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FIRE PREVENTION ORDER # NM910-20-02

Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §9212.1(h), the following acts are prohibited on all lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management within the State of New Mexico.

This order shall go into effect at 12:01a.m., MDT, May 20, 2020 and remain in effect until rescinded. This order supersedes Fire Prevention Order #NM0001-20-01 for Ft. Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area.

Prohibited Acts:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove. **Allowed:** The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices are allowed provided such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety and they are used in areas free of flammable materials.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site/improved site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. The use/discharge of fireworks of any kind, or incendiary, chemical, or pyrotechnic devices. NOTE: The use of exploding targets is already prohibited under Fire Prevention Order #NM910-20-01.
4. 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 or 5 gallons of water and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches.
5. 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.
6. Target shooting, except with a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces or 5 gallons of water and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches. The use of tracer and incendiary ammunition is always prohibited. **Allowed:** All lawful hunting activities.
7. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off roads, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway. **Allowed:** Off road use in established OHV areas.
8. The use of any aerial luminaries, sky lanterns, wish lanterns, balloons or other items that are smoldering or have open flame attached for propulsion.

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:

Any violation of this order is a Class A misdemeanor and subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$100,000 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.

Contact:

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Las Cruces District: 575-525-4300

Farmington District: 505-564-7640

Pecos District: 575-627-0272

For geolocatable and printable maps of these restrictions, please visit: <https://on.doi.gov/35vxWdu>.

Dated this 19th day of May 2020 at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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