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FIRE PREVENTION ORDER #LLNMP00310-2025-002

Purpose and Authority: For the protection of public health and safety by minimizing chances for wildfire starts due to high fire danger. Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §9212.2(a), the following acts are prohibited on all lands managed by the BLM within the Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area and the BLM-Rio Bonito Acquired Lands in Lincoln County within the State of New Mexico.

Effective Dates: This order shall go into effect at **8:00 a.m. MDT, May 07, 2025**, and will remain in effect until further notice.

Prohibited Acts:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or a wood stove, including fires in developed sites and areas.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
3. Operating a chainsaw, or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, is prohibited from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
4. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order.
5. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
6. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads, special attention should be paid to parking in areas only void of flammable material.

Existing Regulations: Fireworks and exploding targets are always prohibited on all BLM lands in NM under Fire Prevention Order #NM910-24-01.

Exempted: Any federal, state, local and/or military employee acting within the scope of their duties; members of any organized rescue or firefighting force performing official duty; persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the device; 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 feet of the generator; 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: Anyone who is found guilty of violating a fire prevention order may be subject to prosecution under any applicable law or BLM regulation. A violation of this order may be classified as a Class A Misdemeanor Offense under 43 USC 1733(a) FLPMA, 18 USC 3559, and 18 USC 3571 Sentence of Fine - Sentencing Reform Act, Oct. 12, 1984. If the violation does not result in death, anyone who violates this order may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months, or may be fined in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 USC 3571. Restitution for total fire suppression and damage costs incurred will be borne by the responsible party.

For More Information: Questions regarding this order should be addressed to the BLM-Pecos District Fire Management Officer, Nathan Curnutt, at (575) 627-0311 or the Roswell Field Office at (575) 627-0272.

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

Done at Rowell, New Mexico, this 5th day of May, 2025.

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