



Prescott National Forest

## Forest Service News Release

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### Prescott National Forest to Implement Stage 1 Fire Restrictions May 21

**PRESCOTT, Ariz. (May 19, 2026)** — The Prescott National Forest will implement Stage 1 fire restrictions along with a recreational shooting prohibition beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 21, and continuing through midnight Sept. 30, 2026, unless rescinded.

The following are prohibited:

- **Open fires** outside Forest Service–provided structures in developed recreation sites
- **Smoking** except in enclosed vehicles, buildings or cleared areas
- **Discharging firearms**, air rifles or gas guns

Exemptions apply for propane or LPG devices with on-off controls, Federal, state or local officers, or members of organized rescue or firefighting resources performing official duties, permitted activities and lawful hunting.

Violations are punishable by fines up to \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for up to six months, or both.

For more information, contact the Bradshaw/Chino Valley Ranger District at 928-443-8000 or the Verde Ranger District at 928-567-4121.

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