



**THE
NAVAJO
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**Navajo
Forestry
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

ORDER OF FIRE RESTRICTION

Pursuant to 17 N.N.C. § 2701, upon the advice of the Navajo Forestry Department, the President of the Navajo Nation may order any area of Navajo Nation land closed to entry by the general public because of the danger of fire.

An Executive Order, Order of Fire Restriction is being issued due to a combination of inadequate precipitation, high wind, conditions, high temperatures and low humidity, which have resulted in very high to extreme fire danger conditions reservation wide. Therefore, to protect the Navajo Nation's forests and woodlands, this restriction was issued.

The **ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION** will restrict the use of the Navajo forest and woodlands from the following:

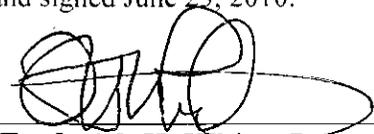
1. Building, maintaining and attending to **ALL** open fires, including personal use fires (i.e. family reunions, trash burning); and
2. Recreational fires (propane, gas) will be allowed **ONLY** in developed recreational areas; and
3. Open burning of cropland, fields, rangeland, debris, weeds, etc; and
4. Operating, using internal or external combustion engines (i.e. chainsaws) without a spark arrestor; and
5. Smoking of cigarettes, pipes and any other material; and
6. Possessing, discharging, manufacturing, sale or use of **FIREWORKS** or other pyrotechnic device is unlawful on the Navajo Nation (17 N.N.C. § 2733); and
7. BIA Burn permits will be required for **ALL** traditional ceremonies requiring the use of fire and will only be issued for these ceremonies.

Any person or parties found guilty of violating the provisions of this **ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION** will be fined and may be required to pay restitution to the Navajo Nation the full cost of fire suppression and/or fair market value of the timber/woodlands and improvements destroyed or damaged by a fire.

Report any wildland fires to the B.I.A. Fire Dispatch at (928) 729-2307. If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please call the Navajo Forestry Department at (928) 729-4007.

This **ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION** is effective immediately and signed June 23, 2010.


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