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## Saguaro National Park News Release

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### **TEMPORARY FIRE CLOSURES at RINCON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT of SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK**

Due to extreme fire danger and concern for public safety, and for the protection of the park's natural and cultural resources, Saguaro National Park will implement fire closures in the Rincon Mountain (East) District, beginning at noon on Thursday, June 9, 2011. These closures coincide with similar closures going into effect on other public lands in southern Arizona.

The temporary closures apply to:

- ALL trails, washes, and land except as specified below, within the Rincon Mountain (East) District of Saguaro National Park.
- Mica View Picnic Area Road and Mica View Picnic Area

Areas to remain OPEN include:

- The 8 mile paved Cactus Forest Loop Drive, including the Javelina Picnic Area (daylight hours only)
- Rincon Mountain District Visitor Center
- The entire Tucson Mountain (West) District remains open, including the Red Hills Visitor Center, roads and trails

These closures will be lifted when significant moisture is received to reduce the extraordinary wildfire threat to more normal levels. 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.

For local fire restrictions and closure 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/>.

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