

ORDER

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS ZUNI INDIAN RESERVATION

Upon the recommendation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Zuni Agency, Branch of Forestry/Fire Management, the Pueblo of Zuni is imposing **STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS** on the Zuni Indian Reservation. These restrictions are necessary due to the current fuel conditions and increasing fire danger. To ensure the protection of the Reservation residents, property and natural resources, the following acts are **PROHIBITED**:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire and warming fire; except in campgrounds or picnic grounds where gas grills or fire rings are provided. **Fires for ceremonial purposes and the use of traditional cooking ovens are allowed. Ceremonial purpose fires for offerings to the ancestors are allowed.**
2. Outside trash burning.
3. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark-arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.
4. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
5. Open burning, i.e., burning of cropland, fields, rangeland, debris, slash piles, wood chips or weeds, **is prohibited. Burn Permits are NOT to be issued.**

Prosecution will be in accordance with: Zuni Law & Order Code, §4-4-23 Arson, §4-4-24 Reckless Burning (Class B Offense), §4-4-25 Causing a Catastrophe, and the Zuni Game and Fish Code, (25) Malicious Mischief, (29) Allowing Fires to Spread. A Class B Offense is punishable with up to 90 days in jail and a \$250 fine.

Utilizing a charcoal grill, gas grill or oven at a residence is allowed. Locate grill in an area clear of flammable vegetation. Do not cook outside on windy days. Have someone stay with the grill or oven until the fire is completely out.

Everyone is reminded of the Zuni Law and Order Code §4-4-124: Possessing, buying, selling, distributing, transporting, activating, igniting or detonating any firecracker or other firework type device is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. A firework offense is a Class C Offense and is punishable with up to 45 days in jail and a \$100 fine.

Report any wildland fires to the BIA, Zuni Agency, Branch of Forestry/Fire Management at (505) 782-3375/3355. If there are any questions pertaining to these restrictions, please call Branch of Forestry/Fire Management at (505) 782-3375/3355.

Restrictions are used to reduce the potential of human-caused wildfires and will remain in effect until sufficient precipitation is received to alleviate current fire danger levels.

This ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION is signed and effective **June 21, 2017.**


Val R. Panteah, Sr., Governor, Pueblo of Zuni


Clayton Seoutewa, Superintendent, BIA, Zuni Agency