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Fire Restrictions Update from the National Forest Service:

Stage 2 fire restrictions (see below) are in effect for all National Forest System lands in the Rio Grande National Forest.

Current conditions are not being updated by district.

Our Sheep Creek fire danger signs will continue to be set to **Extreme**

[Fire Restrictions Special Order](#)

PROHIBITIONS: This Order prohibits the following acts in the Restricted Area:

- 1) Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, including fires in **developed recreation sites (campgrounds and picnic areas)**, 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).
- 3) Blasting, welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR § 261.52(i).
- 4) Operating or using any internal combustion engine without an effective and properly installed USDA- or Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)- approved spark arrestor. 36 CFR § 261.52(j).
- 5) Operating a chainsaw without an effective and properly installed USDA- or SAE- approved spark arrestor, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum of 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) kept with the operator and a round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use. 36 CFR § 261.52(h).
- 6) Using an explosive. This includes but is not limited to fuses, blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, tracers, and incendiary ammunition. 36 CFR § 261.52(b).
- 7) Possessing or using a motor vehicle off established roads, motorized trails or established parking areas, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the vehicle. 36 CFR § 261.56.