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Cimarron Canyon and Sugarite Canyon State Parks Announce Fire Restrictions

Fire Restrictions to start at 8:00am on Wednesday April 24, 2013

Santa Fe, NM – Due to increasing fire danger and pursuant to Colfax County Ordinance 2006-1, Sugarite Canyon and Cimarron Canyon State Parks will be implementing restrictions on open fires, charcoal and smoking within the Park. The restrictions will go into effect at **8:00 a.m. on Wednesday April 24, 2013.**

According to the public notice issued by the Colfax County Fire Marshall, "Upon consultation with the Fire Chiefs of Colfax County, and under the authority of Colfax County Ordinance Number 2006-1, the Colfax County Fire Marshal hereby declares effective immediately, a "Dry Season" in all Fire Districts in Colfax County, **excluding the Philmont and Moreno Valley Fire Districts**, and establishes a ban on open burning within the areas of Colfax County outlined above."

OPEN FIRES, CHARCOAL AND SMOKING ARE PROHIBITED UNLESS THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

Campfires and charcoal are prohibited. An exception is granted where cooking, heating and lighting devices use kerosene, white gas, or propane as a fuel in an improved camping area that is cleared of flammable vegetation for at least 30 feet or has a water source.

Smoking is prohibited except in enclosed RV's or trailers, within vehicles equipped with ashtrays, and on paved or surfaced roads, developed recreation sites, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

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