



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 006-2021**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER RELATED TO  
STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS  
FOR THE NAVAJO NATION**

**NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT  
JUNE 21, 2021**

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The President of the Navajo Nation serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government with the full authority to conduct, supervise, and coordinate personnel and program matters. 2 N.N.C. 1005 (A).
2. The President shall have the power to issue an executive order for the purpose of interpreting, implementing or giving administrative effect to statutes of the Navajo Nation in the manner set forth in such statutes. 2.N.N.C. §1005 (C)(14);
3. The President may order any area of Navajo Nation land closed to entry by the general public due the danger of fire, 17 N.N.C. § 2701;
4. The Navajo Forestry Department, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region, Branch of Wildland Fire, and Aviation Management are recommending that the Fire Restriction be put in place in preparation of an active fire season due to the dangerous combination of inadequate precipitation, abundant dry fuels, high winds, high temperatures and low humidity;
5. To protect the public and keep our firefighters safe in the course of the work responding to wildland fires and reduce the risks of wildland fires, and to protect infrastructure and natural resources, the Navajo Nation is requesting that the public exercise extreme caution on Navajo lands and surrounding areas; and,
6. An Executive Order shall have the force of law upon the recipient. 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(14).

**THEREFORE:**

I, **JONATHAN NEZ**, President of the Navajo Nation, and I, **MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, by the authority vested in us, hereby issue the following order:

1. The Stage 2 Fire Restrictions on the Navajo Nation are effective immediately and shall remain in effect until this order is rescinded or amended.
2. The following uses within the Navajo Nation are **PROHIBITED**:
  - A. Possession, manufacturing, sale or use of fireworks or other pyrotechnic device pursuant to 17 N.N.C. § 2733;
  - B. All debris (trash) and field-clearing burning;
  - C. All wood-burning, charcoal fires, campfires, warming fires, and charcoal barbecues;
  - D. Discharging a firearm except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to State, Federal, or tribal laws and regulation; and
  - E. Mechanical and Industrial Prohibitions:
    - i. The use and operation of chainsaws or any other internal combustion engines between the hours of 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
    - ii. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
3. The following activities must use **EXTREME CAUTION**:

Smoking, which is recommended only in permitted areas, within an enclosed vehicle, traditional and ceremonial uses, and while stopped in an area at least six feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
4. The following activities are **PERMITTED**:
  - A. Propane, gas or other petroleum-fueled stoves will be allowed for livestock branding, Such devices may only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
  - B. Ceremonial fires, properly registered, and permitted by the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA) through a Navajo Nation EPA Burn Registration, five (5) days prior to ceremony. To obtain a Burn Registration, please contact Navajo Nation EPA Air Quality at (928) 729-4246. Mail: NN Air Quality, PO Box 529, Fort Defiance, AZ 86504, FAX: (928) 729-4323 or email: [kaelynnmorgan@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:kaelynnmorgan@navajo-nsn.gov);
  - C. Public firework displays approved and permitted, pursuant to 17 N.N.C. § 2735, by the Navajo Nation Fire Department;
  - D. Persons with a valid written permit/bonding/license that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act;
  - E. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice

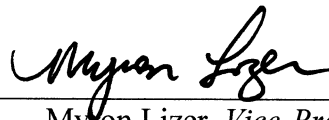
- F. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty; and
- G. The implementation of Low Complexity Prescribed Fire which meet prescriptions approved by the Agency Administrator under an approved Burn Plan.
5. Any person or parties found guilty of violating the fire restrictions may be fined up to \$5,000 or provide restitution. 17 N.N.C. § 523
6. The Division of Public Safety, Division of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Community Development and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Wildland Fire and Aviation are hereby directed to fully enforce this Executive Order.
7. Report any wildland fires to the B.I.A. Fire Dispatch at (928) 729-2307. Should there be any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Navajo Forestry Department at (928) 729-4007.

The provisions of this order shall be implemented consistent with the laws of the Navajo Nation and in a manner that advances the highest welfare of the People.

EXECUTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2021



Jonathan Nez, *President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION



Myron Lizer, *Vice-President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION

ATTEST:



Doreen N. McPaul, *Attorney General*  
Navajo Nation Department of Justice

CONCURRENCE:

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Lester Tsosie, *Acting Navajo Regional Director*  
Bureau of Indian Affairs