



Cleveland National Forest

## Forest Service News Release

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### Fire Danger Elevated to Extreme on the Cleveland National Forest

**SAN DIEGO, Calif. — August 24, 2021.** Effective immediately, all use of fire is prohibited on the Cleveland National Forest due to a combination of critical fire weather, fuel moisture at or below record levels, drought conditions, and a seasonal outlook showing continued hot and dry weather. To provide for public safety and protect natural resources, Forest officials have elevated fire restrictions and raised the Fire Danger Level to “Extreme” across the Forest. These restrictions are in effect through December 31, 2021. Forest Supervisor Scott Tangenberg said, “Given the heightened danger of current fire conditions and predicted fire weather forecasts, restricting the use of fire is warranted.”

Fire-Use Restrictions include:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, or stove fire.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building or within one of the developed recreation sites listed in Exhibit A.
- Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame.
- Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun, except for the purpose of hunting during the designated hunting season as specified by the laws of the State of California and possessing a valid California hunting license.

General fire restrictions in place year-round that remain in effect:

- Using or possessing fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited year-round.
- Spark arrestors are required for all off-highway vehicles, chainsaws, and other internal combustion equipment.
- Discharging a firearm using the following ammunition is never allowed, including during hunting seasons: steel core, armor piercing, and tracer ammunition.

Visitors are asked to be aware of wildfire conditions in their area and take appropriate prevention measures where necessary. For more information visit:

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