Order number 12-001
Stage I Fire Restrictions
Shoshone National Forest

Pursuant to 16 USC §551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands administered by the Shoshone National Forest in the State of Wyoming (the "Restricted Area") and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Area (the "Restricted Roads and Trails"). The purpose of this order is to protect public health and safety due to the current and anticipated elevated risk of wildfire.

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, barbecue, or grill except in designated recreation sites. The use of portable stoves, lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum, pressurized liquid fuel or a fully enclosed (sheepherder type) stove with a ¼" spark arrester type screen is permitted. **36 CFR 261.52(a).**
2. Smoking, except in 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. **36 CFR 261.52(d)**.
3. Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and in effective working order, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A kept with the operator, and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches readily available for use. **36 CFR 261.52(h).**
4. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame except in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of at least 2A. **36 CFR 261.52(i).**
5. Using an explosive requiring blasting caps**. 36 CFR 261.52 (b).**

Pursuant to **36 CFR 261.50 (e)**, the following persons are exempt from specified Prohibitions of this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission may be eligible for an exemption from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, and #5.
2. Any federal, state or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty is exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, and #5
3. Persons using a portable fire pit with approved screen are exempt from Prohibition #1.
4. These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in **36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.**

Notice regarding Exemptions: Holders of valid permits, leases and authorizations are on notice that when proceeding with activities that are authorized pursuant to these Exemptions, such holders are responsible for conducting authorized activities in a safe and prudent manner using extra precautions and are electing to proceed at their own risk. An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for damage, injury or loss to the United States for any fire started while undertaking the exempted activity.

This order becomes effective at 12:01 am on Sunday, July 1, 2012, and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2012, whichever event occurs first.

Executed in Cody, Wyoming, on this date
29 June 2012

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Forest supervisor

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organizations, or imprisonment for more than six months, or both 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571.
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