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STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE JUNE 18, 2010 FOR MT. TAYLOR, SANDIA AND MOUNTAINAIR RANGER DISTRICTS

Albuquerque, June 17, 2010 – The Cibola National Forest, including the Mt. Taylor, Sandia and Mountainair Ranger Districts will implement Stage 1 fire restrictions starting Friday, June 18 at 8:00am. Cibola National Forest Supervisor Nancy Rose explained, "With the recent increase in temperatures, higher winds, continued dry conditions that are drying vegetation, the potential for Wildland fires has increased and we feel it is necessary to take these precautions."

As always, fireworks are prohibited on all national forest system lands.

Beginning 8:00 am, Friday, June 18, 2010, the following restrictions apply to the Mt. Taylor, Sandia and Mountainair Ranger Districts.

Open Campfire Restrictions:

- Campfires, charcoal grills and stove fires **are prohibited** on national forest lands except in Forest Service developed camp and picnic grounds where grills are provided.

Restrictions:

- Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed. Please contact the Cibola National Forest for more details regarding where fires are allowed.
- Smoking is allowed within an enclosed vehicle or building; a developed recreation site; or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter and free of all flammable material.

Please call for more information, Mark Chavez, Cibola National Forest Supervisor's Office at 505-346-3900, or one of the following district offices:

- Mt. Taylor Ranger District, 505- 287-8833
- Sandia Ranger District, 505-281-3304
- Mountainair Ranger District, 505-847-2990

Additional fire information for the Southwest Area is available at **http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/index.htm**.

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