

Forest Service News Release

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Green Mountain National Forest Implements Fire Restrictions

Mendon, VT (September 22, 2025) -- The Green Mountain National Forest is issuing fire restrictions on the national forest beginning on September 22, 2025, in response to ongoing moderate to severe drought conditions in Vermont.

The decision to implement fire restrictions is based on various factors, including the prevalence of unattended fires, unfavorable weather conditions and the availability of firefighting resources. The moisture level of forest trees and other vegetation is deceptively low with autumn leaves beginning to fall adding to dry fuels on the forest floor.

While the forest fire restrictions are in place, the following are illegal:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, or wood grill outside of a Forest Service provided metal fire pit, metal fire ring, or pole mounted grill at a developed campground or developed recreation site. (36 CFR 261.52(a))].

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material. 36 CFR §261.52(d)

The fire restrictions will remain in place until withdrawn by a termination order issued by the Forest Supervisor. For more information, view the fire restriction order here: <https://nfs.fs2c.usda.gov/ro9/gmfl/alerts/fire-restrictions-effect>

If you encounter a wildfire, please dial 911 to report the fire and be prepared to give the location of the fire and other pertinent information to first responders.

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