



**NEWS RELEASE**  
**Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest**  
**Spring Mountains National Recreation Area**  
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**Las Vegas, Nevada...**On Friday, May 23, 2008, the U.S. Forest Service is implementing Southern Nevada fire restrictions due to high wildland fire potential.

“Grass and brush are becoming very dry across the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area,” said Chris Theisen, Acting Fire Management Officer. “The increasing temperatures and dry weather have created an increase in fire danger - visitors need to be responsible with fire.”

The fire restrictions prohibit:

- \* Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except a portable stove using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel;
- \* Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle;
- \* Welding, or operating an acetylene torch with open flames, except by permit;
- \* Using, or causing to be used, any explosive, except by permit; and,
- \* Using fireworks or firing a tracer – fireworks of any kind ARE NOT allowed on public lands.

The only exceptions to the restrictions are open campfires in developed recreation sites, such as a campground where a host is present or a fee is charged; private property owners using an approved cooking or heating devices in Mt. Charleston area; people with a permit specifically authorizing an otherwise prohibited act; and/or any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Violations can result in a fine of up to \$10,000 and a year in jail, as well as the costs associated with resource damage, suppression costs, and injuries, if found guilty.

For more information on this release, contact Larry Benham, Spring Mountains Fire Prevention Officer, at 702-493-9413, or visit the website at [www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf) .

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