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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:****May 2, 2024****Fire Restrictions announced for Pecos Canyon State Park**

Extremely dry conditions and multiple fire starts prompt action to prevent more fires

SANTA FE, NM – The New Mexico State Parks Division is announcing the implementation of Stage II fire restrictions for [Pecos Canyon State Park](#) in San Miguel County beginning Friday May 3, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

“Due to dry conditions and two recent fire starts within outdoor recreation areas within Pecos Canyon, we feel it is prudent to restrict open campfires at this time,” State Parks Division Director Toby Velasquez. “Fire restrictions are a proactive way to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfire, protect natural and cultural resources, and enhance public and firefighter safety.”

Stage II fire restrictions within Pecos Canyon State Park are detailed as follows:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove is prohibited.
- The use of devices fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off is allowed. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three (3) feet of the device.
- Smoking is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.

These fire restrictions will remain in place until conditions improve. Visit the [State Parks website](#) and click on [Park Alerts](#) for more information on this announcement or potential restrictions at any of your 35 New Mexico State Parks found in 25 of 33 counties around the state.

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