

## What are **STAGE 1** Fire Restrictions?

**STAGE 1** Fire Restrictions help land management agencies reduce fire risk and prevent wildfires during periods of extreme danger.

### **PROHIBITIONS:**

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36 CFR 261.52(a). This includes barbecues and grills. **EXCEPT:** Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within developed recreation sites and the use of portable stoves, lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum, pressurized liquid fuel or a fully enclosed (shepherd type) stove with a ¼" spark arrester type screen is permitted.
2. Smoking, except in 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 all flammable material. 36 CFR 261.52(b).
3. Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and in effective working order, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher kept with the operator, one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use. 36 CFR 261.52(h).
4. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame except in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher. 36 CFR 261.52(i).
5. Using any explosive. 36 CFR 261.52(b).

### **EXEMPTIONS:**

1. Persons with a valid Forest Service permit or contract specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission may be eligible for an exemption from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, and #5. Any exemption must be applied for in writing, include an appropriate mitigation plan and must be authorized in writing by the appropriate Forest Service official. The Authorization must be in the physical possession of the person or persons undertaking the exempted activities.
2. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty is exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, and #5.

## PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTING FIRE RESTRICTIONS

- ERC 90-96% LAST 5 DAYS WITH REPRESENTATIVE SIG GROUPS
  - HIGH HUMAN CAUSED RISK
- LIVE FUEL MOISTURES ARE AT OR APPROACHING HISTORIC THRESHOLDS
- NO SIGNIFICANT RELIEF IN FIRE WEATHER FORECAST DURING THE NEXT 7 DAYS



ALL CRITERIA ARE MET, IMPLEMENT STAGE I RESTRICTIONS



THREE ELEMENTS ARE PRESENT, STRONGLY CONSIDER STAGE I RESTRICTIONS.



LESS THAN THREE ELEMENTS ARE PRESENT, NO FIRE RESTRICTIONS

- ERC GREATER THAN 97% LAST 5 DAYS WITH REPRESENTATIVE SIG GROUPS
  - HIGH HUMAN CAUSED RISK
- LIVE FUEL MOISTURES WELL BELOW HISTORIC THRESHOLDS
- NO SIGNIFICANT RELIEF IN FIRE WEATHER FORECAST DURING THE NEXT 7 DAYS



ALL CRITERIA ARE MET, IMPLEMENT STAGE II RESTRICTIONS



THREE ELEMENTS ARE PRESENT, STRONGLY CONSIDER STAGE II RESTRICTIONS.



LESS THAN THREE ELEMENTS ARE PRESENT, REMAIN AT STAGE I RESTRICTIONS

- High human Caused Risk may include Holidays, Special Events or High Visitation levels to certain areas
- Stage III-Area Closures are extremely rare events, and will only be implemented in extraordinary situations after significant interagency coordination.