



EXECUTIVE ORDER OF FIRE RESTRICTION

Pursuant to **17 N.N.C. § 2701**, upon the advice of the Navajo Forestry Department, the President of the Navajo Nation may order any area of Navajo Nation land closed to entry by the general public due the danger of fire.

An Executive Order, Order of Fire Restriction is being issued due to a combination of inadequate precipitation, high wind conditions, high temperatures and low humidity, which have resulted in high to extreme fire danger conditions reservation wide. Therefore, to protect the Navajo Nation's forests and woodlands, this restriction is being issued.

The **ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION** will restrict the use of the Navajo forest and woodlands from the following:

1. Building, maintaining and attending to **ALL** open fires, including personal use fires (i.e. family reunions, trash burning, etc.); and
2. Recreational, propane and/or petroleum fueled stoves will be the **ONLY** fires allowed in developed recreational areas; and
3. Open burning of cropland, fields, rangeland, debris, weeds, etc; and
4. Operating, using internal or external combustion engines (i.e. chainsaws) without a spark arrestor; and
5. Smoking of cigarettes, pipes and any other material; and
6. Possessing, discharging, manufacturing, sale or use of FIREWORKS or other pyrotechnic device is unlawful on the Navajo Nation (**17 N.N.C. § 2733**); and
7. BIA Burn permits will be required for **ALL** traditional ceremonies requiring the use of fire and will only be issued for these ceremonies.

Any person or parties found guilty of violating the provisions of this ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION will be fined and may be required to pay restitution to the Navajo Nation the full cost of fire suppression and/or fair market value of the timber/woodlands and improvements destroyed or damaged by a fire.

Report any wildland fires to the B.I.A. Fire Dispatch at (928) 729-2307. If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please call the Navajo Forestry Department at (928) 729-4007.

This ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION is effective immediately and signed May 29, 2013.

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Alexious C. Becenti, Sr., Forest Manager
Navajo Forestry Department

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frederick H. White".

Frederick H. White, Division Director
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Shelly".

Ben Shelly, President
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