

File Code: 2710

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NAME

ADDRESS

Ex. NorthWestern Energy

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To: **NAME OF APPLICANT**

I have received your application for exemption to Stage II Fire Restrictions identified in Forest Order (**ENTER ORDER #**). Following risk analysis of your proposed activities; In accordance with 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following activities approved by Special Use Authorization (**ENTER SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATION ID**) have been exempted from the prohibitions listed in (**ENTER ORDER #**).

This exemption has no bearing on the terms and conditions of the Special Use Authorization which remains in full force and effect.

Please communicate any changes in the proposed activities as changes in scope will require further review. Additional mitigations have been identified below and are requirements for this exemption. Failure to comply with listed mitigations will result in revocation of this exemption.

Exempted activity(ies) (the activity(ies) that would otherwise be prohibited in Stage II):

Location of Activity (GPS, legal, description, or address):

Estimated date when activity will be started and completed:

Start Date

End Date

Mitigation measures to be taken (From NRCG Restrictions Guidelines).

- Any work requiring the emergency use of welding/grinding, acetylene or other torch with open

flame, or power tools off a designated road, would require a pumper capable of spraying water under pressure with a minimum of 40 psi at the first outlet, with at least a 200 gallon capacity tank, and with a minimum of 200 feet of hose. All reasonable care should be taken to stay on designated roads. Pumper equipment must be within 100 feet of any operations using welding/grinding, acetylene or other torch with open flame, or power tools.

- The use of a spark shield to surround the entire area is required when welding or grinding.
- One person with communications will be dedicated as a “fire watch” during the above operations, and for one hour after all activity has ceased for the day.
- When power outages occur, the affected line segment will be inspected before being reenergized. Motorized travel off established roads and trails is allowed during the inspection (to detect potential problems that could lead to a fire) of an electric or natural gas segment.

Vehicle Requirements:

- One 5-gallon backpack pump (see note below)
- One serviceable firefighting tool, #0 or equivalent shovel or a Pulaski
- One fire extinguisher with a minimum of 2 ½ pounds capacity and 4 BC or higher rating
- All internal combustion engines must be equipped with an approved spark arresting system and/or with an approved muffler and exhaust system

Note: Two 2-gallon containers capable of being pressurized or with a hand pump capable of spraying water for a distance of 10 feet, or one 10-gallon container with an electric pump and 100 feet of ½ inch hose or enough hose to reach 50 feet beyond an activity may be substituted for the 5-gallon backpack pump.

Each vehicle must have one firefighting tool per occupant with at least one tool a #0 or equivalent shovel or a Pulaski. The vehicle is not to be parked or driven over flammable vegetation.

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