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# News Release



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## Forest Special Order Stage II Fire Restrictions

*Know Before You Go to the Dixie National Forest*

**CEDAR CITY, UT.,** July 5, 2018 - The Dixie National Forest and Interagency managers announced the start of Stage II fire restrictions due to extreme fire danger conditions and increased human caused wildfires in south-west Utah and the Arizona Strip, on Tuesday, July 3 at 00:01 a.m. A Special Order has been enacted and will be in place until further notice, at this time there are no fires allowed in the Forest of any kind.

**No fires are allowed at any campground or dispersed area regardless of fire ring presence until Special Order has been rescinded. Only the use of propane stoves are allowed in designated areas.**

Visitors should be mindful that these new fire restrictions will limit certain activities and will remain in effect until a significant and widespread moisture arrives and fire danger levels subside.

The following acts are not allowed during Stage 2 Fire Restrictions and are included in the Forest Special Order 0407-18-07:

- Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, both in recreation areas that have established fire rings and those without .
- Smoking outside an enclosed vehicle or building, smoking inside a vehicle is permitted but user must keep it contained inside the vehicle at all times.
- Operating a chainsaw or other motorized equipment powered by an internal combustion engine other than motorized vehicles, between the hours of 1 :00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., as these are the hours of more intense fire activity.
- Blasting, welding, or other activities that generate an open flame between 1 :00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- Leaving the immediate area or failing to patrol for at least one hour after operating a chainsaw or other motorized equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, blasting, welding, or using equipment that generates open flame.

Visitors are reminded to stay on designated roads and never park on dry brush or grass, as exhaust pipes and vehicle undercarriages can be very hot and can easily start a wildfire. Please check spark arrestors on off-road vehicles to ensure they are in working order.

For more information and/or a copy of the Special Order, visit the Forest website at [www.fs.fed.us/dixie](http://www.fs.fed.us/dixie) or contact the Dixie National Forest at (435) 865-3700 or visit Utah Fire <https://utahfireinfo.com>.