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Coconino NF to enter Stage 1 fire restrictions May 21

Restrictions begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday

Flagstaff, AZ, May 18, 2026 — The Coconino National Forest will enter [Stage 1 fire restrictions](#) at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 21, to help prevent unwanted human-caused wildfires during periods of dangerous fire weather conditions.

Fires, campfires, stoves (charcoal, coal and wood) and smudge pots are prohibited under Stage 1 restrictions except within a developed recreation site. Smoking is also prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle, building or official [developed recreation site](#).

Using a device that is fueled solely by pressurized liquid petroleum, propane, or LPG is allowed in areas that are barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials located within 3 feet of the device. The device must be able to be turned on or off.

Decisions about when and where to implement fire restrictions are made based on a combination of carefully measured factors. Criteria used to decide when to implement restrictions include current and predicted weather, fuel moisture, fire activity levels, enduring drought and available firefighting resources.

Additional restrictions could be forthcoming if conditions warrant. Fire restrictions typically remain in effect until the area receives significant, widespread precipitation.

Violations could result in a mandatory federal court appearance, fines, or jail time.

National forest fire restrictions can vary from forest to forest, and can differ from local, county and state fire restrictions. Recreators are responsible for knowing the jurisdiction of the land they are recreating on and abiding by restrictions, as well as other rules and regulations.

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