



NOTICE: CLASS II - BURN BAN FIRE RESTRICTIONS
Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation

EFFECTIVE: March 31, 2020 (Until Rescinded or Superseded)


CLASS II - FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Fire restrictions for all broadcast fires or burning of organic slash piles.
- Fire restrictions for campfires, charcoal grills, and wood-burning stoves. Dwellings with fireplaces or wood burning (cooking or heating) stoves are allowed, but shall have proper screens installed to prevent the escape of burning embers (homeowner's responsibility).
- Gas cooking grills are allowed at residences.
- Smoking outdoors is not permitted, except in vehicles or areas clear of combustible vegetation.
- Chainsaws and other internal or external combustion engines must always be equipped with a properly functioning spark arrestor.
- Fireworks of any kind are never permitted.

The burn ban is effective immediately until further notice due to a public health emergency associated with the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The burn ban supplements the Mescalero Apache Tribe's declaration of a State of Emergency (Executive Order 02-20) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The fire restrictions would prevent and reduce human caused wildfires and is implemented for the safety of the public. Should a large wildfire incident occur, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Mescalero Apache Tribe resources would have difficulty implementing social distancing. The fire restriction is in effect until rescinded under the authority of Mescalero Apache Tribal Resolution No. 09-59. Personnel exempt from the restrictions include the Federal and Tribal employees, i.e., Tribal resource managers and the BIA employees while in the performance of their official duties.

The restrictions will be enforced by the Branch of Law Enforcement Services and the Tribal Conservation Department in accordance with Title 18, Sections 1855 and 1856 USC and Tribal Statutes 10-5-4, 10-5-5, 17-12-3 through 17-12-5.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. John Montoya, Fire Management Officer at (575) 464 – 4410 or (575) 937-3774, BIA, Branch of Fire Management.



Superintendent
BIA Mescalero Agency

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Date