

Order Number: 03-05-00-25-007



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Coronado National Forest**

**Stage II Fire Restrictions and
Emergency Recreational
Shooting Closure Order**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Coronado National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area):

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. **36 C.F.R § 261.52(a)**. This includes charcoal grills and barbecues; coal and wood burning stoves and shepherd's stoves and includes use in developed camping and picnic grounds.
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 any flammable material. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d)**
3. Welding or operating any acetylene or other torch with an open flame. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(h)**
4. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(m)**

THE FOLLOWING ACTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM 9:00 a.m. TO 6:00 p.m.:

5. Operating a generator, chainsaw, or other equipment operated by an internal combustion engine. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(g)**

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. 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 three (3) feet of the generator.
2. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on or off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three (3) feet of the device.
3. Persons with the Forest Service form FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2)
4. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of their official duty.
5. Persons engaged in legal hunting activity pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations are allowed to discharge a firearm while taking wildlife.

DESCRIBED

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the exterior boundaries of the Coronado National Forest, as depicted in Exhibit A.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety, as well as National Forest System lands, resources, and facilities, by reducing the risk of human-caused wildfires during the current period of high fire danger and severe fire weather conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be effective on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 8:00 a.m., and shall remain in effect until rescinded.
2. A map of the Described Area is incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Coronado National Forests Supervisors Office In Tucson, AZ, (520) 388-8300, the Douglas Ranger District in Douglas, AZ, (520) 364-3468, Nogales Ranger District in Nogales, AZ, (520) 761-6002, Sierra Vista Ranger District in Sierra Vista, AZ, (520) 378-0311, Safford Ranger District in Safford, AZ, (928) 428-4150, Santa Catalina Ranger District in Tucson, AZ, (520) 749-8700

Signed and issued on May 9, 2025.

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