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Prescott National Forest Announces Stage 1 Fire Restrictions and Emergency Recreational Shooting Restrictions

PRESCOTT, AZ, June 03, 2024 - Due to rapidly drying wildland fuels and predicted hot and dry weather, the Prescott National Forest, along with local partners, plan to enter Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, to include a recreational shooting prohibition, beginning Thursday, June 6 at 8:00 a.m. Restrictions will remain in effect until forest officials determine that conditions have improved sufficiently to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires.

Stage I fire restrictions prohibit the following:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, including charcoal and briquettes outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service within a designated area.
2. Smoking, except 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. or cleared of any flammable material.
3. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun within the Described Area.

Exemptions to restrictions include the following:

1. Persons with a Forest Service Permit specifically exempting them from restrictions or a written determination by a Forest Service officer that a permit is not required.
2. Persons engaged in legal hunting activity pursuant to State, Federal, or Tribal laws and regulations are allowed to discharge a firearm while taking wildlife.

3. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
4. Persons using a stove fire in a designated area.
5. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

Fire and Recreational Shooting Restrictions will apply to all National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the exterior boundaries of the Prescott National Forest with the exception of designated developed recreation sites identified below.

Fires are allowed in metal fire rings and/or metal pedestal grills provided by the Forest Service in the following developed recreation sites only:

BRADSHAW RANGER DISTRICT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alto Pit OHV Campground and Day-Use | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynx Campground |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yavapai Campground | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynx Creek Ruin Day-Use |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cayuse Equestrian TH Day-Use | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynx Lake North Shore Day-Use |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wekuvde Day-Use | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynx Lake South Shore Day-Use |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groom Creek Day-Use & Horse Campground | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Spar Campground |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilltop Campground | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thumb Butte Day-Use+ Group Ramada |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranch Trailhead #62 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper Wolf Creek Campground |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Ridge Campground | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazlett Hollow Campground |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Wolf Creek Campground | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horsethief Cabin |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turney Gulch Group Campground | |

VERDE RANGER DISTRICT

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| • Mingus Mountain Campground | • Potato Patch Campground |
| • Mingus Tent Sites | • AZHPA Campground |
| • Mingus Group Site | • Copper Canyon Trailhead |
| • Mingus Vista Day-Use | • Summit Day-Use |
| • Mingus Picnic Day-Use | • Playground Group Campground |
| • Sycamore Cabin Rental | • Grief Hill Trailhead |

The public can obtain fire information via the following:

- Prescott National Forest Web Site: www.fs.fed.us/r3/prescott
- Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)
- Prescott NF Fire Information 928-925-1111
- Local Ranger Stations: Bradshaw Ranger District 928-443-8000; Forest Supervisors Office 928-777-2200; Verde Ranger District 928-567-4121

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