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Gila National Forest Implements Stage 2 Fire Restrictions and increases to Extreme Fire Danger as of Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Silver City, NM, June 5, 2018—For Immediate Release. To protect public health and safety due to increasing fire danger, the Gila National Forest will implement **Stage 2 Fire Restrictions** effective Wednesday, June 6, at 12:01 a.m., and in addition, is raising the **Fire Danger to Extreme**. These additional fire restrictions will remain in effect until forest officials determine that conditions have changed sufficiently to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfire.

Stage 2 fire restrictions prohibit the following:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal or wood stove. Devices fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off are the exception.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or developed recreation area, unless you are in a 3-foot diameter cleared of burnable vegetation.
- Operating any internal combustible engine, including chainsaws during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Welding or operating acetylene, or other torches with an open flame.
- Fireworks and/or explosives **are always prohibited** on National Forest System lands.

Criteria used to determine when to implement fire restrictions include current and predicted weather, fuel moisture, fire activity levels and available firefighting resources.

Please contact Ellen Brown, Fire Prevention Officer at (575)388-8201 or the individual ranger districts between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for further details regarding fire restrictions.

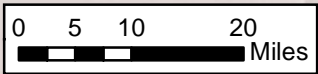
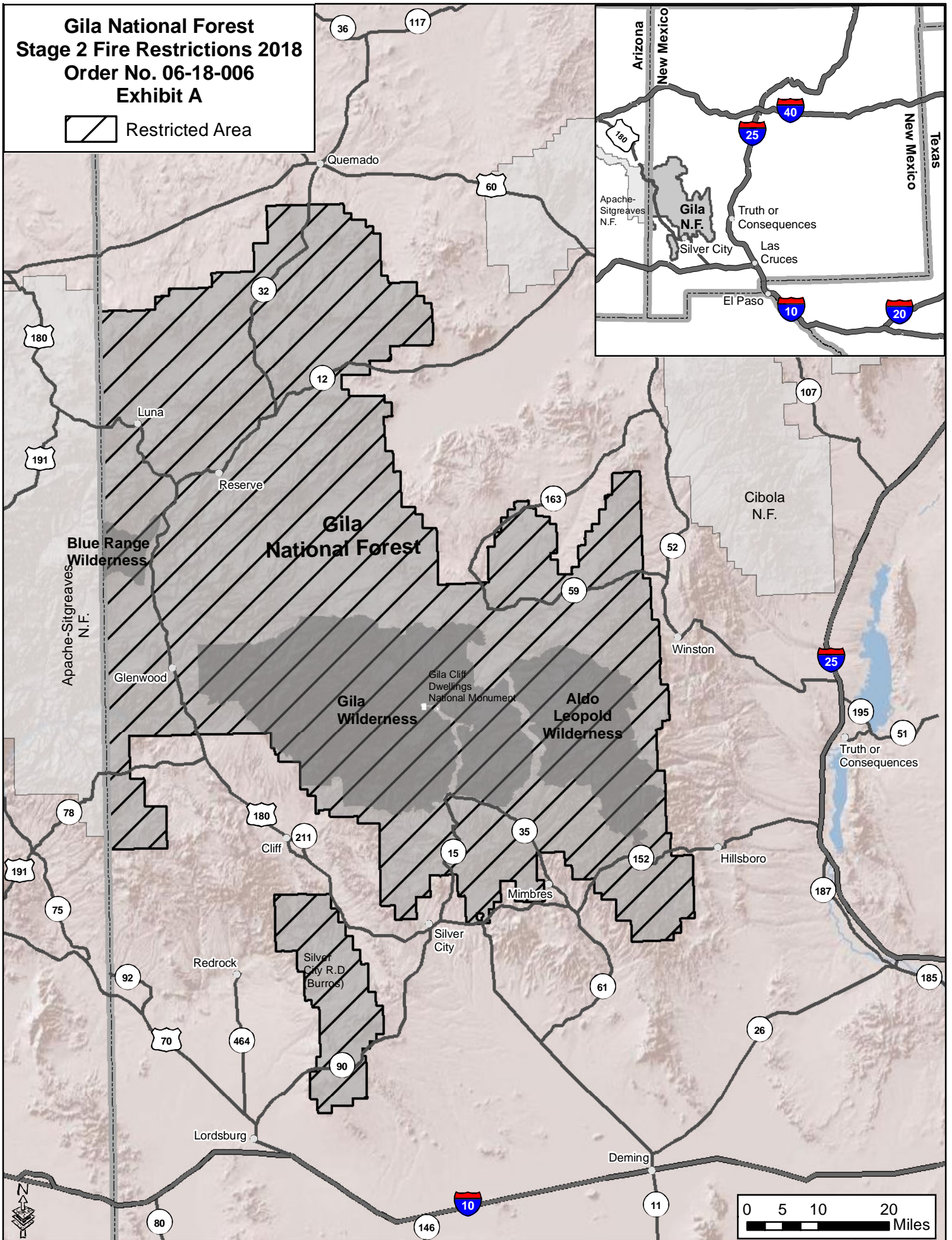
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**Gila National Forest
Stage 2 Fire Restrictions 2018
Order No. 06-18-006
Exhibit A**

 Restricted Area



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
GILA NATIONAL FOREST
STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and Title 36 CFR 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the Gila National Forest in the State of New Mexico ("the Restricted Area") within Grant, Catron, Hidalgo and Sierra Counties. The Restricted Area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove; 36 CFR § 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, 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 material; 36 CFR § 261.52(d).
3. Using an explosive; 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(b).
4. Operating a chainsaw, or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, between 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(h).
5. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order meeting either:
 - Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or
 - Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a); 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(j).
6. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame; 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(i).
7. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest System roads and motorized trails as shown on the motorized vehicle use map other than for parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway parking overnight in Forest Service developed campgrounds and trailheads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.56.
8. Discharging a firearm, except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations. 36 CFR 261.58(m).

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Person with a Forest Service permit that authorizes actions specifically prohibited by this closure order.
2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Owners of lessees of private land and holders of Forest Service Special Use authorizations within the Restricted Area are exempt from Prohibition Number 1 only for fires are within a permanent structure.
4. Persons operating generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the generator.

5. Persons using devices such as stoves, grills, or lanterns using pressurized gas canisters for isobutene or propane that include shut-off valves.

RESTRICTED AREA

The restricted area includes all National Forest System lands within the Gila National Forest.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public health and safety and to protect natural and cultural resources and facilities during the current period of high fire danger.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order becomes effective at **8:00 AM, June 6th, 2018**, and will remain in force until rescinded.
2. Violation of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$ 10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. 16 USC 551, and 18 USC 3559 and 3571.
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces Order No. 06-18-004.

Done at Silver City, NM this 6th day of June, 2018.



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The Fire Restriction Emergency Area Closure Order 06-18-002 is needed to protect the safety and health of the public. This action is being carried out under the Categorical Exclusion: *Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety* (36 CFR 220.6(d)(1)). This action is needed until such time as there are no longer fire hazards in the area.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Mendonca".

ADAM MENDONCA
Forest Supervisor

