



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche
National Grasslands
Pikes Peak, South Platte, and South Park Ranger Districts**

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions and Emergency Recreational Shooting Order

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on the National Forest System lands in the Pikes Peak, South Platte, and South Park Ranger Districts, Pike National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Appendix A, hereinafter referred to as the “Described Area”:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire (including fires fueled by charcoal or briquettes), except if it is in:
 - a. A permanent metal or concrete fire pit or grate that the U.S. Forest Service has installed and maintained at its developed recreation sites (campgrounds and picnic areas);
 - b. A device solely fueled by liquid or gas that can be turned on and off used in an area barren or cleared of all flammable materials within three feet of the device; or
 - c. A fully enclosed metal stove with a chimney at least five feet in length and a mesh screen spark arrestor with a screen opening of a ¼ inch or less used in an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials within 10 feet of the device.

36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).

2. Smoking is prohibited, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d).

3. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order meeting either U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Standard 5100-1a or Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). For chainsaw use a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a

minimum 8ounce capacity and rating of 2A) must be kept with the operator, and a round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches must be readily available for use.

36 C.F.R. § 261.52(h), (j).

4. Blasting, welding, or operating an acetylene or other type of torch with open flame, except if in a cleared area of at least 10 feet in diameter and a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum 8ounce capacity and rating of Class 2A) is kept with the operator.

36 C.F.R. § 261.52(i).

5. Using an explosive, including but not limited to fuses, blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, tracers, and incendiary ammunition.

36 C.F.R. § 261.52(b).

6. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun, except when hunting in compliance with Colorado, federal, and tribal law and in possession of a valid State of Colorado hunting license.

36 C.F.R. § 261.58 (m).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA

All National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the exterior boundaries of the Pikes Peak, South Platte, and South Park Ranger Districts of the Pike National Forest, as depicted on the map attached as Appendix A of this Order.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective from October 11, 2024, at 12:01 a.m. through December 31, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. unless rescinded beforehand based on on-the-ground conditions.
2. A map of the Described Area is incorporated into this Order as Appendix A. For a digital version of this Order and Appendix A, go to:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/psicc/alerts-notices>.

3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Pike-San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands in Pueblo, CO, 719-553-1400, and at the Pikes Peak Ranger District Office in Colorado Springs, CO, at 719-636-1602; South Platte Ranger District Office in Conifer, CO, at 303-275-5610; and South Park Ranger District Office in Fairplay, CO, at 719-836-2031.

Signed in Pueblo, Colorado, this 10th day of October, 2024.

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