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Tonto National Forest to Lift Fire Restrictions

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PHOENIX, July 1, 2015—For Immediate Release. Campfire and smoking restrictions on the Tonto National Forest will be lifted, effective at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2015.

The fire restrictions, which covered the entire forest, are no longer needed because fire danger has been reduced by increased moisture and humidity from the annual monsoon season.

“Although campfires and smoking will now be allowed throughout the forest, please continue to do your part to prevent wildfires” said Acting Tonto National Forest Fire Staff Duane Tewa.

“The use of fireworks, explosives and exploding targets are always prohibited on national forest lands. Make sure your campfire is completely out. If it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave. Check to see that safety chains are not dragging on the road. Following these simple tips could help prevent a spark, which could mean one less wildfire.”

Forest Supervisor Neil Bosworth extended special thanks to the visiting public during the fire restrictions which began in June. “We want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding while we implemented fire restrictions across the Tonto National Forest.”

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