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May 25, 2022 SPECIAL ORDER

Fire Restrictions

All State Lands, including all Nevada State Park and Recreation Areas in the Lake Tahoe Basin (Spooner Lake and Backcountry, Sand Harbor, Van Sickle, and Cave Rock)

Nevada Division of Forestry's State Forester/Firewarden will impose the following fire restrictions for all state lands on the Nevada side of the Lake Tahoe Basin, including the Nevada State Park and Recreation Areas listed above, pursuant to NRS 472.040, 472.510, 472.520 and 407.0475. Fire restrictions will be effective at 12:00 a.m., Friday May 27, 2022, and will remain in effect until rescinded.

These restrictions are consistent with those in place for the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit of the United States Forest Service and Local Fire Districts in the Basin.

The following acts are prohibited:

- 1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire (using wood, charcoal, or any other material), campfire or stove fire, except a portable stove using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel.
- 2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle.
- 3. Welding, or operating an acetylene torch with open flames, except by permit.
- 4. Using, or causing to be used, any explosive, except by permit.
- 5. Discharge, use, or allowing the use of fireworks, tracer rounds, steel-core ammunition, explosive targets, or any other incendiary device.
- 6. Operating a motor vehicle or combustion engine equipment without a spark arrestor and off of existing paved, gravel or dirt roads.
- 7. Operating a vehicle or other motorized equipment in wildland areas without an ax, shovel, and at least one gallon of water.
- 8. Discharging a firearm in an area where a Red Flag Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service.

Exemptions:

Each of the following persons is exempt from this order:

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

In addition, each State Park or State Recreation Area may impose more stringent restrictions when they determine that the conditions warrant them. The State Park or State Recreation Area may not, however, be less restrictive.

Affected Area:

All state lands, including all Nevada State Park and Recreation Areas on the Nevada side of the Lake Tahoe Basin (Spooner Lake and Backcountry, Sand Harbor, Van Sickle, and Cave Rock).

Penalties:

Violation of these prohibitions is a misdemeanor and punishable by fine of not more than \$1,000.00, imprisonment of not more than six months, or both. Restitution for total suppression and damage costs incurred will be borne by the trespasser.

Date

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State Forester Firewarden

Date

Robert Mergeil

Administrator, Division of State Parks