

Wildland Fire News

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Northeastern Nevada Fire Restrictions Order Announced

Elko– On June 20, 2024, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Elko County Fire, Nevada Division of Forestry and USDA Forest Service are implementing fire restrictions in Northeastern Nevada.

Interagency fire restrictions prohibit:

- Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fire of any kind is prohibited, except campfires within approved fire pits and grills provided for in developed recreation sites. Controlled flame devices such as portable stoves and lanterns with shut-off valves, using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or camp trailer, or while stopped or standing in a three-foot diameter area barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Operating or parking a vehicle or other motorized equipment over or on top of dried/cured vegetation.
- Any Hot Work involving electric or gas welding, cutting, brazing, or similar flame or spark-producing operations.

Recommended Actions:

- Have a shovel, fire extinguisher and/or at least 5 gallons of water on hand in the event of an unintentional fire start.
- Utilize nevadafireinfo.org to obtain information on fire activity and additional restrictions.

On BLM managed Lands the following persons are exempt from this order:

- Person with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

This Fire Prevention Order is effective 12:01 AM, on the 20th day of June 2024 and will remain in effect until the 31st day of October 2024, unless rescinded earlier.

VISIT NEVADAFIREINFO.ORG to see full restriction order information and helpful maps.

These restriction orders are considered Stage I. Stage II fire restrictions may be implemented later. The Northeastern Nevada Fire Prevention Group works diligently to make fire restrictions easy to understand. Fire restrictions may be different in other areas of Nevada.

Agency-specific exceptions/exemptions and additional restrictions in place:

Bureau of Land Management, Nevada BLM Year-Round Fire Restrictions

- Possessing, discharging, using, or allowing the use of fireworks, pyrotechnic or incendiary devices.
- Possessing, discharging, igniting, or causing to burn; explosives or explosive material, including binary explosive targets.
- Discharging a firearm using tracer, incendiary, or steel-component ammunition. [Use of tracer or incendiary ammunition are always prohibited on public lands].
- Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order. (43 CFR 8343.1(c)).

Elko County Fire

On land protected by Elko County Fire the following acts are allowed :

- Small fires for religious/ ceremonial purposes, cooking, and warming, provided they don't become a public nuisance. (burn permit suggested)
- Outside the incorporated cities of Carlin, Elko, Wells and West Wendover, burn barrels are allowed. Burn barrels should be covered with metal mesh, have adequate spacing from vegetation, water on site, hand tool, and supervised by an adult.
- Agriculture fires – agriculture fires are allowed, but not recommended during fire season. Burn permits are recommended and notifications to local fire agencies.
- Open burning, and pile burning will be closed in June and not opened until a significant wetting event in the Fall.

Nevada Division of Forestry

- In Nevada state parks, park staff may or may not allow campfires on a day-to-day basis based on current local weather conditions. During Red Flag Warning issuances or other weather events, park staff may post signage stating that campfires are not allowed.

USDA Forest Service

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

- Campfires are only allowed within the approved fire pits or grills provided in developed recreation sites. A developed recreation site has Forest Service signage that designates it as an agency-owned campground or day use area and is identified on a Forest Service map as a site developed for that purpose.

- Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine between 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. is prohibited during fire restrictions.
- For more details on what is prohibited, visit <https://bit.ly/HTNFFireRestrictions> or www.nevadafireinfo.org. To learn more about fire restrictions, check out these frequently asked questions at <http://bit.ly/FireRestrictionsFAQs>.

The public is urged to contact the local USDA Forest Service office at (775) 738-5171, Bureau of Land Management at (775) 753-0200, Nevada State Parks at (775) 684-2770 or visit nevadafireinfo.org if they have any questions.