



For Immediate Release

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Fire Restrictions Now in Effect

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Las Vegas - The Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service and Nevada Division of Forestry issued a fire restriction notice in Southern Nevada effective Tuesday, June 15, 2004 due to the high potential for wildland fire.

The fire restrictions prohibit:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except a portable stove using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle
- Welding, or operating an acetylene torch with open flames, except by permit
- Using, or causing to be used, any explosive, except by permit
- Using fireworks or firing a tracer – A reminder that fireworks of any kind are not allowed on public lands

Affected areas include all areas, roads and trails on BLM Las Vegas Field Office managed lands, Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Lake Mead National Recreation Area and Mt. Charleston Fire Protection District in Clark County.

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The only exceptions are open campfires in hosted developed-recreation site (such as a campground where a host is present or fee is charged), private property owners using an approved cooking or heating device, people with a permit specifically authorizing an otherwise a prohibited act and/or any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Violation of these prohibitions is subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of not more than one year (punishment varies slightly by agency.) Persons may also be responsible for resource damage, suppression costs, and any injuries that occur if found liable for causing a wildfire.

The public is urged to contact the local Forest Service office at (702) 515-5400, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (702) 515-5450, National Park Service at (702) 293-8947, the local BLM office at (702) 515-5000 or the Nevada Division of Forestry at (702) 486-5123 if they have any questions or need clarification on the restrictions.

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