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### **Kaibab National Forest to Implement Stage II Fire Restrictions and Close Bill Williams Mountain Watershed June 19**

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – Due to increasing fire danger, the Kaibab National Forest will implement Stage II fire restrictions forestwide at 8 a.m. June 19 and will also close the Bill Williams Mountain Watershed on the Williams Ranger District to public entry. These additional fire restrictions and the watershed closure will remain in effect until forest officials determine that conditions have changed sufficiently to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfire.

#### **Stage II fire restrictions prohibit the following:**

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or stove fire, including fires in developed campgrounds and improved sites.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
3. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun, except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations.
4. Operating any internal combustion engine from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
5. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with an open flame.

#### **Exemptions to the restrictions include the following:**

1. Using a device fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the device.
2. Operating generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
3. Operating motorized vehicles in compliance with forest Travel Management regulations.

In addition to implementing Stage II fire restrictions forestwide, forest managers are also closing the Bill Williams Mountain Watershed on the Williams Ranger District to public entry. The Bill Williams Mountain Watershed closure area is bounded to the east by 4<sup>th</sup> Street and County Road 73, to the south by Forest Service Road (FSR) 122, to the west by FSR 108 and to the north by Interstate 40.

**Know Before You Go!** Additional fire restriction information is available through the following sources:

- Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Line, 928-635-8311
- Kaibab National Forest Website, [www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab](http://www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab)
- Arizona Fire Restrictions, <http://firerestrictions.us/az/>
- Fire Restrictions on Public Lands in Arizona and New Mexico, 1-877-864-6985

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