



Proclamation

City of Show Low
Office of the Mayor and City Council

WHEREAS, the City of Show Low and the surrounding areas are currently experiencing dry conditions and the threat of wildfire is prevalent throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, May 3, the voting members of the White Mountain Fire Coordinating Group, met to discuss the current conditions of the forests throughout the region and voted to recommend the enactment fire restrictions throughout Apache and Navajo Counties. Therefore, Stage 1 Fire Restrictions will go into effect in the City of Show Low on Friday, May 7, 2021, at 12:01 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City has the authority, pursuant to Sections 2-2-4 and 10-1-4(J) of the Show Low City Code, and pursuant to A.R.S. Section 26-311, to govern by proclamation in the event of a threat of natural disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Leech, Jr., Mayor of the City of Show Low, do hereby proclaim that an emergency does exist and that the following acts are prohibited, including on private property, until further notice:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire (unless noted in the exemptions below).
- Smoking outside of an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Use of **any** and all fireworks.
- Use of explosive targets.
- Use of tracer round ammunition.

Exemptions:

***An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.**

- Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- Fires used only for the cooking of food or for providing warmth for human beings or recreational purposes (campfires and charcoal fires) in an area that is designated for that purpose and is barren or cleared of all debris.
- Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the device.
- Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- All land within a city boundary is exempted unless otherwise stated by city ordinance.
- Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

Those persons violating this ban on open fires and smoking may be charged with a class one misdemeanor and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

This proclamation shall take effect Friday, May 7, 2021, at 12:01 a.m.

Dated this **6th** day of **May**, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Show Low.

John Leech, Jr., Mayor

