



EFFECTIVE JULY 13, 2012: Fire restrictions are lifted at higher elevations and eased at lower elevations of the **San Juan National Forest**, as follows:

Higher Elevation (shown as Zone 2 on maps): Fire restrictions for higher elevations of the San Juan National Forest, which have been receiving more moisture, are hereby lifted; however, visitors are still asked to remain safety conscious in these areas.

Lower Elevation (shown as Zone 1 on maps):

- Fires allowed only in fire rings or grates at developed campgrounds (Exception: petroleum-fueled stoves);
- Smoking allowed only inside a vehicle, building or 3'-wide cleared area;
- Chainsaws, generators, mowers, pumps, etc. must have approved, working spark arresters;
- NO welding or torches with an open flame;
- NO explosives (fireworks, blasting caps, etc).

Maps showing the specific boundaries for Zones 1 & 2 will be available at National Forest offices in Pagosa Springs, Bayfield, Durango, Dolores and Silverton, and posted online at www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan.



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Restrictions differ for lower and higher elevations, which are divided into two zones.

Higher elevations (Zone 2 on maps) are under Stage 1 fire restrictions, as follows:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire or other type of fire is limited to permanent fire rings or grates within developed campgrounds (Exceptions: petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices);
- Smoking is limited to an enclosed vehicle or building, or within a 3-foot-wide area cleared of vegetation;
- Chainsaws and other internal-combustion engines must have approved, working spark arresters;
- Welding or use of acetylene and other torches with an open flame is prohibited;
- Use of explosives is prohibited (including fireworks, blasting caps or any incendiary device, which may result in the ignition of flammable material).

Fire restrictions for lower elevations (Zone 1 on maps) have been upgraded to Stage 2, as follows:

- All of the above restrictions are in place, in addition to the following:
 - Building, maintaining, attending or using any fire, campfire or woodstove is completely prohibited;
 - Smoking is only allowed within an enclosed vehicle or building;
 - Use of chainsaws and other internal-combustion engines must be accompanied onsite by a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces weight capacity, and a size 0 or larger round pointed shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches.

Maps and information on the restrictions and affected areas are available at National Forest and BLM offices in southwestern Colorado.

Maps will also be posted online at:

www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan and www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/sjplc.html

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