



## THE JICARILLA APACHE NATION

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### RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

#### GOVERNMENT

**RE: Approval of the 2026 Jicarilla Apache Nation Reservation Fire Restrictions**

**Resolution No. 2026-R-210-05**

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Article XI, Section 1, of the Revised Constitution of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the inherent powers of the Jicarilla Apache Nation shall be vested in the Legislative Council in exercising its sovereign power of self-government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Council has the overall authority in making major decisions affecting the Nation's Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Council has vested interest in the preservation of the reservation lands as well as the responsibility for the reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, due to extreme fire conditions, continue lack of rain, extreme high and drought conditions on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation, there is a need for fire restrictions to reduce the chance of human caused fires on the Jicarilla Apache Nation Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that these fire restrictions be implemented *immediately* for public safety and remain in effect until we receive adequate monsoonal moisture; and

**WHEREAS**, cooking and campfires for any Jicarilla ceremonials (Coming-out Feasts, Bear Dances) are allowed, sponsors should request a fire permit, which are issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA"), Branch Forestry, Fire Management Office; and

**WHEREAS**, an annual fire restriction is recommended by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Branch of Forestry, the Dulce Fire Department, Jicarilla Apache Police Department, Jicarilla Game and Fish Department and the Emergency Management Team for the Jicarilla Apache Nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Legislative Council Jicarilla Apache Nation hereby approves the 2026 Jicarilla Apache Nation Reservation Fire Restrictions:

1. The Jicarilla Apache Nation Fire Restrictions shall apply to the area(s) within the boundaries of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation.
2. The sale of all fireworks shall be prohibited within the interior boundaries of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation.



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3. All general, personal use and possession of any type of fireworks shall be prohibited within the interior boundaries of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation.
4. The annual firework display, sponsored by the Dulce Fire Department, will be at the discretion of the Jicarilla Apache Nation's Leadership.
5. Smoking is restricted to designated areas only and is restricted to vehicles equipped with ashtrays while on paved or open range roads and buildings within the boundaries of the Jicarilla Apache Nation Reservation.
6. No open burning of any kind is allowed, except within the residential areas which the homeowner shall obtain an open fire permit with inspection by the Dulce Fire Department.
7. Cooking fires for ceremonial purposes are allowed. Organizer must obtain a fire permit from BIA, Branch of Forestry, Fire Management Office, for monitoring purposes.
8. Campfires for branding cattle will be permitted only with a fire permit issued by the BIA, Branch of Forestry, Fire Management Program. Fire Permits will not be issued by No Burn Days (*Red Flag Days*). No Burn Days (*Red Flag Days*) means warm temperatures, very low humidity, and stronger winds are expected to combine to produce an increased risk of fire danger.
9. Campfires are permitted in developed campgrounds of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation.
10. The use of charcoal or gas grill at private residence is allowed. Homeowners should take the following precautions:
  - Locate grill in an area clear of flammable vegetation.
  - Do not cook outside on windy days.
  - Homeowners must stay with the grill until the fire is completely out.
11. Fire Precautions, as outlined in the Jicarilla Agency Fire Mobilization Plan, shall be required of all logging, thinning, and fuel treatment projects.
12. All outdoor welding, outside the town limits, is permitted only with a fire permit issued by the BIA, Branch of Forestry, Fire Management Program. Person(s) must have adequate water supply to prevent the potential of wildland fire. Fire Permits will not be issued on No Burn Days (*Red Flag Days*). No Burn Days (*Red Flag Days*) means warm temperatures, very low humidity, and stronger winds are expected to combine to produce an increased risk of fire danger.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Legislative Council of the Jicarilla Apache Nation strictly enforces the recommendation by the BIA, Branch of Forestry, Dulce Fire Department, Jicarilla Apache Police Department, Jicarilla Game and Fish and the Emergency Management Team of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, that any individual(s) may be charged with a criminal charge

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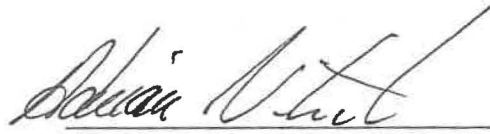
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of Arson 7-2-3(A), Damage to Property 7-2-7(H), or Discharge of Fireworks 7-2-8(B) will be subject to any civil restitution due to any fire damage to the Jicarilla Apache Reservation Lands; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be implemented immediately for public safety and remain in effect until we receive adequate monsoonal moisture.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Legislative Council of the Jicarilla Apache Nation hereby approves the President or Vice President of the Jicarilla Apache Nation to take all actions necessary to fulfill the mandates of this Resolution.

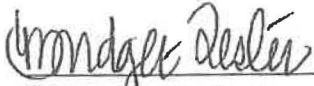


President of the Nation – Adrian Notsinneh

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Resolution was enacted upon by the Legislative Council of the Jicarilla Apache Nation on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, and 0 abstained, at a duly called meeting at which a quorum of the Legislative Council members were present.

**ATTEST:**



Secretary of the Nation – Bridget Lester