



United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
RAMAH NAVAJO AGENCY
HC 61, BOX 14
Ramah, New Mexico 87321



IN REPLY REFER TO:

June 14, 2017

Mr. David Jose, President
Ramah Navajo Chapter
HC61, Box 13
Ramah, New Mexico 87321

Dear President Jose:

The Ramah Navajo Indian Reservation and surrounding areas are currently experiencing dry fuel conditions and increasing fire danger with indices at record highs. In recent observations with the National Weather Service, it appears that these conditions will persist for quite some time. The area is expecting this fire season to display high resistance to control.

Based on these criteria, it is the recommendation of the Ramah Navajo Agency and its Fire Management Program to the Ramah Navajo Chapter that it implement **Stage 1 Fire Restrictions effective June 21, 2017** until further notice.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Fire Operations Specialist at 505 775 3237.

Superintendent

Enclosures

cc: Fire Management Officer, Ramah/Zuni Agencies
Fire Operations Specialist, Ramah Navajo Agency ✓

ORDER

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS RAMAH NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION

Upon the recommendation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ramah Navajo Agency, Branch of Fire Management, the Ramah Navajo Chapter is imposing **STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS** on the Ramah Navajo Indian Reservation. These restrictions are necessary due to the current fuel condition and increasing fire danger. To ensure the protection of the Reservation residents, property, and natural resources, the following acts are **PROHIBITED**:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, warming fire, except in campgrounds or picnic grounds where gas grills or fire rings are provided. **Fires for ceremonial purposes are allowed.**
2. Outside trash burning.
3. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark-arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.
4. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
5. Open burning, i.e., burning of cropland, fields, rangeland, debris, slash piles, wood chips or weeds, **is prohibited.** **Burn Permits are NOT to be issued.**

Utilizing a charcoal grill, gas grill, or oven at a residence is allowed. Locate grill in an area clear of flammable vegetation. Don't cook outside on windy days. Have someone stay with the grill or oven until the fire is completely out.


Possessing, buying, selling, distributing, transporting, activating, igniting or detonating any firecracker or other firework type device is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

Report any wildland fires to the BIA, Ramah Navajo Agency, Branch of Fire Management at (505) 775-3237. If there are any questions pertaining to these restrictions, please call Branch of Fire Management at (505) 775-3237 or 505-782-3357.

Restrictions are used to reduce the potential of human-caused wildfires and will remain in effect until sufficient precipitation is received to alleviate current fire danger levels.

This ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION is signed and effective **June 21, 2017.**


David Jose, President, Ramah Navajo Chapter

 6/14/2017
Anna Mae Pino, Superintendent, BIA, Ramah Navajo Agency