

**FOREST ORDER**  
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**FOREST SERVICE**  
**Pike and San Isabel National Forests**  
**Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands**  
**Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests**  
**Pawnee National Grassland**  
**FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Pike and San Isabel National Forests Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands and the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and the Pawnee National Grassland in the States of Colorado and Kansas (“Restricted Areas”).

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health, safety, and natural resources by preventing wildfires, as Firefighting and Law Enforcement resources are limited, during the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 has been declared a National Emergency.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

The following are prohibited in the Restricted Areas:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, including charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves, and shepherd’s stoves. 36 CFR § 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building. 36 CFR § 261.52(c).

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e):

1. Persons with a Forest Permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order are exempt from Prohibitions #1 or #2, as applicable.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty is exempt from Prohibition #1.
3. Persons using pressurized liquid or gas devices (stoves, grills or lanterns) with shut-off valves in an area at least three feet from any flammable materials are exempt from Prohibition #1.
4. Residents, owners or lessees within Restricted Areas, who are using a fire in a permanent dwelling with an effective and properly installed USDA- or SAE- approved spark arrestor, are exempt from Prohibition #1.

**Notice regarding Exemptions:** Holders of valid Forest Service permits, leases and authorizations and all other persons are on notice that when proceeding with activities that are authorized pursuant to these Exemptions, such persons are responsible for conducting authorized activities in a safe and prudent manner using extra precautions and are electing to proceed at their own risk. An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for damage, injury or loss to the United States for any fire started while undertaking the exempted activity.

This Order will be in effect from the date of signature and will remain in effect until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Executed in Pueblo, Colorado.

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A violation of the prohibitions in this Order is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C §§ 3559 and 3571).