

Beginning May 6, 2022, the public and private land located in  
the *unincorporated areas of Apache County* will be in

# STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

## THE FOLLOWING ACTS ARE PROHIBITED DURING STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

- **Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire unless noted in the exemptions below**
  - a. **Exemptions include:** Fires used only for the cooking of food or for providing warmth for human beings or for recreational purposes, such as campfires and charcoal fires, in an area that is **designated for that purpose and is barren or cleared of all debris for 3 feet in diameter around the device**. Permissible items include propane fire rings, pellet stoves/smokers/grills that have UL or FM approval and are a contained unit. A person of appropriate age must always maintain a presence when in operation.
- **Smoking outside of designated areas**
  - b. **Exemptions include:** Smoking within enclosed buildings and inside vehicles is allowed. Smoking may also be allowed in or on porches, carports, garages, parking lots and other areas or properties which are cleared of all combustible materials so long as the smoking does not create a substantial risk of fire and all smoking materials are properly extinguished and disposed of. At no time is it allowed to discard lit cigarettes, cigars, or other smoking materials from a vehicle, or from ones' possession in a public place (ARS 13-1603.a.1).
- **The use of any and all fireworks.**
- **The use of tracer round ammunition**
- **The use of explosive targets.**



All burn permits are void during fire restrictions. An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity. A person who commits an act in violation of this chapter that results in an appropriate emergency response or investigation and who is convicted of the violation may be liable for the expenses that are incurred incident to the emergency response and the investigation of the commission of the offense in accordance with Arizona Revised Statute 13-1709; Emergency response and investigation costs; civil liability.