

Wildland Fire News

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Southern Nevada Fire Restrictions Announced

LAS VEGAS – On May 24, 2021, the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Clark County Fire Department, Mt. Charleston Fire Protection District, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service are implementing fire restrictions in Southern Nevada.

Interagency fire restrictions prohibit:

- building and/or using a campfire or charcoal stove (using portable stove using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel OK providing it has an on/off switch)
- welding or operating an acetylene torch with open flames (except by permit)
- using any explosive (except by permit)
- using fireworks or firing a tracer
- operating an off-road vehicle without a spark arrestor

Agency specific exceptions and additional restrictions are also in place:

Bureau of Land Management – steel core ammunition and explosive targets prohibited as they are known fire starters. Smoking is allowed in an enclosed vehicle only.

Lake Mead National Recreation Area - wood or charcoal fires allowed in grills of developed picnic areas and campgrounds where a host is present; wood or charcoal burning devices allowed on the shoreline where natural vegetation is at least 100 feet from the shoreline; barbecue grills allowed on private boats outside the harbors of Lake Mead and Lake Mohave; rental boats are authorized to use barbecues attached to vessel if allowed under rental boat agreement; all vessel barbecue fires must be at least 100 feet away from shoreline vegetation. Smoking is allowed outside of an enclosed vehicle in areas that are cleared of all flammable material for at least three feet. Cigarettes must be discarded in a car ashtray or an ashtray in a developed area.

Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument - fires are never permitted within monument.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - On the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, use of the fire rings at the Desert Pass campground is required while restrictions are in force. No rock rings or ground

fires are allowed. On the Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge, visitors are required to use grills or the provided fire rings. No rock rings or ground fires are allowed.

U.S. Forest Service - Campfires are only allowed within the approved fire pits or grills provided in developed recreation sites. A developed recreation site has Forest Service signage that designates it as an agency-owned campground or day use area and is identified on a Forest Service map as a site developed for that purpose. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine between 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. is prohibited during fire restrictions. Outdoor smoking is only authorized while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is clear of all flammable materials. For answers to frequently asked questions about fire restrictions on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, visit <https://rb.gy/fjz2e7>.

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The public is urged to contact the local U.S. Forest Service office at (702) 872-5486, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (702) 515-5450, National Park Service at (702) 293-8990, Bureau of Land Management at (702) 515-5000 if they have any questions or need clarification on the restrictions.