

New Mexico State Forestry Division Lifts Fire Restrictions

Rescission Begins Friday, July 29, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

SANTA FE, NM – New Mexico State Forestry Division announces plans to lift its smoking, firework, campfire and open fire restrictions for all New Mexico counties, imposed in April and June, 2011. The rescission will take effect on Friday, July 29, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

“Now that rainfall has returned and the fire danger has diminished, we feel the restrictions imposed earlier this year can be lifted,” said New Mexico State Forester Tony Delfin. “We appreciate residents’ and visitors’ adherence to the restrictions and believe their attentiveness prevented some human-caused wildfires.”

The restrictions were imposed on all *non-municipal, non-federal and non-tribal* lands across New Mexico due to extreme fire danger.

The State Forestry Division will continue to monitor fire danger across the state and may implement restrictions again, if conditions worsen. Dry conditions still exist across many parts of the state and New Mexico State Forestry urges all state residents and visitors to continue to be cautious with any use of fire. Since last July, New Mexico State Forestry has reported 1,263 fires, which have burned more than 1 million acres.

Some New Mexico State Parks will continue to impose park specific restrictions and/or closures. Please contact the local [State Park Manager](#) for current fire restrictions in state parks. For more information please call 877-NMPARKS or visit www.nmparks.com

For more information regarding fire restrictions in New Mexico, log onto www.nmforestry.com.

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