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## **Yosemite National Park Fire Restrictions**

Due to high fire danger and enhanced risk to the public, employees, and first responders, Yosemite National Park is enacting park-wide fire restrictions below 8,000 feet elevation to reduce the threat of human-caused wildfires.

By order of the Superintendent of Yosemite National Park and under authority of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 34.5(b)(9) and 2.13(c):

As of 12:01 am on July 16, 2022, the following fire restrictions are in effect within Yosemite National Park and the El Portal Administrative Site:

- No building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire (including campfire, cooking fire, and charcoal fires) below 8,000 feet elevation except as noted below. Portable stoves using pressurized gas, liquid fuel, or propane are permitted, as are alcohol stoves, including tablet/cube stoves. Twig stoves are not permitted.
  - Fires may be used in open front country campgrounds and open picnic areas in developed portions of the park in accordance with park regulations.
  - Wood fires are prohibited in El Portal and Foresta due to increased fire danger in those communities; charcoal fires are permitted. Wood and charcoal fires are still permitted in all other residential areas in developed portions of the park in accordance with park regulations.
  - Fires may be used above 8,000 feet elevation but not above 9,600 feet elevation in accordance with park regulations.
- No smoking below 8,000 feet elevation except within an enclosed vehicle, a campground or picnic area where fires are allowed, in a designated smoking area, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or has been cleared of all flammable material. Public buildings, public areas of concessioner and federal buildings (including restrooms), other areas as posted, and within 25 feet of any public building always remain closed to smoking.

Notice of closure will be posted and areas will be monitored to ensure compliance. This designation will remain in place until rescinded or superseded. Approved wildland firefighting activities are excepted from this order. Administrative exceptions (for other than approved firefighting activities) require the written approval of the Superintendent; all conditions listed on the administrative exception must be followed for the exception to be valid.

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Superintendent	