



**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT  
EFFECTIVE MAY 19, 2022, 08:00 AM**

**LEVEL III RESTRICTIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO**

In addition to LEVEL II Restrictions, the following restrictions are now in place (visit [www.Ruidoso-NM.gov](http://www.Ruidoso-NM.gov) for complete details):

1. ANY COOKING OR RECREATIONAL DEVICE THAT USES CHARCOAL OR WOOD IS NOT ALLOWED
2. GAS AND PELLET COOKING DEVICES ARE ALLOWED BUT MUST BE ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES
3. NO OUTDOOR SMOKING
4. CAMPFIRES AND ANY OTHER RECREATIONAL FIRE DEVICES ARE NOT ALLOWED
5. OPERATING OF CHAINSAWS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT POWERED BY AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE ARE NOT ALLOWED. CONTRACTORS REFER TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-02.
6. WELDING, METAL GRINDING, HOT TAR ROOFING, DRIVEWAY SEALING, OXY-ACETYLENE METAL CUTTING AND ANY OTHER WORK WHICH PRODUCES A HOT EMBER OR VISIBLE FLAME ARE NOT ALLOWED.
7. IGNITION AND/OR DETONATION OF FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED

**CITATIONS WILL BE ISSUED - NO EXCEPTIONS - NO WARNINGS  
WE WILL NOTIFY THE PUBLIC IMMEDIATELY UPON ANY CHANGES  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

**IF YOU HEAR THE SIRENS, PLEASE TURN YOUR RADIO STATION TO 1490 AM IMMEDIATELY  
FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

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**JOE KASUBOSKI  
FIRE CHIEF  
RUIDOSO FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
2022-02**

**PROVIDING PERMITS FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT USED IN WILDFIRE  
CLEAN-UP PROJECTS, FUEL MANAGEMENT PROJECTS, AND HAZARD TREE  
REMOVAL PROJECTS AND FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AT THE WHITE  
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX DURING LEVEL III FIRE RESTRICTIONS IMPLEMENTED BY THE  
FIRE CHIEF OF THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO ON MAY 19, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2022, a high wind event contributed to the ignition and devastation created by the McBride Fire within the Village of Ruidoso and the County of Lincoln; and

**WHEREAS**, the McBride Fire destroyed more than 200 structures and charred thousands of acres of forest in and around the Village of Ruidoso; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Ruidoso is committed to the continued protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, visitors, and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous homes and commercial facilities will have to be rebuilt from the remains of the destruction caused by the McBride Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 19, 2022, the Fire Chief of the Village of Ruidoso exercised the authority vested in him under Section 42-35 of Village of Ruidoso Ordinance 2021-03 to set restrictions on outdoor activities that create heightened fire risks, including the use of small internal combustion engine equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to clean up the debris left behind by the McBride Fire is critical to health, safety, and welfare of the residents, visitors, and neighbors of the Village of Ruidoso; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of equipment with small internal combustion engines is a necessary activity when cleaning up after a wildfire and for the prevention and mitigation of the risk of further fire events.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lynn D. Crawford, Mayor of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico, do hereby direct as follows:

A. Effective immediately, the Forestry Department of the Village of Ruidoso may issue permits during the Level III Fire Restrictions recently implemented by the Village of Ruidoso Fire Chief under the following conditions:

- 1) No permits may be issued to any individual or business entity that is not a licensed contractor.
- 2) No permits shall be issued for activity other than clean-up of the aftermath of the McBride Fire, fuel management projects, or hazard tree removal projects conducted by licensed contractors as required under Section 42-80 of the Village of Ruidoso Code of Ordinances.

3) Any licensed contractor that requests a permit pursuant to this Executive Order shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Village of Ruidoso Forestry Department that they are in possession of a fire mitigation plan. They must also demonstrate that they have proper fire suppression equipment located within 20 feet of the operation of small internal combustion engine equipment for the immediate mitigation of the risks of the ignition and spread of fire, including, but not limited to:

- Fire extinguishers
- Shovels
- Hoes
- Pulaskis
- Any additional equipment required by the Village of Ruidoso Forestry Department.

4) Failure to satisfy any of the above requirement shall result in the denial of the request for a permit during Level III Fire Restrictions.

B. Any permit issued under this Executive Order is subject to inspection by Village staff at any time without advance notice. Any permit that is found to be out of compliance with this Executive Order shall be immediately revoked and all work shall immediately cease.

C. Should a fire occur due to the actions or negligence of any person operating small internal combustion engine equipment, the person may be held civilly or criminally liable for any damage caused.

D. Any person who fails to comply with this Executive Order shall be subject to all penalties, fines, and fees as provided under Article II, Section 42-32 of the Village of Ruidoso Fire Codes.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the use of small internal combustion engine equipment may be used for the cutting, chopping, splitting, chipping and collection of firewood located on the east end of the dog park at the White Mountain Complex.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of the announcement informing the public that the Village of Ruidoso is currently in LEVEL III FIRE RESTRICTIONS be posted at every registered nightly rental property located within the Village of Ruidoso.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT** Executive Order 2022-02 will remain in effect until revoked at a future date.

**EXECUTED ON THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2022 IN RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO.**



  
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Lynn D. Crawford, Mayor

Attest: 

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Ronald L. Sena, Village Clerk