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County-wide Burn ban in effect until June 30th

Sandoval County, NM – Sandoval County Fire Rescue is partnering with other fire agencies around the state including the U.S Forest Service, by placing a burn ban in the county’s unincorporated areas until June 30th.

The county is taking this action keep its first responders safe during the current pandemic.

“The main reason is we are trying to reduce the number of responders on scenes to help ensure we are not infecting entire departments or groups,” said Sandoval County Fire Rescue Chief Eric Masterson.

Besides the unincorporated areas of the county, restricted areas include any area and/or facilities in the following Forests and Grasslands that fall under COVID-19 public safety restrictions issued by Federal, State, or Local agencies:

New Mexico

Carson National Forest
Cibola National Forest
Gila National Forest
Lincoln National Forest
Santa Fe National Forest
Kiowa National Grassland

Oklahoma/Texas

Black Kettle & McClellan National Grasslands
Rita Blanca National Grasslands

Implementation:

1. This Order will be effective on **__April 15__, 2020** at **_5:00 p.m.** and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2020, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
2. For more information, see <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r3/home> or <https://www.sandovalcountynm.gov/fire/open-burning-info/>