

# USFS implements basinwide fire restrictions

Fire restrictions on National Forest System lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin began today and will remain in effect until the official end of fire season.

Campfires will be restricted to certain exempted recreation sites and other fire-related activities will be prohibited.

On National Forest System lands, fire restrictions mean:

- No open fires, campfires or charcoal fires will be allowed outside of exempted recreation sites even with a valid campfire permit. Campfires must be built within agency installed and approved fire rings or grills. Lanterns and portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed as long as the forest visitor has a valid California campfire permit.
- No smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building or exempted recreation site.
- Internal combustion engines are restricted to National Forest System roads, routes, trails, and areas as identified on the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Motor Vehicle Use Map.
- No possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device, using an explosive or operating a welding or other torch with an open flame. Fireworks, including sparklers, are always illegal in the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- No welding, or operating acetylene or any other torch with an open flame.

For more information on fire restrictions, call 530.543.2694.