



MESCALERO APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

NOTICE: CLASS III – HIGH FIRE DANGER RESTRICTIONS

EFFECTIVE: MAY 11, 2023 (Until Rescinded or Superseded)

CLASS III – FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No burning of slash or use of free running (broadcast) fires at any time.

No restrictions for use charcoal grills, propane grills, and wood-burning stoves. Dwellings with fireplaces or wood burning (cooking or heating) stoves shall have proper screens installed to prevent the escape of burning embers (homeowner’s responsibility). Campfires are permissible only within the designated camp areas of Silver Lake, and Eagle Creek Campgrounds.

Smoking outdoors permitted, if extinguished in a proper container.

Chainsaws and other internal or external combustion engines must always be equipped with a properly functioning spark arrestor.

Precautionary measures and required fire equipment are in effect for all forest related contract work and will be implemented by contract administrators.

Fireworks of any kind are never permitted during High Fire Danger.

These restrictions are a reflection of current wildland fire hazard conditions on the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation and are being implemented for public safety. The above restrictions will remain in effect until rescinded under authority of Mescalero Apache Tribal Resolution No. 09 – 59. Personnel exempt from the above restrictions include: Federal and Tribal Employees, such as Tribal Resource Managers and Bureau of Indian Affairs Employees while in the performance of their official duties. These restrictions will be enforced by the BIA – Branch of Law Enforcement Services and the Mescalero Tribal Conservation Department under authority Title 18, Sections 1855 and 1856 USC and Mescalero Tribal Statues 10-5-4, 10-5-5, 10-5-6, 17-12-3 through 17-12-5, 17-18-1, and 17-18-2.

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5/11/23
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