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FIRE RESTRICTIONS

The Bureau of Indian Affairs recommends the following attached Stage II fire restrictions effective June 15, 2022 at 0600 hours until further notice.

This action is necessary due to high fire danger, resulting from the prolonged hot and dry conditions we are experiencing.

Any exemptions to the fire restrictions must be requested in writing to the Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute Agency.

Stage II Restrictions implemented:

Date: June 15, 2022

Chairman, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Date

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Superintendent, Southern Ute Agency

Date

Restrictions Rescinded:

Date: 6/22/22

Chairman, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Date

Superintendent, Southern Ute Agency

Date



IN REPLY REFER TO:
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NEWS RELEASE

SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION RESCINDS STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Ignacio, CO, June 21, 2022

Due to recent rains and moderating fuel conditions, Stage II Fire Restrictions have been rescinded for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Stage I Fire Restrictions remain in place. Everyone on reservation land is still asked to be cautious and use common sense with fire, as conditions may dry out and Fire Restrictions may again be implemented.

Since May, Southern Ute Agency Fire Management has responded to several fires including the 89-acre Bear Dance fire that burned near the Tribal campus and Sun Ute Recreation Center. A Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) Team is currently assessing and developing a plan for the impacted area.

For more information regarding Fire Restrictions, please contact Southern Ute Agency Fire Management at (970) 563-4571.

Stage II Restrictions will be rescinded at 06:00 AM, June 22, 2022.

Fire Restriction Criteria Assessment Worksheet

For June 21, 2022 - Southern Ute Agency

1.	<u>Criteria</u> 1000 hr fuels < 12%	<u>Current</u> 1000 hrs =9	<u>Trigger</u> Yes	<u>Criteria met</u> Yes
2.	ERC is > 80%	Mesa Mtn		
	<u>80%</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Trigger</u>	<u>Criteria met</u>
	X-Brush =68	60	No	No
	Z-Slash =104	81	No	
	G-Timber=81	60	No	
	ERC is > 80%	Sandoval		
	<u>80%</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Trigger</u>	
	X-Brush =63	43	No	
	Z=Slash =95	66	No	
	G-Timber=72	56.3	No	
3.	Three Day mean BI > 80%	Mesa Mtn.		
	<u>80%</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Trigger</u>	<u>Criteria met</u>
	X-Brush =132	149	Yes	Yes
	Z-Slash =84	112	Yes	
	G-Timber=81	74.2	No	
	Three Day mean BI > 80%	Sandoval		
	<u>80%</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Trigger</u>	
	X-Brush =118	92	No	
	Z-Slash =73	60	No	
	G-Timber=62	55.1	No	
4.	Ignition Component > 80%	Mesa Mtn.		
	<u>80%</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Trigger</u>	<u>Criteria met</u>
	X-Brush =28	31	Yes	Yes
	Z-Slash =35	42	Yes	
	G-Timber=49	52.8	Yes	
	Ignition Component > 80%	Sandoval		
	<u>80%</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Trigger</u>	
	X-Brush =23	16	No	
	Z-Slash =30	19	No	
	G-Timber=41	33	No	
5	Fire Danger Rating adjective class is very high or extreme.			<u>Criteria met</u> No(Moderate)
6.	Fire occurrence is impacting available resources.			<u>Criteria met</u> No (some IA)

- 7. **Local preparedness level is 3 or above.** Criteria met
No (PL 2)
- 8. **Local area is receiving a high occurrence of fires and human caused risk is expected to increase.** Criteria met
No
- 9. **Adverse weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.** Criteria met
No (Moisture predicted)
- 10. **Implementation of existing fire restrictions are not adequately reducing human-caused fires.** Criteria met
No

Total: 3 Criteria met,
 7 Criteria not met.

Stage II Fire Restrictions recommended due to dry fuels and continued drought. Assessment included new NFDRS16 Fuel models X-Brush & Z-Slash per new Durango Zone Fire Danger Operating Plan. Maintained Fuel Model G-Timber as known legacy fuel model.

Prepared by: 
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Date: June 21, 2022

**Southern Ute Agency
FIRE RESTRICTION CRITERIA GUIDELINES**

1. Measured 1000 hour fuels are 12% less.
2. Seasonal Energy Release Component is above 80%.
3. Three day mean Burning Index is above 80%.
4. Ignition Component is above 80%.
5. Fire danger rating adjective class is “Very High” or “Extreme”
6. Fire occurrence is impacting available suppression resources.
7. Local area preparedness level is 3 or above.
8. Local area is receiving a high occurrence of fires and the human-caused risk is expected to increase.
9. Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted.
10. Implementation of existing fire restrictions is not adequately reducing human-caused fires.

Stage I - If four or more of the above conditions exist, consider initiating Stage I Restriction.

Stage II - Consider initiating a Stage II Restriction after a Stage I Restriction has been imposed and six or more of the above conditions exist.

Stage III - Consider initiating a Stage III Restriction after a Stage II Restriction has been imposed and seven or more of the above conditions exist.

PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR RESCISSION

The above fire restriction guidelines would also serve as criteria for rescinding restrictions.

RESCISSION FROM STAGE III TO STAGE II: Reduction to six or fewer of the above conditions will apply for a period of 7 days with a predicted trend toward continued improvement.

RESCISSION FROM STAGE II TO STAGE I: Reduction to four or fewer of the above conditions will apply for a period of 7 days with a predicted trend toward continued improvement.

RESCISSION FROM STAGE I: Reduction to three or fewer of the above conditions will apply for a period of 7 days with a predicted trend toward continued improvement.