



# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Mesa Verde National Park  
Yucca House National  
Monument  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

## STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Effective July 3, 2026, pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, sections 1.5(a)(1), 1.5(a)(3), 2.13, and 2.21, the following acts are prohibited within Mesa Verde National Park.

### PROHIBITIONS

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove fires [36 CFR 2.13]. These restrictions encompass the entire Park including all campgrounds, developed recreation sites and residential areas.
2. Outdoor smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material.
3. Using explosives or any incendiary device; fireworks are always prohibited on public lands. –36 CFR 2.38(b)
4. Operating or using any internal combustion engine such as chainsaws, wood splitters, weed eaters, welders, or any other devices that can produce sparks or embers, or otherwise cause a fire. This prohibition does not include street legal vehicles.
5. Parking off any road must be in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the vehicle.

### EXCEPTIONS

1. The use of liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fueled devices that can be turned on and off, such as stoves, lanterns, or heating devices. These devices are allowed if such devices are UL Listed as meeting fire safety standards. These devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
2. Any officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.

3. Operating generators at park residences or at developed campgrounds with an approved spark arresting device in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the generator.

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

**AREA DESCRIBED**

All lands within Mesa Verde National Park and Yucca House National Monument. These restrictions include all park residents.

**PURPOSE**

Reduce the risk of fire and protect public health and safety, as well as protect National Park Service lands, resources, and facilities during the current period of heightened fire danger.

**IMPLIMENTATION**

1. This order shall be in effect beginning July 3, 2026 and shall remain in effect until rescinded.
2. Any violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for no more than six months, or both.

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent  
Mesa Verde National Park and Yucca House National Monument