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Interagency Partners in New Mexico and Arizona Introduce New Tool for Fire Restrictions Information

SANTA FE – Today the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Forestry Division announced an interagency effort with state, federal, and tribal partners under the Southwest Coordinating Group to develop a map-based tool to inform the public about fire restrictions on public lands. The new informational web tool is designed to provide the public with clear, easy-to-find fire restrictions information in New Mexico and Arizona and also links users to the agencies implementing fire restrictions for more detailed information.

Fire restrictions can be found by visiting the following locations:

- In New Mexico, the fire restriction information web-tool can be found by visiting: nmfireinfo.com
- In Arizona, the fire restriction information web-tool can be found by visiting: wildlandfire.az.gov

Fire restrictions are implemented in an effort to help decrease human-caused fires during periods of high fire potential by restricting activities which are the most common causes of wildfires. By providing a resource with accurate and timely information, the goal is to educate and increase compliance, therefore reducing preventable human-caused fires.

Partner agencies in this effort include the New Mexico Forestry Division, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. Know before you go! Always check for fire restrictions before you head outdoors. Do your part in keeping our residents, property, and wildlands safe from unwanted, human-caused fires.

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