FORT APACHE FIRE CLOSURE
LIFTING FIRE RESTRICTIONS

EXECUTIVE ORDER
Executive Order No. 06202101-Amended

Lifting Fire Restrictions and Re-opening Closed
Parts of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation

The Office of the Executive hereby implements the following restrictions, pursuant to authority vested in the Chairwoman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe by Section 5.3 (B) of the Government Code.

The Chairwoman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”), by signing this Executive Order, hereby rescinds Executive Order 06202101-Amended 07/09/2021, thereby allowing public travel to and within all recreation areas across the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and allowing campfires in established areas.

I. FOREST CLOSURES AND FIRE RESTRICTIONS – LIFTED

Effective Saturday, July 17, 2021, the following activities are hereby permitted as a result of Executive Order 06202101-Amended 07/09/2021, being rescinded and fire restrictions being lifted:

- All recreation lakes, rivers, and camp sites on the Reservation are now open;
- Building, maintaining, attending, campfires are now allowed in all recreation sites on the Reservation, but fires must remain in established fire pits;
- Burning wood debris in yards and fields is allowed with the proper permit from WMAT Fire and Rescue;
- Public access and travel throughout the Reservation is now allowed with the proper permits for members and non-members;
- Sunrise dances are allowed outside of the communities, if desired;
- Woodcutting is allowed with a valid permit in accordance with the Tribe’s Natural Resource Code;
- Cattle branding, antler hunting, and the use of firearms can commence as normal following established policies and procedures; and
- Industrial activities are allowed without restrictions and must operate and comply with their respective policies and procedures.

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect year-round on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. This means that building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, coal or wood burning stove, any type of charcoal fueled broiler or open fire of any type must occur within
DEVELOPED areas, camp sites, fire pits, and residences. Use of fire in any way is prohibited in UNDEVELOPED areas.

II. ENFORCEMENT

The Tribal Forestry Department and Fire and Rescue, in conjunction with BIA Fire Management, and Game and Fish, Tribal Game Rangers, Tribal Forest Ranger, and Tribal Police shall inform the public of any supplemental restrictions and are responsible for monitoring and enforcing full compliance with the policy as stated herein. This Order is to be distributed to all Tribal programs, departments, enterprises, and Federal, local, and State agencies, as well as to members of the news media. Furthermore, all Tribal Agency and Enterprise Supervisors shall cooperate fully and provide any assistance necessary to help carry out the terms and conditions specified in this Executive Order.

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman
White Mountain Apache Tribe

Issued this 17th day of July, 2021.