



EXECUTIVE ORDER

STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTION

WHEREAS Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § (C) (12), the President of the Navajo Nation has the authority to issue executive orders for the purpose of implementing statutes of the Navajo Nation.

WHEREAS There have been over 100 fires across the Navajo Nation this season that have caused injuries to our People and our Firefighters.

WHEREAS The Navajo Forestry Department and Bureau of Indian Affairs Fire and Aviation recommend these fire restrictions in preparation for high fire danger due to a combination of inadequate precipitation, high wind conditions, high temperatures and low humidity.

WHEREAS to protect the public, natural resources, and reduce the risks from wildfires, the Navajo Nation is asking the public to use extreme caution on Navajo lands.

THEREFORE, Stage 1 Restrictions are hereby imposed:

The following uses within the Navajo Nation are **PROHIBITED**:

1. Possession, manufacturing, sale or use of FIREWORKS or other pyrotechnic device pursuant to 17 N.N.C. § 2733.
2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, except campfires and charcoal to be used in developed sites where fire rings or grills are provided.
3. Using a firearm and incendiary devices, without a valid permit.

The following uses must use **EXTREME CAUTION**:

1. Smoking which it is recommended only in permitted areas, within an enclosed vehicle, traditional and ceremonial uses, and while stopped in an area at least six feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

The following uses are **PERMITTED**:

1. Propane, Gas or Other petroleum-fueled stoves will be allowed for livestock branding.
2. Ceremonial fires that are properly permitted by the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA) through a Navajo Nation EPA Burn Registration, five (5) days prior to ceremony. To obtain a Burn Registration, please contact Navajo Nation EPA Air Quality (928) 729-4156.

3. Persons with a written permit/bonding/license that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
4. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
5. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Any person or parties found guilty of violating the provisions of this EXECUTIVE ORDER of STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTION will be fined up to \$5,000.

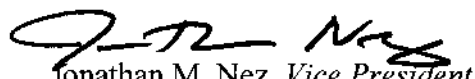
Report any wild land fires to the B.I.A. Fire Dispatch at (928) 729-2307. If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please call the Navajo Forestry Department at (928) 729-4007.

The Division of Public Safety, Division of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Community Development and Bureau of Indian Affairs Wild land, Fire and Aviation are hereby directed to enforce this Executive Order.

I, RUSSELL BEGAYE, PRESIDENT AND I, JONATHAN M. NEZ, VICE PRESIDENT AND I, SHARON PINTO, REGIONAL DIRECTOR HEREBY ORDER STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS ON THE NAVAJO NATION. This ORDER of STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTION is effective on June 21, 2017 and shall remain in effect until this order is rescinded.



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