



Board of Supervisors Ratify Revised Outdoor Fire & Permissible Consumer Fireworks Ban

Mohave County, AZ (June 14, 2022) -- The Mohave County Board of Supervisors ratified a revised Outdoor Fire and Permissible Consumer Fireworks Prohibition Proclamation at its June 6, 2022, board meeting. The revised proclamation prohibits open fires and permissible consumer fireworks use in the unincorporated county, *including* July 4, 2022, until such time as the prohibition is lifted when it is determined that the severe wildfire threat has been reduced by substantial widespread precipitation throughout the county.

The wildfire danger has worsened due to continuing high winds and extremely dry vegetation at all elevations. Wildfire suppression resources are limited due to the deployment of crews to wildfires outside of the county. The Hualapai Mountain Park is prohibiting access to the hiking trails on high wind days to prevent hikers from being trapped should a fire develop and cut off evacuation routes.

County residents should be constantly alerted to the fire danger, respect the prohibitions and report violators and take all precautions to avoid accidentally igniting a fire. Smoking near vegetation and improper disposal of smoking materials cause many fires.

The Bureau of Land Management Colorado River District and the Arizona Forestry and Fire Management Department implemented Stage 2 Fire Restrictions, including an open fire ban, on May 26, 2022, and prohibit fireworks throughout every year.

Violations of the prohibitions, which were implemented under the authority of Mohave County Ordinance 2013-04, are considered Class 2 misdemeanors subject to fines not to exceed \$750 and/or terms of imprisonment not to exceed 4 months.

The following fires are exempt from the Outdoor Fire Prohibition enacted pursuant to the Proclamation:

Fires set or permitted by any public officer, federal, state or local, in the performance of the officer's official duties.

1. Fires set or permitted by the State Entomologist or Mohave County agricultural agents for the purpose of disease and pest prevention.
2. Fires set or permitted by the United States, the State of Arizona, or any federally-recognized Indian tribe, or any of their respective departments, agencies or political

- subdivisions for the purpose of fire prevention or control, or watershed rehabilitation or control through vegetative manipulation.
3. Fires permitted by the Emergency Management Officer or designee. The conditions of the permit, including permitted dates and the nature of the burning shall be clearly stated on any such permit issued.
 5. Fires fueled by propane or charcoal.

Questions can be directed to Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Browning at BrownM@mohave.gov or Risk and Emergency Management Director Byron Steward at stewab@mohave.gov .

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