

Sedona Fire District

Press Release



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For Immediate Release

Stage I Fire Restrictions Implemented in Sedona Fire District

SEDONA – (May 21, 2026) After consulting with local County Emergency Managers and District Rangers, it has been determined that effective **Thursday, May 21st at 8:00 a.m.** Sedona Fire District (SFD) is moving into Stage I Fire Restrictions. Sedona Fire District joins Coconino County, Yavapai County, Coconino National Forest, and other local fire jurisdictions in this action.

These restrictions prohibit all solid-fueled open fires, fire pits, and campfires. During the fire restrictions, no burn permits will be issued, and existing burn permits are hereby suspended. Fireworks and other pyrotechnic displays are prohibited unless permitted by the Fire Marshal.

What is Prohibited:

- No building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire *except* in Forest Service [developed recreation sites](#) (not including dispersed camping areas).
- No smoking *except* in an enclosed vehicle or building on USFS-managed forestlands, or in [specific developed recreation sites](#).

What is allowed:

- Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices providing such devices meet the fire underwriter's specification for safety.
- The use of commercially manufactured charcoal grills or wood smokers is allowed on private property as long as a tight-fitting lid is in place during use and sparks and firebrands are contained within the device. Devices fueled solely by liquid petroleum, LPG, or LNG are always allowed so long as the flame may be immediately extinguished without residual combustion.
- Shooting firearms IS allowed. Make sure to follow all federal, state & local regulations: No shooting within 150 yards of a campsite, developed recreation site, or occupied area, residence, or building. No shooting across a road, trail, or body of water, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge. No shooting in a cave.

NOTE-

- **Yavapai County prohibits the discharge of firearms during fire restrictions.**
- **Violating these restrictions on the Coconino National Forest is a violation that carries a mandatory appearance in federal court.**

Additional information can be found at

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coconino/home/?cid=stelprdb5423784#stageI>

Residents are encouraged to exercise caution and good judgment.

Sedona Fire District may establish additional requirements, up to and including the extinguishment of any fire, the revocation of any permit, and a ban on chainsaws or other equipment on a case-by-case basis to ensure public health, safety, and welfare.

Please contact the Fire Marshal at 928-204-8926 if you have any questions.

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