16 USC 551, and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in San Bernardino, California, this 26th day of June, 2017



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Forest Supervisor

San Bernardino National Forest

EXHIBIT A

SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST
SAN JACINTO RANGER DISTRICT

Campgrounds
Black Mountain
Boulder Basin
Dark Canyon
Fern Basin
Marion Mountain
Pinyon Flat
Ribbonwood Equestrian

Picnic Areas
Fuller Mill Creek
Lake Fulmor
Lake Hemet

EXHIBIT B

SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST
FRONT COUNTRY RANGER DISTRICT

Campgrounds
Applewhite
Bonita Ranch

Picnic Areas
Applewhite
Falls
Thurman Flats

EXHIBIT C

SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST
MOUNTAINTOP RANGER DISTRICT

Campgrounds
Dogwood
North Shore
Green Valley
Shady Cove
Tent Peg
Big Pine Flat
Hanna Flats
Holcomb Valley
Serrano
Pine Knot
Buttercup Group Camp
Heart Bar
Heart Bar Equestrian Group Camp
South Fork
Oso/Lobo Group Camp
San Gorgonio
Barton Flats
Crab Flats
Council Group Camp
Deer Group Camp
Bluff Mesa Group Camp
Gray's Peak Group Camp
Green Spot Equestrian Group Camp
Wildhorse Equestrian Group Camp
Big Pine Flat Equestrian Group Camp
Boulder Group Camp
Ironwood Group Camp
Tanglewood Group Camp
Juniper Spring Group Camp
Green Spot Equestrian Group Camp
Coon Creek Cabin Group Campground

Picnic Areas
Jenk's Lake