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Fire Restrictions for Chiricahua National Monument, Coronado National Memorial, Fort Bowie National Historic Site

Hereford, Az – Due to increased fire danger in southern Arizona, the Southern Arizona Group will implement fire restrictions in Chiricahua National Monument, Coronado National Memorial, and Fort Bowie National Historic Site, beginning Wednesday, June 6, 2012. These restrictions coincide with similar restrictions going into effect on other public lands in southern Arizona.

The fire restrictions prohibit the following acts:

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove fire, including within a developed recreation site or improved site [36 CFR 2.13(a)].**

Exception: The use of liquid petroleum or LPG fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices is allowed as long as such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety.

Exception: This prohibition does not apply to fire suppression forces engaged in firefighting activities.

- 2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle [36 CFR 2.21(a)]**

The purpose of these restrictions is to ensure the safety of park visitors and employees, and for the protection of National Park Service lands, resources and facilities. These restrictions are dependent upon fire activity and weather conditions, and will remain in effect until conditions improve. These restrictions are pursuant to the authority contained in Title 36 of the CFR, Sections 1.5 (a)(1) and 1.5 (a)(3).

Violation of these restrictions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for no more than six months, or both.

Although the sale of ground and hand-held fireworks and their use in some locations is now legal in Arizona, the use and possession of all fireworks is always prohibited on National Park Service lands, including Chiricahua National Monument, Coronado National Memorial, and Fort Bowie National Historic Site.

For local fire restrictions and fire information for Federal, Tribal and State lands in Arizona and New Mexico, as well as additional information on southeast Arizona public lands, visit <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/index.htm>, or call toll free Fire Restriction Hotline at (877) 864-6985.

For further information about restrictions at Southeast Arizona Group parks contact Katy Hooper, Acting Chief of Interpretation, (520) 366-5515 x2310.

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