



Gila National Forest

## Forest Service News Release

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### Gila National Forest fire prevention education campaign

**(Silver City, NM, April 25, 2026)** — The Gila National Forest is sponsoring a National Fire Prevention and Education Team. The team is supporting the forest for two weeks with messaging and outreach during Stage 1 fire restrictions. The team will appear at local and regional events, such as Continental Divide Trail Days and Tour of Gila in Silver City and Truth or Consequences Fiesta. Public outreach is intended to impress upon the public the need to comply with the forest's current fire restrictions and to prevent wildfires during this period of high risk for increased fire activity.

The team will collaborate with Grant County Office of Emergency Management, local rural volunteer fire departments and Gila National Forest ranger districts to ensure messaging is consistent and shared with visitors locally as well as regionally.

Avenues for relaying information about Stage 1 fire restrictions will include radio, the forest's [website](#) and [Facebook page](#), [New Mexico Fire Information](#) and one-on-one public contacts.

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