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FIRE PREVENTION ORDER# NMF00000-23-01

Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §9212.2(a), the following acts are prohibited on all lands administered by the BLM Farmington District within the counties of San Juan, Rio Arriba, Taos, Santa Fe, McKinley, Sandoval, Colfax, Union, Mora, Harding, Quay, and San Miguel.

The order shall go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on June 29, 2023 and will remain in effect until further notice.

Prohibited Acts:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove, including in campgrounds and picnic areas. **Allowed:** The use of stoves fueled by pressurized liquid or gas (can be turned off) within areas cleared of flammable materials at least 10 feet in diameter.
2. Smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, developed sites and areas, or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Operating a chainsaw or any other internal or external combustion engine without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and working, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches.
4. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off roads, except routes in areas open to OHV travel and except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway.
5. Any "hot work" conducted by authorized contractors or permittees for, by or on BLM will follow permit stipulations provided by the BLM.

Specific to the BLM Taos Field Office:

- Recreational target shooting within the BLM Taos Field Office boundary is permissible daily between sunrise and 11 a.m., except within Santa Fe County. Users shooting in the area must have a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches. Shooting for licensed hunting purposes is still allowed under this order.
- No recreational target shooting on BLM lands within Santa Fe County. Shooting for licensed hunting purposes is still allowed until this order.

Fireworks and exploding targets are prohibited on all BLM lands in NM under Fire Prevention Order #NM910-23-01.

All BLM NM Fire Prevention Orders can be found at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/new-mexico/fire-restrictions>

Monitor the BLM New Mexico social media pages at: Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BLMNewMexico> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BLMNewMexico/>

Exempted:

Any federal, state, local and/or military employee acting within the scope of his/her duties; members of any organized rescue or firefighting force performing official duty; and persons, agencies, municipalities or companies with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act. An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by an exempted activity.

Penalties:

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR §9212.4, any violation of this order is subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months or both. Restitution for total costs of fire suppression or damage will be borne by the violator.

Information regarding these fire restrictions may be obtained by calling the Farmington District Office at (505) 564-7600. Dated this 28th day of June 2023, in Farmington, New Mexico.

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