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State Forester Notice of Fire Restrictions On State-Owned and Managed Lands, Outside Incorporated Municipalities, In Southeastern Arizona Effective May 07, 2012

Fire, smoking, and fireworks restrictions are being implemented by the Arizona State Forester on State owned and managed lands in Southeastern Arizona. The restrictions are effective May 07, 2012 at 0800 hours, and will continue until further notice. (Authority: ARS 37-623 and ARS 37-623.02)

Fire restrictions are necessary due to existing very high to extreme fire danger to prevent human caused wildfires and protect public health and safety. Contributing factors include high temperatures, low humidity, and continuous dry vegetation that provide conditions for rapid spread of wildfire.

This Notice applies standardized fire restrictions across all unincorporated state owned and managed lands in Southeastern Arizona, including lands administered by the State Land Department, State Game and Fish Department, State Parks, and State Department of Transportation. Restriction boundaries include State owned and managed lands in all of Cochise, Pima, and Santa Cruz Counties; Graham County south of the San Carlos Reservation, Greenlee County south of the Apache - Sitgreaves National Forests boundary, and Pinal County south of the Gila River.

The following State lands will be affected by these restrictions:

All State Trust Lands outside incorporated municipalities within described six county boundary.

State Game and Fish Wildlife Areas and Deeded Properties, as listed below:

Cochise County:

Manhattan Claims
Sierra Vista Shooting Range
Willcox Playa Wildlife Area

Clarence May Memorial Wildlife Area
White Water Draw Wildlife Area
Yarbrough

Graham County:

Cluff Ranch Wildlife Area

Roper Lake and Land

Pima County:

Arivaca Lake and Land Santa Rita Wildlife Area
Three Points Shooting Range Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area

Pinal County – South of the Gila River:

Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area Picacho Reservoir

Santa Cruz County:

Agua Caliente Road Bog Hole Wildlife Area
Coal Mine Spring

State Parks outside incorporated municipalities as listed below. State Parks will remain open with restrictions on fire use.

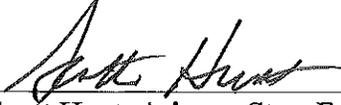
Kartchner Caverns State Park Roper Lake State Park
Catalina State Park Picacho Peak State Park
Patagonia Lake State Park Sonoita Creek State Natural Area
San Rafael State Natural Area

Department of Transportation highway right-of-way property outside incorporated municipalities, not owned by federal land management agencies, within described six county restriction boundary.

The restrictions are as follows:

- Building, maintaining or using a fire, campfire, or charcoal burning device is prohibited. (Petroleum or propane fueled stoves, lanterns, heating and livestock branding devices are exempt from these restrictions.);
- Smoking is prohibited unless: it is within an enclosed vehicle, building, developed campground, or in an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials;
- Welding or operating acetylene or other torch device with an open flame is prohibited;
- The use of consumer fireworks, display fireworks, fireworks, and permissible consumer fireworks as defined in ARS 36-1601 is prohibited;
- If local agencies have imposed stronger restrictions than above, those restrictions shall apply;
- All exemptions to these restrictions must be approved by the State Forester.

These restrictions apply to all permit and lease holders, and other authorized users of State managed lands. Any State, Federal, and local fire and/or law enforcement officers, as well as members of organized fire fighting forces, and other authorized personnel are exempt from these prohibitions while in the performance of official duties.

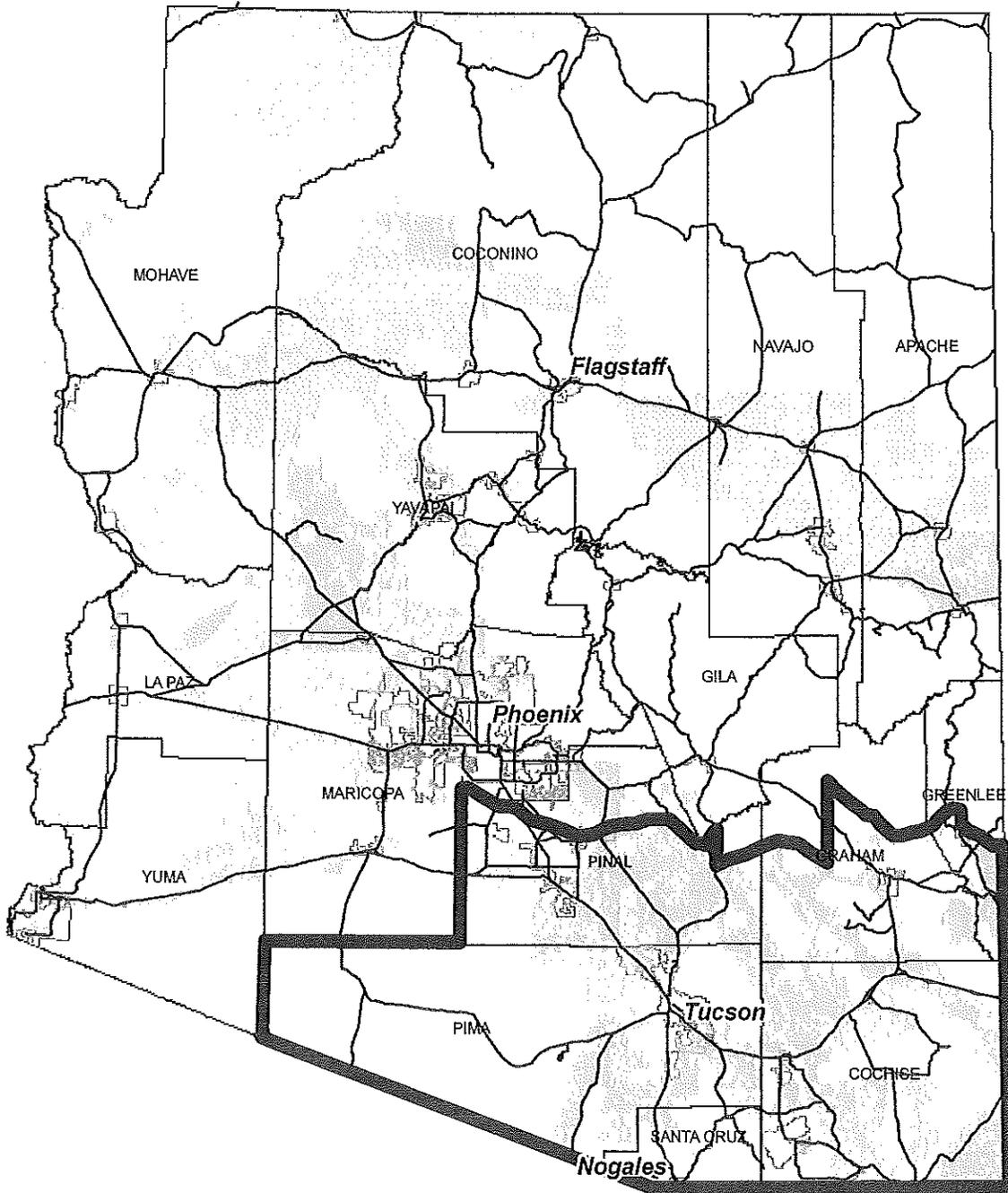


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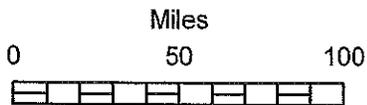
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