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Coconino National Forest drops to Stage 1 fire restrictions Thursday

Flagstaff, Ariz., July 11, 2017, For Immediate Release — With the recent increase in moisture, cooler temperatures and decreasing fire danger, the entire Coconino National Forest will move back to Stage 1 fire restrictions at 8 a.m. on Thursday (July 14).

The Coconino National Forest implemented Stage 2 fire restrictions on June 22 in order to protect public health and reduce human-caused wildfires. Forest managers typically lift all fire restrictions when at least a half inch of precipitation has been received over more than two-thirds of the forest. To date, many areas of the forest have received some precipitation, but not enough to lift all restrictions.

Stage 1 fire restrictions prohibit fires, campfires, charcoal, coal stoves and wood stoves, except within certain developed recreation sites. Smoking is also prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle, building or specific developed recreation sites listed below. Using a device that is solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off is allowed in areas barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the device. Fireworks are always prohibited on all national forest lands.

The developed recreation sites on Coconino National Forest that are exempt from fire restrictions include the following.

On the Flagstaff Ranger District (listed in alphabetical order):

- Arizona Nordic Village
- Ashurst Lake Campground
- Bonito Campground
- Canyon Vista Campground
- Dairy Springs Campground
- Double Springs Campground
- Fernow & Kendrick Cabins
- Forked Pine Campground
- Lake View Campground
- Little Elden Horse Camp
- Locket Meadow Campground
- Lower Lake Mary Day-Use Site
- Narrows Picnic Area
- O'Leary Group Campground

- Pine Grove Campground
- Upper Lake Mary Boating Site

On the Red Rock Ranger District (which includes Oak Creek Canyon):

- Beaver Creek Day-Use Site
- Cave Springs Campground
- Chavez Group Site Campground
- Clear Creek Campground
- Crescent Moon Ranch Day-Use Site
- Crescent Moon Cabin
- Manzanita Campground
- Pine Flat Campground

On the Mogollon Rim Ranger District:

- Blue Ridge Campground
- Clints Well Campground
- Knoll Lake Campground
- Moqui Group Site Campground
- Rock Crossing Campground

An explanation of the different stages of fire restrictions and what is typically prohibited during those stages can be found online at: <u>www.tinyurl.com/firestagesexplained</u>.

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