

Coconino NF moving to Stage 2 fire restrictions as hot, dry, windy weather continues.

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FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., June 28, 2026 — The Coconino National Forest will implement [Stage 2 fire and smoking restrictions](#) beginning **8 a.m. Tuesday, June 30** as the threat of unwanted wildfires increases due to hot, dry and windy weather conditions.

Under Stage 2 restrictions, the following are prohibited forest-wide:

- Igniting, building, maintaining, or using a fire (including charcoal and briquettes) anywhere within the Coconino National Forest, including developed recreation sites. This prohibition also includes smudge pots and wood stoves.
- Smoking outside (with the exemption of smoking within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material).
- Blasting, welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame.
- Operating a generator, chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine during industrial operations or firewood gathering (with the exemption of generators equipped with an approved spark-arresting device in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the generator).

Additionally, motorized vehicles will be prohibited within several specific roads in the Flagstaff Ranger District, including roads near the [San Francisco Peaks area](#), [Pumphouse Wash area](#) and [Marshall Lake area](#).

Extensive research and data shows that restricting motor vehicle access to these particularly sensitive areas during Stage 2 restrictions have been shown to be extremely effective in preventing human-caused wildfires.

These areas have also been chosen for motorized restrictions due to the difficulty for firefighters to quickly suppress fires within them due to the topography, high wind speeds and other geographic challenges.

Stoves or grills fueled by propane, pressurized liquid petroleum or pressurized liquid petroleum gas may be used during Stage 2 fire restrictions.

Fire restrictions are implemented to help prevent human-caused fires and to limit the exposure of visitors during periods of potentially dangerous fire conditions. Decisions about fire restrictions are based on a combination of carefully measured factors (See the dropdown menu titled "[Criteria for Implementing Fire Restrictions](#)").

Historical data shows Stage 2 restrictions typically last between 28 and 35 days on the Coconino National Forest. Stage 2 restrictions end either when conditions warrant a need to move to Stage 3 restrictions—a full-forest closure—or when the area receives significant, widespread precipitation and restrictions can be scaled back or removed.

Violations could result in mandatory appearance in a federal court, fines or jail time. The public is reminded to always be extra cautious when recreating on public lands, regardless of restrictions, and to remember *fireworks are NEVER allowed* on forest service lands.

Stage 2 Fire Restrictions Explained

During Stage 2, the following is prohibited AT ALL TIMES:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, or using a fire, including charcoal and briquettes anywhere within Coconino National Forest, including Developed Recreation Sites. This prohibition also includes smudge pots and wood stoves.
2. Smoking outside (see Exemptions #4 below).
3. Blasting, welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame.
4. Within the Flagstaff Ranger District specifically:
 - o *Motorized vehicles* are prohibited on specific forest roads near the [San Francisco Peaks area](#), [Pumphouse Wash area](#), and [Marshall Lake area](#). Click on the links to see the maps that show details. Using these roads to hike, bike, and walk is still allowed. Only *motorized vehicles* are prohibited.

FROM 9 AM to 8 PM:

1. Operating a generator, chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, processing, road building and woodcutting during industrial operations or firewood gathering capable of igniting a fire. (See Exemptions #3 below).

Exemptions during Stage 2:

1. Residents using motorized vehicles on the Forest Roads listed under motorized restriction to the extent necessary to access their private property.
2. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
3. Using a stove or grill that is solely fueled by pressurized liquid petroleum or pressurized liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels.
4. Smoking within an enclosed vehicle or building, a [Developed Recreation Site](#), or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material.
5. 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 3 feet of the generator.
6. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.