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## FIRE PREVENTION ORDER #NMA02-26-01

Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 9212.2(a), the following acts are prohibited on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered land within the Socorro Field Office, Albuquerque District, New Mexico. This includes BLM administered public lands in Catron, and Socorro Counties, New Mexico.

**Effective Dates:** This order shall go into effect at **8:00 a.m. MDT, March 27, 2026**, and will remain in effect until rescinded or superseded.

### **Prohibited Acts:**

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or a wood stove other than in a developed campsite and or picnic areas.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

**Existing Regulations:** Fireworks and exploding targets are prohibited on all BLM lands in NM under Fire Prevention Order #NM910-26-01: [Statewide Fire Restrictions](#).

**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 gas (LPG) 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; 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-Albuquerque District Office at 505-761-8700 or the Socorro Field Office at 575-835-0412. All BLM NM Fire Prevention Orders: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/new-mexico/fire-restrictions>

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