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Fire Restriction Order Number: # 2026-03

Los Alamos County Fire Department

Order Rescinding Fire Restriction Order Number 2026-01 and 2026-02

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2026, the Los Alamos County Fire Department, by and through Fire Marshal Colorado Cordova, issued Fire Restriction Order Number 2026-01, which imposed within the boundaries of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, State of New Mexico the following fire restrictions and conditions, pursuant to Chapter 22 Section 33(g)(1) of the Los Alamos County Code:

Prohibitions. Pursuant to this Stage I Fire Restrictions Order, effective April 28, 2026, the following restrictions and conditions are imposed within the boundaries of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, State of New Mexico.

1. Building, maintaining and use of outdoor fires including campfires and recreational fires of any kind and outdoor cooking is **prohibited** unless:
 - the fire is built on a developed campground or picnic area open to the public, and contained in a structure designed for the containment of fires, such as a metal ring or fire pit; or
 - the fire is built on a site free of nearby vegetation and combustible materials, with a spark arrestor screen in place.
 - the outdoor cooking is conducted on a device built for outdoor cooking and equipped with fire containment protections, such as a charcoal grill, pressurized gas or propane-fire grill with a lid that closes, or with pellet stove, or electric cooking device.
2. Fires and outdoor cooking allowed under Stage I restrictions shall be subject to ongoing surveillance during and after use, and one of the following must be readily available during and after use:
 - the fire is built on a developed campground or picnic area open to the public, and contained in a structure designed for the containment of fires, such as a metal ring or fire pit; or
 - the fire is built on a site free of nearby vegetation and combustible materials, with a spark arrestor screen in place.
 - the outdoor cooking is conducted on a device built for outdoor cooking and equipped with fire containment protections, such as a charcoal grill, pressurized gas or propane-fire grill with a lid that closes, or with pellet stove, or electric cooking device.

Definitions. For the purpose of this Order, and as set forth in Section 22-33(e) of the County Code, the following definitions apply:

“Free of nearby vegetation and combustible materials” means an area of at least six (6)-feet in diameter from the fire source that does not contain vegetation, including grass, or combustible materials.

“Spark arresting device” means any device which prevents the emission of flammable debris from combustion sources, such as internal combustion engines, fireplaces, and wood-burning stoves.

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2026, the Los Alamos County Fire Department, by and through Fire Marshal Colorado Cordova, issued Fire Restriction Order Number 2026-02, which imposed within the boundaries of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, State of New Mexico the following fire restrictions and conditions, pursuant to Chapter 22 Section 33(g)(1) of the Los Alamos County Code:

Prohibitions. Pursuant to this Stage II Fire Restrictions Order, effective May 28, 2026, the following restrictions and conditions are imposed within the boundaries of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, State of New Mexico.

1. Building, maintaining and use of outdoor fires including campfires and recreational fires of any kind is **prohibited** except for outdoor cooking conducted under the following conditions:

- cooking is performed on a pressurized gas or propane fire grill with a lid that closes, pellet stove, or electric cooking device; and
- the pressurized gas or propane fire grill with a lid that closes, pellet stove, or electric cooking device is placed on a developed non-combustible hard surface such as a concrete slab; and
- the outdoor cooking is subject to ongoing surveillance while cooking is occurring; and
- during and after the outdoor cooking a portable fire extinguisher, a hose with a water source, or a shovel with sufficient dirt available to extinguish a fire must be readily available.

2. Smoking is **prohibited** unless in an enclosed vehicle or building, or in an area free of nearby vegetation and combustible materials.

3. The ignition and use of fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices is **prohibited**.

4. Operating any small equipment or tools powered by an internal combustion engine, including chainsaws or lawnmowers, is **prohibited**, unless used by a property owner or the property owner’s agent to maintain their residential or commercial property. Use of small equipment or tools permitted under this section shall be equipped with a spark arresting device.

5. Outdoor welding and/or operating any torch with an open flame or external features that produce sparks, such as an acetylene torch, is **prohibited** unless specifically granted written approval or permit by the fire chief, fire marshal, or their designee.

6. Any outdoor work which produces a hot ember or visible flame is prohibited, unless a permit is obtained from the fire chief, fire marshal, or their designee.

Definitions. For the purpose of this Order, and as set forth in Section 22-33(e) of the County Code, the following definitions apply:

“Free of nearby vegetation and combustible materials” means an area of at least six (6)-feet in diameter from the fire source that does not contain vegetation, including grass, or combustible materials.

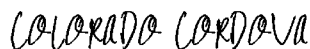
“Spark arresting device” means any device which prevents the emission of flammable debris from combustion sources, such as internal combustion engines, fireplaces, and wood-burning stoves.

WHEREAS, Fire Restriction Order Numbers 2026-01 and 2026-02 provided that the orders “shall remain in effect until rescinded or amended by a subsequent order of the Fire Marshal.”

WHEREAS, the fire restrictions and conditions imposed by Fire Restriction Order Numbers 2026-01 and 2026-02 are no longer necessary to provide for the public’s physical health and safety, or to protect lands, buildings, and other real and personal property within the boundaries of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos from fire danger.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Colorado Cordova, Fire Marshal for the Los Alamos Fire Department, do hereby **RESCIND** Fire Restriction Order Numbers 2026-01 and 2026-02. All other ordinances and conditions in place at the time Fire Restriction Order Number 2026-01 was enacted remain in full force and effect.

Signed and issued on July 27, 2026.



Colorado Cordova, Fire Marshal
Los Alamos County Fire Department