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Las Cruces Issues Fire Restrictions Because of Extreme Fire Danger

Las Cruces, NM – With pre-summer high temperatures and continued high fire hazardous conditions, the BLM Las Cruces Field Office is issuing fire restrictions effective immediately. The Las Cruces Field Office is prohibiting fires on public lands it administers in Otero, Luna, Dona Ana, Sierra, Grant and Hidalgo Counties. Fire restrictions include the following:

The burning of solid fuels, except for inside established campfire rings and grills within the Aguirre Springs Campground and the La Cueva picnic area, Three Rivers Petroglyph and picnic area and persons using petroleum fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices that meet Fire Underwriters Laboratories' specifications.

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building. Using an explosive requiring fuse blasting caps. Operating a chainsaw without an approved spark arrester and without a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one round point shovel. The extinguisher will be with the equipment operator. The shovel may be kept with fueling supplies but readily available for use.

Welding, operating a acetylene or other torches with open flame, except within an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials at least 10 feet on all sides from equipment.

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1000.00 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months or both.

For more information contact the BLM at 505-525-4342, or check out these websites:
http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire/swainfo/firerestrictions/swa_restrictions_nm.htm -- New Mexico
http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire/swainfo/firerestrictions/swa_restrictions_closures.htm -- New Mexico and Arizona.

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