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FIRE PREVENTION ORDER # NM-120-06-01
FIRE RESTRICTION DUE TO EXTREME FIRE DANGER
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, SOCORRO FIELD OFFICE

Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 9212.2, because of extreme fire hazard conditions, the following acts are prohibited on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered land within the Socorro Field Office area of New Mexico effective May 12, 2006 until further notice. This includes BLM administered public land in Socorro and Catron Counties.

1. The burning of solid fuels, except in established campfire rings or grills within designated campgrounds, or developed recreation sites or when authorized by permit. The use of petroleum fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices that meet Fire Underwriters' Laboratories safety specifications are allowed.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
3. Using an explosive requiring fuse blasting caps.
4. Operating a chainsaw without an approved spark arrester and without a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one round point shovel. The extinguisher will be with the equipment operator. The shovel may be kept with fueling supplies but readily available for use.
5. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame, except within an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials at least 10 feet on all sides from equipment.
6. The use of fireworks is ALWAYS prohibited on Federal Land.

The restrictions are necessary due to extreme fire danger from prolonged hot and dry weather conditions.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.2(a), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1000.00 or imprisonment of not more than twelve (12) months, or both.

Questions regarding this order should be addressed to the BLM Fire Management Officer, Jonathan Smith at (505) 838-1268 or the Socorro Field Office Ranger, John Hawkos at (505) 761-8730.

For additional information about CURRENT fire and smoking restrictions in Arizona and New Mexico, please visit the website:http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/information/firerestrictions/restrictions_closures.htm or call 1-877-864-6985.

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