

BLM Contractors and Permittees Permit Stipulations:

The holder or its contractors will notify the BLM of any fires and comply with all rules and regulations administered by the BLM concerning the use, prevention and suppression of fires on federal lands, including any fire prevention orders that may be in effect at the time of the permitted activity. The holder or its contractors may be held liable for the cost of fire suppression, stabilization and rehabilitation. In the event of a fire, personal safety will be the first priority of the holder or its contractors.

The holder or its contractors shall:

1. Activities that generate flame or flammable material, including but not limited to welding, cutting or grinding metal **WILL NOT** be conducted between the hours of 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM.
2. Operation of all internal and external combustion engines (including off-highway vehicles, chainsaws, generators, heavy equipment, etc.) **WILL NOT** be conducted between the hours of 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM. All operators must be equipped with a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher rated at a minimum as ABC - 10 pound, and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches.
3. All internal and external combustion engines (including off-highway vehicles, chainsaws, generators, heavy equipment, etc.) must be equipped with a qualified spark arrester. Qualified spark arresters are maintained and not modified, and meet the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Recommended Practices J335 or J350. Refer to 43 CFR §8343.1.
 - a. *Refueling of any combustible engine equipment must be minimum of 3 meters away from any ignition source (open flame, smoking, etc.).*
4. Maintain and clean all equipment regularly to remove flammable debris buildup and prevent fluid leaks that can lead to ignitions.
5. Carry at least one shovel or wildland fire hand tool (combi, Pulaski, McLeod) per person working, minimum 5 gallons of water, and a fire extinguisher rated at a minimum as ABC - 10 pound on each piece of equipment and each vehicle.
6. When conducting "hotwork" such as, but not limited to welding, grinding, cutting, spark-producing work with metal, work that creates hot material or slag; choose an area large enough to contain all hot material that is naturally free of all flammable vegetation or remove the flammable vegetation in a manner compliant with the permitted activity. If adequate clearance cannot be made, wet an area large enough to contain all hot material prior to the activity and periodically throughout the activity to reduce the risk of wildfire ignition. Regardless of clearance, maintain readiness to respond to an ignition at all times. In addition, keep one hand tool per person and at least one fire extinguisher ready, minimum, as specified earlier (#3) during this activity.
7. Keep apprised of current and forecasted weather at <https://www.weather.gov/abq/forecasts-fireweather-links> and fire conditions at www.wfas.net and take additional fire precautions when fire danger is rated High or greater. Red Flag Warnings are issued by the National Weather Service when fire conditions are most dangerous, and ignitions escape control quickly. Extra precautions are required during these warnings such as additional water, designate a fire watch/patrol and tools. If work is being conducted in an area that is not clear of vegetation within 50 feet of work area; then, when fire danger is rated High or greater and 1) There is a predicted Red Flag warning for your area or 2) If winds are predicted to be greater than 15 mph sustained, stop all hotwork activities for the day at 10 am.
8. In the event of an ignition, initiate fire suppression actions in the work area to prevent fire spread to or on federally administered lands. If a fire spreads beyond the capability of workers with the stipulated tools, all will cease fire suppression action and leave the area immediately via pre-identified escape routes.
9. Call **911** or the **Albuquerque Interagency Fire Dispatch Center (505-346-2660)** immediately of the location and status of any fire.

AND

Notify the respective BLM field office for which the permit or contract was issued immediately of the incident.

Socorro Field Office at 575-835-0412

Rio Puerco Field Office at 505-761-8700