ORDER NO. 04-17-20-03

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Wide Fire Restriction Order

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The purpose of this Order is to protect public health, safety, and natural resources by preventing wildfires, as Firefighting and Law Enforcement resources are limited during the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 has been declared a National Emergency. This Order is effective from April 15, 2020 through May 31st, 2020 or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

PROHIBITIONS: This Order prohibits the following acts:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, including charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves, and shepherder’s stoves. 36 CFR 261.52(a).

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building. 36 CFR 261.52(c).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from specified Prohibitions of this Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons using pressurized liquid or gas devices (stoves, grills, or lanterns) with shut-off valves in an area at least three feet from any flammable materials are exempt from Prohibition #1.
4. Residents, owners or lessees who are using a fire in a permanent dwelling within an effective and properly installed USDA- or SAE approved spark arrester, are exempt from Prohibition #1.

Notice regarding Exemptions: Holders of valid Forest Service permits, leases and authorizations and all other persons are on notice that when proceeding with activities that are authorized pursuant to these Exemptions, such persons are responsible for conducting authorized activities in a safe and prudent manner using extra precautions and are electing to proceed at their own risk. An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from
liability or responsibility for damage, injury or loss to the United States for any fire started while undertaking the exempted activity.

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable as a class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than $5000.00 for an individual or $10,000.00 for an organization and/or imprisonment of not more than 6 months [Title 16 USC 551, 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581(b)(7)].

This Order will be in effect from 12:01 am on April 15, 2020 and will remain in force until May 31st, 2020 or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Executed at Sparks, Nevada this 15th day of April 2020.

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