



NOTICE: CLASS IV – VERY HIGH FIRE DANGER RESTRICTIONS

Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation

EFFECTIVE : 5/23/2024 (Until rescinded or superseded)

CLASS IV - FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

Use of charcoal grills is prohibited. Campfires are permissible only within the designated camp areas of Silver Lake Campgrounds, from the hours of 6 pm in the evening to 10 am the following morning. Campfires are not allowed on **“Red Flag”** days. Gas burning or electrical cooking devices are permitted within these Campgrounds and residential areas. 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).

Smoking outdoors is prohibited.

Cooking fires and bonfires for ceremonial feast purposes are pre-authorized if said ceremony is formally recognized by the Mescalero Apache Tribal Cultural Affairs Committee. Fire prevention recommendations will be provided for all other traditional use fires, cradleboard making, mescal-roasts, etc. Please notify the BIA Fire Management Office at (575) 464 - 4410 when planning to ignite a traditional use fire.

No stopping or parking along US Highway 70, State Road 244, BIA Route 4 and BIA Route 6. Tribal members should limit off-highway reservation travel.

Forest related contract work, which includes the use, maintenance, and repair of chainsaws and other mechanized equipment, is permissible only between the hours of midnight and 2:30pm. This work may be suspended by contract administrators during “Red Flag” conditions. 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.

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 The above restrictions will remain in effect until rescinded under authority of Mescalero Apache Tribal Resolution No. 09-59.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 Branch of Law Enforcement Services and the Tribal Conservation Department under authority Title 18, Sections 1855 and 1856 USC and Tribal Statutes 10-5-4, 10-5-5, 17-12-3 through 17-12-5.

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