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CORONADO FOREST INCREASES FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Bans All Open Campfires and Smoking, Effective Thursday

TUCSON, AZ (June 15, 2004)-- Effective at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, June 17, 2004, the Coronado National Forest will implement increased campfire and smoking restrictions. Until further notice:

- **All Open Campfires Prohibited.** Any open fire, such as a campfire or charcoal grill, is prohibited anywhere on the Coronado National Forest. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns, and heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed both within and outside developed campgrounds. (Rule of thumb: If the heat source can be “turned off,” it is permitted outside a developed campground.)
- **All Smoking Prohibited.** Smoking is prohibited while hiking, riding or visiting anywhere on the Coronado National Forest.
- **Fireworks.** Fireworks are prohibited on all National Forest System lands year-round.

During fire restrictions, the year-round free campfire permit system on the Santa Catalina Ranger District, including Mt. Lemmon and Redington Pass, will be suspended during fire restrictions.

For other local fire restrictions and fire information for any Southwestern Forest:

- Check our website www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire
- Phone 1-877-864-6985 (toll free).