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Southwest Area

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Do your Part to Keep the 4th Wildfire Free

Phoenix, ARIZ---June 29, 2005---This is the worst possible time of this fire season for careless outdoor activities, when it comes to fire prevention. Lightning fires such as the destructive Cave Creek Fire could not be prevented; careless human-caused fires are all preventable. Over the 4th of July, enjoy Arizona and obey campfire, smoking, and other fire restrictions and closures. Fireworks are illegal as always, leave the tracer ammo home, and watch where you park your vehicle when stopping to stretch your legs or when you arrive at your final outdoor destination. Make sure you know your route and your final destination; Arizona's wildlands cannot afford any more signal flares or fires!!

Please obey the following campfire and smoking restrictions and closures across Arizona:

NOTE**ADDITIONAL CLOSURES—The Aqua Fria National Monument, BLM and the Verde Ranger District East of I- 17, Prescott National Forest, are closed to public entry due to public and firefighter safety concerns caused by the approaching Cave Creek Fire********

National Forest Lands---Red Rock Ranger District in the Coconino NF, the entire Coronado NF, portions of the Verde and Bradshaw Ranger Districts in the Prescott NF, most of the Tonto NF except for an area northeast of Globe (there are some campgrounds in the forest where campfires are permitted in designated fire rings) and a **complete closure** remains in effect encompassing portions of the Cave Creek, Mesa, and Tonto Basin Ranger Districts of the Tonto National forest.

Bureau of Land Management Administered Lands---All BLM fields offices have campfire and smoking restrictions in effect within all or portions of their jurisdictions. There are some minor differences between field offices. Visitors are advised to check with the office in the area they are visiting or working. The Agua Fria National Monument is closed to public entry.

US Fish and Wildlife Service---Year-around fire restrictions are in effect along the Colorado River within the Imperial, Cibola, Bill Williams River, and Havasu National Wildlife Refuges.

National Park Service---Campfire and smoking restrictions are in effect in the Chiricahua National Monument.

State of Arizona---Campfire and smoking restrictions are in effect statewide on lands managed by the **Arizona State Land Department**, and within wildlife areas in southern Arizona managed by the **Arizona Game and Fish Department**.

For more detailed information concerning agency restrictions, closures, including maps, please visit the following websites: <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/>, <http://www.azfireinfo.com>, or call toll free 1-877-864-6985.

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