

# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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## FIRE PREVENTION ORDER # NM0001-18-01 (NMP02310)

Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §9212.2(a), the following acts are prohibited on all lands administered by the BLM Pecos District within Fort Stanton Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area and the Lincoln Tracts.

This order shall go into effect at 12:01 a.m., MDT, Friday April 20, 2018 and will remain in effect until rescinded.

#### **Prohibited Acts:**

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire except within agency-provided fire grates at developed recreation sites, or within fully enclosed stoves with a ¼" spark arrester type screen, or within fully enclosed grills, or in stoves using pressurized liquid or gas used within areas cleared of flammable materials at least 10 feet in diameter..
- 2. Smoking or use of smoking materials, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed sites and areas, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- 3. Cutting or grinding metal, or using a welder, either arc or gas, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame, except in areas cleared of flammable materials at least 10 feet in diameter and equipped with a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity.
- 4. Discharging, using, or possessing any combustible or explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation. This includes, but is not limited to, pyrotechnics and exploding targets.
- 5. The use of any aerial luminaries, sky lanterns, wish lanterns, balloons, or other items that are smoldering or have open flame attached to it for propulsion.
- 6. Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and working, a chemical 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.
- 6. Discharging, using, or possessing fireworks.

### **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; 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 Roswell Field Office at (575) 627-0272. Dated this 18th day of April, 2018, at Roswell, New Mexico.
_/s/ Charles Schmidt Charles Schmidt Field Manager Roswell Office, USDI Bureau of Land Management