Centennial Forest Fire Restrictions Policy

The <u>full description of the Industrial Fire Plan</u> is geared toward logging contractors. There are five categories of industrial plan fire restrictions. Below is a description of how these restrictions apply to us:

LEVEL A: Normal Fire Precautions--During periods of fire danger normal precautions should be taken.

LEVEL B: Heightened Fire Precautions--Smoking is restricted to enclosed vehicles or mineral surface roads. Campfires are by permit only and will be assigned to designated areas during the application procedure. Vehicles, chain saws, and other power equipment with internal combustion engines must have good mufflers/spark arrestors. Chain saw refueling must take place in an area cleared of fuels. A fire extinguisher (at least 8 oz.) must be carried by each saw operator and in each vehicle. A fire shovel, rake, or pulaski is required for each vehicle.

LEVEL C: Campfire, Smoking, and Equipment Restrictions--No campfires or open flames allowed in the forest. Smoking restricted to enclosed vehicles. Fire suppression equipment (as listed in B above) must be on-site regardless of power equipment usage. Power equipment usage prohibited between 9am and 8pm. All vehicles must be on roads (no off-road driving) and out of the Forest or on a main surface road such as Woody Mountain Road by 2pm unless special permission is attained.

LEVEL D: Operational Shutdown--All forestry/contractor operations ceased. No power equipment may be used. Vehicles restricted to main (numbered) roads and must be out of the Forest by 2pm. In addition to fire hand tools, a portable hand pump (bladder bag/Fedco), map, and cell phone or portable radio must be carried in vehicles at all times.

FOREST CLOSURE: Forest closure will occur on the same schedule as the Coconino National Forest. All entry into the Forest is prohibited except in cases where critical research needs can be demonstrated. Applications for entry into the Forest during closure will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

RED FLAG WARNING: During Levels A through C, high winds or other weather conditions may result in a Red Flag Warning issued by the National Weather Service. During a RED FLAG WARNING Restriction Level D will be imposed until further notice. These periods usually last between one and five days.