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Subject: Civil Rights Impact Analysis for LTBMU. Fire Restrictions

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This document fulfills the requirements of USDA DR-1512-1 (5) Civil Rights Impact Analysis, FSM 1730, and FSH 1709.11, for a Civil Rights Impact Analysis to be done for actions with potential impacts on all publics, agency delivery of goods or services, agency employees, and agency organizational dynamics.

Who: Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

What: Implement a Special Forest Order to restrict the following activities on national forest lands:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, charcoal fire, campfire, or stove fire, except within the stoves and fire rings provided in the developed campgrounds, camps and resorts, or recreation residence tracks shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
2. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR 261.52(f).
3. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or a developed campground shown on Exhibit A, 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).
4. Operating an internal combustion engine off National Forest System roads and trails, except for the Twin Peaks Off-Highway Vehicle Area, and boats or dredges on a water surface. 36 CFR 261.52(h).
5. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i).
6. Using an explosive. 36 CFR 261.52(b).

This Forest Order is a normal extenuating action during periods of high fire danger. The policy is discussed in FSM 5100, the Fire Prevention Handbook (FSH 5109.18), and the LTBMU Fire Management Specific Action Guide.

When: Normally this type of action is implemented during periods of high fire danger and when the risk of large fires from accidental ignitions is likely. Due to continuing dry conditions this year, this order is being implemented on August 2, 2004.

The Forest Order will be lifted when the high fire danger subsides; usually in October or November.

Where: Throughout the entire Forest, except where such activities are allowed by written permit, or in areas as listed in the attachments to the special order.

How: Special Order; enforced by Law Enforcement and Fire Prevention personnel.

Why: To minimize the risk of wildfires resulting from ignitions from the above activities.

Preventable measures during high fire danger can minimize the number of wildfires started by such activities. Restrictions have proven to be an effective way to reduce the number of wildfires caused by these activities.

This order affects those people who may want to do such activities and are not covered by a permit or are not in a designated area.

The Forest Fire Management Officer may consider and approve the issuance of a special permit for an activity restricted by this order if a request is received.

This is an administrative action following the Forest Service Handbook 5109.18 - Fire Prevention. No known adverse impacts will be imposed on either the general population or any minority groups.

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Done at South Lake Tahoe, California, this 29th day of July, 2004.

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