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## Guadalupe Mountains NP News Release

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### **Additional Fire Restrictions in Effect at Guadalupe Mountains National Park**

The current dry conditions and the associated fire hazard around the region is no news, but implementing tighter fire restrictions to prevent unwelcomed wildfire is current news at Guadalupe Mountains National Park. Based on park records of fuel moisture, the vegetation is drier now, making it more receptive to an intense and rapidly spreading fire, than it was in 1993 or 1994 when the park experienced severe fires that each quickly grew to over 6,000 acres in the Pine Springs and Dog Canyon areas. The park is imposing the following restrictions until further notice to reduce the potential of an accidental fire:

- Camp stoves may be used only near the center of designated camp pads that are cleared of combustible material (leaves, twigs, personal items, etc.) for at least 2 feet away from the stove.
- Stoves may be used only where there is no overhanging vegetation.
- Stoves must be attended the entire time they are in use.
- Smoking is not permitted on trails.
- Visitors may be held personally liable for resource or property damage and fire suppression as a result of fire from the use of an ignition source.

Additional federal land management agencies in our area have recently adopted Stage II fire restrictions on public lands. These restrictions prohibit the use of chainsaws after 10 a.m. and before 1 a.m., prohibit the use of internal- or external-combustion engines without spark arrestors, and prohibit the use of welding equipment. If dry conditions persist, restrictions on any ignition source or temporary closures may be imposed to prevent accidental wildfires.

Whether at home or on your public lands during this extremely dry season, please be careful with fire.

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