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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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ORDER OF FIRE RESTRICTION

Pursuant to 17 N.N.C. § 2701, upon the advice of the Navajo Forestry Department, the President of the Navajo Nation may order any area of Navajo Nation land closed to entry by the general public due the danger of fire.

An Executive Order, Order of Fire Restriction is being issued in preparation for high fire danger (due to a combination of inadequate precipitation, high wind conditions, high temperatures and low humidity). Therefore, to protect the valuable Navajo Nation's forest and woodland resources, this Order of Fire Restriction is being issued.

The ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION will restrict the use within the Navajo forest and woodlands from the following:

PROHIBITED

- 1. Building, maintaining and attending to ALL open (wood and charcoal) fires, including personal use fires (i.e. campfires, family reunions, trash burning, etc.); and
- 2. Open burning of cropland, fields, rangeland, livestock branding, debris, weeds, etc;
- 3. Use of a firearm and incendiary devices, without a valid permit; and
- 4. Operating, using internal or external combustion engines (i.e. chainsaws) without a spark arrestor; and
- 5. Smoking of cigarettes, pipes, cigars and any other material;
- 6. Miscellaneous includes but not limited to, welding or operating acetylene or other torch device with an open flame; and
- 7. Possessing, discharging, manufacturing, sale or use of FIREWORKS or other pyrotechnic device is unlawful on the Navajo Nation (17 N.N.C. § 2733); and

EXEMPTIONS

- 1. Propane, Gas or Other petroleum fueled stoves will be allowed ONLY in developed recreation areas.
- 2. Ceremonial fires are allowed, but must have first obtained an approved Navajo Nation EPA Burn Permit, five (5) days prior to the Ceremony (Navajo Nation EPA Air Quality (928) 729-4156).

Any person or parties found guilty of violating the provisions of this ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION will be fined and may be required to pay restitution to the Navajo Nation the full cost of fire suppression and/or fair market value of the timber/woodlands and improvements destroyed or damaged by a fire.

Report any wildland fires to the B.I.A. Fire Dispatch at (928) 729-2307. If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please call the Navajo Forestry Department at (928) 729-4007.

This ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION is effective June 11, 2013.

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