



TONTO NATIONAL FOREST

# NEWS UPDATE

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**For Immediate Release**  
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## **Fire restrictions on Tonto National Forest begin May 11, all fireworks prohibited year-round**

**PHOENIX** (May 6, 2011) – Drought conditions, hot temperatures and increased fire danger have resulted in fire restrictions for the Tonto National Forest beginning at 8 a.m., Wednesday, May 11. Most types of fire or fire-causing activities are prohibited across the entire Tonto National Forest.

Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or charcoal-burning device is prohibited.

Restrictions also apply to smoking outside of a cleared area, operating internal combustion power tools, using welding equipment or torches with open flames, operating combustion engines without spark-arresting devices in effective working order, or discharging firearms except in taking game in accordance with Arizona hunting laws.

Use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, and heating devices are allowed, and some developed campgrounds are also exempted from these restrictions. **(Please see attached list).**

“Because of ongoing drought, dry forest conditions, and exceptionally low relative humidities, fire restrictions are needed to protect forest users, structures and natural resources from the increased potential for dangerous wildland fires,” said Tonto National Forest Fire Staff Officer Clay Templin. “These precautionary measures are intended to enhance our visitors’ quality recreation experiences. Most areas of the Tonto National Forest remain available for recreation activity, including all the Salt River system lakes.”

“We continue to remind the public that all fireworks are prohibited on the forest at all times,” concluded Templin.

Violation of these restrictions is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 and imprisonment for up to six months.

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For more information regarding forest recreation sites and fire restrictions, please contact the Tonto National Forest at (602) 225-5200, or check online at [www.fs.usda.gov/Tonto](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Tonto)

For general information on fire activity and restrictions in Arizona call toll free 877-864-6985, or visit the. **Southwest Coordination Center website:** <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc> or <http://www.publiclands.org/firenews/AZ.php>

**Useful Websites:**

**National Incident Information System** [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org)  
**Southwest Coordination Center:** <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc>  
**National Interagency Fire Center:** [www.nifc.gov](http://www.nifc.gov)  
**National Fire Plan:** [www.forestsandrangelands.gov](http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov)  
**FireWise:** [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org)

**ARIZONA Websites:**

[www.azfireinfo.com](http://www.azfireinfo.com) (fire prevention and restrictions)  
[www.publiclands.org/firenews/AZ.php](http://www.publiclands.org/firenews/AZ.php) (fire restrictions and other public lands information)  
[www.azsf.az.gov](http://www.azsf.az.gov) (wildfire information and Firewise)  
[www.azein.gov](http://www.azein.gov) (Arizona Emergency Information Network for ALL hazard emergency and disaster information)

**Fire Restriction Information: Toll free 1 (877) 864-6985**

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**Campfires are allowed in fire grills and grates provided by the Forest Service in the following developed recreation sites:**

**Cave Creek Ranger District**

**Bartlett Lake Recreation Area**

Bartlett Lake Marina  
Rattlesnake Cove  
Rattlesnake Group  
S B Cove  
Yellow Cliffs

**Lower Verde Recreation Area**

Riverside Campground  
Needle Rock Campground

**Seven Springs Recreation Area**

CCC Campground  
Seven Springs Picnic Area  
Cave Creek Group Site

**Horseshoe Lake Recreation Area**

Horseshoe Lake Campground  
Mesquite Campground

**Globe Ranger District**

Pioneer Pass, in the Pinal Mtns  
Sulphide Del Ray, in the Pinal Mtns  
Kellner, in the Pinal Mtns  
Ice House CCC, in the Pinal Mtns  
Pinal, in the Pinal Mtns  
Upper Pinal, in the Pinal Mtns  
Warnica Group Site in the Pinal Mtns  
Jones Water, off AZ Hwy 77 north of Globe  
Oak Flat, off AZ Hwy 60 east of Superior  
Timber Camp  
Timber Camp Horse Camp  
Picket Post Campground

**Tonto Basin Ranger District**

Diversion Dam Picnic Site  
Vineyard  
Frazier  
Windy Hill  
Cholla  
Grapevine  
Cottonwood Picnic Site  
Schoolhouse Campground  
Indian Point Campground  
Burnt Corral  
Apache Lake Marina Picnic Area

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**Mesa Ranger District**

Saguaro Lake Marina  
Saguaro Del Norte  
Butcher Jones  
Canyon Lake Marina  
Acacia  
Boulder  
Laguna  
Palo Verde  
Granite Reef  
Phon D Sutton  
Coons Bluff  
Goldfield  
Pebble Beach  
Blue Point  
Sheep's Crossing  
Water Users  
Larry Forbis Group Site  
Pobrecito Boat Staging Area  
Tortilla Flat Campground

**Payson Ranger District**

Houston Mesa Campground  
Houston Mesa Horse Camp  
Ponderosa Campground  
Sharp Creek Campground  
Upper Tonto Creek Campground  
Christopher Creek Campground

**Pleasant Valley Ranger District**

Falls Campground  
Reynolds Creek Group Site  
Rose Creek Campground  
Alderwood Campground  
Sawmill Flats Campground  
Haigler Canyon Campground  
Colcord Ridge Campground  
Airplane Flats Campground  
Upper Canyon Campground  
Valentine Ridge Campground