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## **BLM-Roswell Issues Fire and Smoking Restrictions**

ROSWELL – The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has issued a Fire Restriction Order for the Fort Stanton Special Management Area, according to BLM-Roswell Field Office Manger Ed Roberson.

The restrictions, effective May 15 until further notice, prohibit:

- building or using a fire, campfire, charcoal broiler or wood stove without a permit, except in developed picnicking areas (use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is allowed);
- smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren of flammable material;
- using a chainsaw without a permit, and
- the use of fireworks (including “safe and sane”).

Violators may be fined up to \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 12 months.

The BLM manages the area surrounding Fort Stanton to protect the biological, archaeological and scenic qualities of the area while providing for quality recreational opportunity, Roberson added.