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PUBLIC NOTICE

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STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

The Pueblo of Acoma has downgraded Fire Restrictions from Stage II to Stage I due to some improving conditions that have been reported for our Acoma Lands. In accordance with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Southern Pueblos Agency (SPA), the following measures and guidelines are enforced to ensure the safety of our community and the protection of our natural resources. Violations of these restrictions may result in penalties as outlined in the Pueblo of Acoma Fire Management policies and applicable federal regulations.

STAGE-I Fire Restrictions include the following acts which are prohibited on Tribal land, roads and campgrounds until further notice:

1. **Smoking is prohibited in the Forest and Rangelands:** Except within an enclosed vehicle or building; a developed recreation site; or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
2. **Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfires, stove fire, including charcoal are prohibited in the Forest, and Rangelands;** except in developed camps and picnic grounds where grills and fire rings are provided.
3. **Use of fireworks is prohibited:**
4. **Agricultural Burning is prohibited:** (See Exemptions)

a. **EXEMPTIONS:**

- i. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns/heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed
- ii. Traditional fires such as outdoor ovens and outdoor cooking fires are allowed if extreme caution is exercised and best judgment followed.
- iii. All Federal, State, or local officers or members of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- iv. Persons operating generators with an approved spark arresting device in the area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three (3) feet of the generator.
- v. Chainsaw use is permitted.
- vi. Fires for traditional ceremonies may be permitted upon prior approval from Acoma Tribal Leadership. Please plan accordingly and obtain necessary permissions in advance.

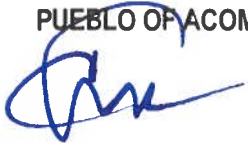
An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

Having these restrictions in place alleviates some of the concerns for human-caused wildfires. It is important that we work together on this issue to avoid any damaging fires. Your cooperation in safeguarding our community and lands is greatly appreciated. If conditions warrant, we can anticipate increasing, lowering, or lifting the restrictions.

For questions, or to report violations, contact the Acoma Pueblo Fire Department at 505-552-7500 ext. 333 or emergency service dispatch at 505-552-6602.

With great concern,

PUEBLO OF ACOMA



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