



# Joint News Release



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## Fire restrictions to be lifted today on Coconino and Kaibab National Forests

**Williams, Ariz., July 17, 2017, For Immediate Release** — Due to significant widespread rain and decreasing fire danger, the entire Coconino and Kaibab National Forests in northern Arizona will begin lifting all campfire and smoking restrictions. The Kaibab National Forest will rescind restrictions today at 12 p.m. (Monday, July 17) and the Coconino National Forest will follow tomorrow morning (Tuesday July 18) at 8 a.m.

Forest managers typically lift fire restrictions when at least a half inch of precipitation has been received over more than two-thirds of the forests. To date, many areas of both forests have received much more than that amount of precipitation.

“With the monsoon moisture we have received, the decreasing fire danger, and the availability of many firefighting resources, fire officials on both forests collaboratively decided it is the appropriate time to lift all fire restrictions for the Coconino and Kaibab,” said Jason Clawson, fire staff officer for the Kaibab National Forest. “Fire restrictions are a great tool for us in preventing unwanted, human-caused fires, and we’d like to thank our visitors for their vigilance in being cautious with potential ignition sources while recreating in the forests.”

The Coconino and Kaibab forests initially implemented campfire and smoking restrictions on June 13, in order to protect public health and reduce preventable, human-caused wildfires. While fire restrictions will be lifted over the next two days, visitors are always expected to use caution with campfires and other potential ignition sources. Campfires should always be completely extinguished and never left unattended or abandoned.

**Know Before You Go!** The public can obtain additional fire information via the following:

- Arizona Fire Restrictions [firerestrictions.us/az/](http://firerestrictions.us/az/)
- Arizona Fire Prevention & Information [wildlandfire.az.gov/](http://wildlandfire.az.gov/)
- Fire Restrictions on Public Lands in Arizona and New Mexico 1-877-864-6985

To learn the latest information about the forest you intend to visit, go to its website:

- [www.coconinonationalforest.us](http://www.coconinonationalforest.us)
- [www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab](http://www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab)

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