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Memorandum

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Date: May 18, 2018  
To: Official File  
From: Kate Cannon, Superintendent, Southeast Utah Group of National Parks  
Subject: 2018 Fire Restrictions Implemented

Due to very dry conditions and increasing fire danger in Southeast Utah, Superintendent Kate Cannon has announced fire restrictions for Arches and Canyonlands national parks, and Natural Bridges and Hovenweep national monuments.

Beginning at 12:01 am on Friday, May 25, 2018, fires will be permitted only in designated fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic areas. Open fires are prohibited in backcountry campsites at all times. Petroleum fueled stoves and grills will still be permitted in designated backcountry campsites, as well as in developed campgrounds and picnic areas.

Smoking will be prohibited, except within enclosed vehicles, parking lots or developed areas that are cleared of all flammable materials for at least three feet in diameter. Visitors are reminded to exercise caution and to properly extinguish all lighted smoking materials.

In the river corridors where there are no designated campsites, and in designated backcountry vehicle campsites, petroleum fueled stoves are the recommended method for cooking. At this time, charcoal fires, used only for cooking and inside of authorized metal fire pans (at least 12 inches in diameter and 2 1/2 inches deep), are still allowed in the river corridor and in designated vehicle campsites. As always, all ash must be removed from the backcountry.

Fireworks are prohibited at all times in these national parks.

These fire restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.

Information on statewide fire restrictions can be found at [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).

  
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Kate Cannon