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## **Fire restrictions lowered on Los Padres National Forest**

**GOLETA, Calif.**— Rainfall amounts across Los Padres National Forest have provided sufficient moisture levels to reduce Forest fire restrictions on the forest from Level IV to Level I effective immediately.

Under the reduced fire restrictions, campfires and charcoal barbecues will be allowed in all areas of Los Padres National Forest. A California Campfire Permit, available free of charge, is required to build a campfire outside of a designated Campfire Use Site. A list of Campfire Use Sites and information about how to acquire a campfire permit is available at all Los Padres National Forest offices.

Visitors who construct wood or charcoal fires outside of designated Campfire Use Sites also must abide by the following rules:

- Clear all flammable material for a minimum of five feet in all directions;
- Have a shovel available for preparing and extinguishing the fire;
- Have a responsible person in attendance at all times;
- Extinguish the fire with water, using the “drown, stir and feel” method.

Prohibitions on smoking and target shooting in Los Padres National Forest are also being lifted.

The following fire restrictions will remain in effect:

- Spark arresters are required on all off-highway vehicles, chainsaws, and other internal combustion engines and equipment;
- A permit is required for all welding, grinding, cutting, or use of explosives;
- Tracer ammunition is prohibited at all times;
- Fireworks are prohibited in Los Padres National Forest at all times and in all places.

Forest visitors are encouraged to call the local Ranger Station for more information on conditions and restrictions.

Santa Barbara Ranger District – (805) 967-3481

Ojai Ranger District – (805) 646-4348

Mt. Pinos Ranger District – (661) 245-3731

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