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CLOSURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON STATE TRUST LAND FRIDAY

Phoenix, AZ (6/23/21) – Due to extremely high fire danger, exceptional drought conditions, resource availability, and increased fire activity, the Department of Forestry and Fire Management and the Arizona State Land Department will implement closures to State Trust Land throughout Arizona. These closures are also in conjunction with our USFS partners.

As of 8am on June 25, 2021, closures will be implemented on state-owned and managed lands in all 15 counties. All state-owned and managed lands are **closed to entry for recreational purposes**, including hunting, camping, and off-road vehicle use. Target shooting and fireworks are prohibited year-round.

Closures apply to the following state-owned and state-managed lands within all 15 counties including:

- All State Trust lands outside incorporated municipalities.
- All State Parks outside incorporated municipalities – State Parks remain open with fire restrictions in place. Please refer to <https://azstateparks.com/fire-safety/> – for park-specific fire restriction information.
- Full shutdown of all operations; except organizations on mineral soil involving road excavation, watering, grading, gravel surfacing, and rock crushing may continue with special permission. Contractor will provide fire guard for three hours after shutdown.

Exemptions include:

- Persons with a written fire entry and activity permit that specifically authorizes the permitted to be on the land. This may include such persons as grazing-permit holders when entry is needed to gather, move, or otherwise manage their permitted livestock, special-use authorization holders when access is needed to maintain emergency or other communications operations, and others.
- Any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting organization in the performance of an official duty.
- Resident owners and lessees of land within the closed area.

Any closure exemption must be approved by the State Forester.

These closures do not apply to private lands under ARS § 37-1303. For more information, contact Tiffany Davila at 602-540-1036 or by email at tdavila@dffm.az.gov

