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FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT FOR THE TOWN OF PAYSON

Drought conditions, hot temperatures and increased fire danger have resulted in increased fire restrictions being implemented within and around the Town of Payson.

The United States Forest Service on May 23, 2017 implemented a prohibition on building fires, campfires or using a charcoal-burning device within the Tonto National Forest. There are exceptions allowed by the Forest Service in specific developed recreation sites.

To insure the safety of our community, the Payson Fire Department suspended burning permits on May 3, 2017. We continue to remind the public that all fireworks are prohibited on the forest and in the Town of Payson at all times. Violation of these restrictions is punishable by law.

Additional restrictions are now in effect within the Town of Payson to protect our homes, businesses, and natural resources from the increased potential for dangerous fires.

Effective immediately the building of an open fire, campfire, or recreational fire is prohibited within the Town of Payson.

This restriction does not apply to the safe use of charcoal outdoor grills utilized for cooking or propane appliances on private property.

The Parks and Recreation Department is allowing propane grills to be utilized for cooking at all parks including the Event Center. No charcoal grills are allowed at any park or the Event Center.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter in keeping all of us safe.

For any further information, contact the Payson Fire Department at 928-472-5120. For information on restrictions in the Tonto National Forest please call their Toll-Free Hotline: 877-864-6985.