

ORDER

STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

For

**Nebraska National Forest, Pine Ridge Ranger District including the Oglala National Grassland
And
Buffalo Gap National Grassland, Fall River Ranger District**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551, and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Nebraska National Forest and Oglala National Grassland in Dawes and Sioux Counties with the state of Nebraska, and within the Buffalo Gap National Grassland, Fall River Ranger District in Fall River, Custer, and Pennington Counties in the State of South Dakota ("the restricted area"). The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. **Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire except within a Forest Service developed or improved recreation site. 36 CFR § 261.52(a). Fire, campfire, and stove fires are defined to include wood and wood products, charcoal, or coal fires, and wood stove fires. The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices, providing such devices meet the fire Underwriters specifications for safety, is allowed.**
2. **Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

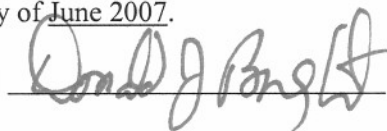
1. **Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.**
2. **Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.**

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to the current and anticipated elevated risk of human-caused wildfire due to dry vegetation conditions and the forecast of continued hot, dry, weather.

This Order becomes effective on June 29, 2007, and will remain in force until rescinded or until November 1, 2007, which event ever occurs first.

Done at Chadron, Nebraska, this 26th day of June 2007.

Signed: _____



DONALD J. BRIGHT
Forest Supervisor
Nebraska National Forest

Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. 16 USC § 551, and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.



Stage 1 Fire Restriction Order Exhibit A



Nebraska National Forest Pine Ridge Ranger District Oglala National Grassland Buffalo Gap National Grassland Fall River Ranger District

