



**Michelle Lujan Grisham**, Governor  
**Erin Taylor**, Acting Cabinet Secretary  
**Benjamin Shelton**, Deputy Cabinet Secretary  
**Laura McCarthy**, State Forester

## Fire Restrictions Exceptions Procedures

For the state forester to consider an exception to the State of New Mexico's Smoking, Firework, Campfire, and Open Fire Restrictions **2026-01 order**, to conduct an open fire activity on non-municipal, non-federal and non-Tribal lands statewide, you must provide all of the following information in your emailed request:

- Landowner or contracting operator's name
- Name and contact information of person in charge of conducting, monitoring and maintaining the implementation and control of an exception to the fire restriction
- Steps or processes taken to monitor and maintain control of open fire activities related to the exception
- Number of personnel on site to monitor and maintain control related to the exception
- Location of open fire activity including: address, latitude and longitude, township and range, and county if available
- Firefighting and fire mitigation equipment on site during the open fire activity, if applicable
- When and how often you will notify the local fire department and appropriate Forestry Division district office before and after ignition.

The quality and accuracy of the information you provide in your exception request will ensure a timely response. Any required information not provided in the exception request will be grounds for rejection. Exception requests may take up to three business days to review and process, starting at the time of receipt of your request. Please plan accordingly when submitting. Same-day requests will not be guaranteed for review or response and are not based on your priorities. Requestors should also take into consideration weekends and state-authorized holidays regarding appropriate response timelines on exception requests.

To request an exception, or if you have any questions, please email and carbon copy all the following individuals:

Lindsey Quam, deputy director and Tribal liaison: [lindsey.quam@emnr.d.nm.gov](mailto:lindsey.quam@emnr.d.nm.gov)  
Andrew Lopez, state fire management officer: [andrew.lopez1@emnr.d.nm.gov](mailto:andrew.lopez1@emnr.d.nm.gov)  
Brian Fox, assistant state fire management officer: [brian.fox@emnr.d.nm.gov](mailto:brian.fox@emnr.d.nm.gov)  
George Ducker, prevention and communications manager:  
[george.ducker@emnr.d.nm.gov](mailto:george.ducker@emnr.d.nm.gov)