



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 003-2022**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER RELATED TO  
LIFTING STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS  
FOR THE NAVAJO NATION**

**NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**  
**August 4, 2022**

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The President of the Navajo Nation serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government with the full authority to conduct, supervise, and coordinate personnel and program matters. 2 N.N.C. 1005 (A).
2. The President shall have the power to issue an executive order for the purpose of interpreting, implementing or giving administrative effect to statutes of the Navajo Nation in the manner set forth in such statutes. 2.N.N.C. §1005 (C)(14);
3. The President may order any area of Navajo Nation land closed to entry by the general public due the danger of fire, 17 N.N.C. § 2701;
4. On May 23, 2022, a Stage 1 Fire Restriction was issued with the Navajo Forestry Department, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region, Branch of Wildland Fire, and Aviation Management recommending the Fire Restriction be put in place in preparation of an active fire season due to the dangerous combination of inadequate precipitation, abundant dry fuels, high winds, high temperatures and low humidity;
5. Presently, due to the overall favorable weather conditions (i.e. precipitation, cooler temperatures), the fire danger on the Navajo Nation has been reduced. This has been concurred with the fuels and weather data observed by Bureau of Indian Affairs - Navajo Region Branch of Wildland Fire and Aviation Management;
6. An Executive Order shall have the force of law upon the recipient. 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(14).

**THEREFORE:**

I, **JONATHAN NEZ**, President of the Navajo Nation, and I, **MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, with **GREGORY MEHOJAH**, Navajo Regional Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, concurring, we hereby lift the Order of Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on the Navajo Nation, effective August 4, 2022.

**The ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION** is being lifted for the Navajo Nation; however, person(s) utilizing the Navajo Nation's forest and woodland areas for ceremonial purposes, livestock branding, agricultural field clearing, and burning of personal possessions are encouraged to continue to register their burns with the Navajo Nation EPA Air Quality (928) 729-4246. Fires in developed recreational camp grounds are not required to obtain a burn permit.

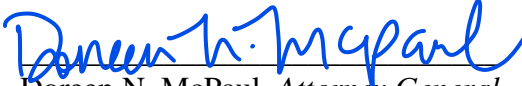
The provisions of this order shall be implemented consistent with the laws of the Navajo Nation and in a manner that advances the highest welfare of the People.

EXECUTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

  
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Jonathan Nez, *President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION

  
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Myron Lizer, *Vice-President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION

ATTEST:

  
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Doreen N. McPaul, *Attorney General*  
Navajo Nation Department of Justice

CONCURRENCE:

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Gregory Mehojah, *Navajo Regional Director*  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS