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## **Southeast Arizona Group News Release**

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

*Hereford, Az* – Due to widespread precipitation in southern Arizona, the Southern Arizona Group has lifted fire restrictions in Chiricahua National Monument, Coronado National Memorial, and Fort Bowie National Historic Site, beginning Friday, July 20, 2012. Coronado National Memorial has recorded over 6 inches of rain this month with Chiricahua National Monument reporting 2 inches and Fort Bowie National Historic site reporting under ½ an inch. The rainfall from the past several weeks has caused a “greening up” to occur in vegetation across southeast Arizona. The increased moisture and continuation of monsoon season were factors in fire managers’ decisions to lift the restrictions.

With the restrictions lifted it is now possible to build and maintain fires in designated campsites and picnic areas depending on the availability of those facilities in local parks. Park visitors using fires are still urged to practice fire safety at all times.

For further information about the Southeast Arizona Group parks contact Jamie Geesling, Park Guide, (520) 366-5515 x2321.

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