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WELCOME to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation...

Home of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. The Fort Apache Indian Reservation consists of over 1.6 million acres of Arizona's most diverse, scenic and pristine lands. We invite you to be our guests and to enjoy the area's many recreational opportunities.

This publication contains rules and regulations for all recreation activities and is required reading of all visitors who plan on recreating on the Reservation. As a rule, we try to make our regulations as user friendly as possible to promote/maintain quality recreation experiences, while also providing adequate protection and conservation of Tribal resources.

If you are visiting us for the first time, please take note of the following important points:

- **Appropriate Tribal permits are required of all individuals recreating on the Reservation, regardless of the recreation activity.**
- **State of Arizona licenses/permits ARE NOT valid for recreational activities conducted on the Reservation. State regulations do not apply on the Reservation.**
- **Permits are not required for general travel/transportation on Arizona State Route 73, Arizona state route 260, Arizona state route 273, Arizona state route 473, U.S. 60 and in the Reservation's residential areas. Recreation permits of some type are required of all persons entering off-highway recreational areas and remote locations within the Reservation.**
- **Be courteous of other anglers, boaters, hikers and campers. Harassment is prohibited.**
- **Obey all signs and regulations. You may encounter some of the following signs/posted areas (and meaning):**
 - **CLOSED AREA:** (closed to all entry - see enclosed map).
 - **ROAD CLOSED:** (Area closed to vehicles for resource protection reasons).
 - **SPECIAL USE AREA:** (Area restricted to special use permit access only).
 - For updates, check our website at wmatgameandfish.com

A few regulation and pricing changes have been incorporated into this year's "Outdoor Recreation Regulations" which are designed to provide sustainable improvements in the quality of experience for all our visitors, regardless of their outdoor interests. These regulations assist us in achieving these recreation management goals and otherwise provide a funding mechanism for us to better staff and direct our resource management obligation to the Tribe.

We hope you enjoy your stay with us, and encourage you to call our office in Whiteriver with any questions or concerns. Thanks for your support of our recreation programs.

Key Recreation Regulations

- All-Terrain vehicles (ATVs) including 3 & 4 wheelers, utility vehicles UTVs including side-by-sides, dirt bikes, OHV, OHMV and golf carts are strictly prohibited from the Reservation, regardless of it being insured, licensed and registered.
- Vehicles must stay on established roadways at all times.
- Swimming/diving is prohibited in all reservation waters.
- Tubing in streams is prohibited except in the Salt River Canyon area (see Salt River Regulations).
- **It is illegal to discharge any firearm, paint gun, archery, or pneumatic weapon (air gun) on the Reservation.**
- It is illegal to deface, alter, vandalize, possess, or destroy any signs or other recreation area facilities.
- Spotlighting is prohibited on the Reservation.
- **Fireworks are prohibited on the Reservation.**
- Snagging or attempting to snag game fish is illegal.
- Catching all or part of another person's catch limit is illegal.
- Entering caves is prohibited.
- Disposing of dead animals or carcasses in any lake, stream, or spring is prohibited.
- Avoid actively spawning fish.
- 1 pole, 1 line in the water at a time.
- **Second Pole Permit:** Second Pole Permit is legal ONLY on the Salt River (from U.S. 60 bridge downstream to the Reservation boundary) and at the Bonito Prairie stock tanks. The Second Pole Permit cost is \$10.00 each and only one will be issued per person per day. You must purchase a Special Use Permit to get a Salt River Second Pole Permit. You must purchase a Daily Fishing Permit to get a Second Pole Permit for the Bonito Prairie stock

tanks.

- Non-tribal members are not permitted to search for, visit, photograph, or investigate archaeological, historical, or paleontological sites, including caves, ruins, and cliff dwellings, etc. (with the exception of Fort Apache and Kinishba Ruins, which require payment of a visitor fee at the Fort Apache Cultural Center). Questions regarding this regulation may be directed to the Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer at (928) 338-3033.
- Commercial & Research Photography requires special permission from Tribal Council. The Tribe reserves the commercial and publication rights to all images and photographs of the Reservation and its resources. **Includes drone or social media footage.**
- Use only designated boat launching areas.
- Chain saws or small engines are not allowed outside of campgrounds.
- Any large group is not exempt from any of these regulations.
- Campsites are first-come- first-served.
- **No roping off (no flagging off) campsites as to reserve that campsite or act as a barrier.**
 - **These regulations apply to everyone!**
- Pets must be leashed and controlled at all times. The leash may not exceed 10 feet in length.
- Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on any lakes, streams, residential, or recreational areas.

Prohibited Activities

The following acts are prohibited within the boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation:

1. Mutilating, defacing, disturbing, injuring, damaging, destroying, removing or picking up any natural item, including but not limited to; wildlife, rocks, stones, living plants or parts thereof (e.g., mushrooms, trees), fossils, or other property of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, including fences and other Tribal property;
2. Removing any natural item, including wildlife, rocks, stones, living plants or parts thereof, fossils, or any property belonging to the Tribe, including fences and other Tribal property;
3. Digging in, excavating, disturbing, injuring, destroying, or in any way damaging any paleontological, prehistoric, historic, or archaeological resource, structure, site, artifact or

property;

4. Removing any paleontological, prehistoric, historic, or archaeological resource, structure, site, artifact, or property;
5. Destroying, removing, injuring, or cutting any green tree, dead tree, or other firewood on the Reservation except as otherwise permitted under Tribal Regulations and BIA Regulations;
6. Conducting research or any other form of data collection without Tribal Council permission/approval;
7. Feeding or harassing wildlife is prohibited;
8. Picking up and possession of shed antlers or skulls with antlers attached is illegal.

FISHING, CAMPING, BOATING, RECREATION & RIVER RAFTING PERMITS

**All Reservation Permits are non-refundable and non-transferable.
The White Mountain Apache Game & Fish Department cannot negotiate any prices that
are set by rules and regulations as mandated by the Tribal Government.**

Fishing Permits

Permit Type	Price
ADULT Daily Fishing Permit (ages 15 and older)	\$10.00
Annual Fishing Permit (Calendar year) Does not include special use permit (Does not include Christmas Tree, Cyclone, and Hurricane Lake)	\$200.00
JUVENILE Daily Fishing Permit (ages 10–14)	\$3.00
JUVENILE Annual Fishing Permit (Calendar year)	\$32.00
Second Pole Permit (VALID ONLY AT SALT RIVER downstream of US-60 bridge)	\$10.00

Camping Permits

Permit Type	Price
Daily Camping Permit – per vehicle (Valid for Campground Only)	\$15.00
30-Day Camping Permit – per vehicle (8-occupant limit/permit)	\$350.00
Contact Game & Fish Office for Hawley Lake Rent-A-Campground	—

Boat & Watercraft Permits

Permit Type	Price
Annual Boat & Watercraft Permit (Calendar year)	\$30.00
Daily Boat & Watercraft Permit (includes non-motorized inflatable float tubes)	\$10.00 (float tubes) \$5.00

Notes: not valid for river rafting; towed/board water sports prohibited.

Outdoor Recreation (General)

Permit Type	Price
Non-Member Spouse Recreation Permit – Annual (Calendar year)(Does not include camping)	\$75.00
Daily Recreation Permit - Per Vehicle (4 people)	\$10.00
Season Recreation Permit (Mid-May through Labor Day) – Per Adult	\$75.00

Black & Salt River Recreation

Permit Type	Price
Black & Salt River Special Use Permit – Daily per Adult (Includes 1 night camping)	\$25.00
Daily River Rafting (per person)	\$25.00

CBQ / Pacheta Falls

Permit Type	Price
CBQ Falls Day Use Permit (per person), Day use only	\$45.00
Pacheta Falls Day Use Permit (per person), Day use only	\$45.00

Additional Notes

- Permit valid for the dates printed on the permit.
- Salt River, CBQ Falls and Pacheta Falls permits are subject to seasonal/environmental closures.
- Rent-A-Lake Fees: Lake Rental Fee is \$5.00 per person per day. This applies to all members of the party regardless of duration.
- ANNUAL PERMITS are valid from January 1 – December 31.
- DAILY PERMITS valid for the day of the permit (24 hours: 12 AM to 12 AM).
- Non-Member Spouses: Defined as Non-Members (including Native Americans of other Tribes) who are legally married to an enrolled member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ONLY. Children from the marriage are not included in the “affiliate” designation. PROOF OF MARRIAGE IS REQUIRED. It is not a requirement that the Affiliate reside on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Employees of the Tribe, Federal Agencies, or local Law Enforcement are no longer considered or classified as “Affiliates”.
 - Non-Member Spouse Annual Recreation Permits can be purchased only at the Whiteriver Game & Fish Office.
 - Non-Member Spouse Annual Recreation Permits are valid for fishing, boating, and general recreation.
 - Non-Member Spouse Annual Recreation Permit covers permit-holder only and are not valid for any other persons accompanying or visiting the Non-Member Spouse Annual Recreation Permit holder.

FISHING REGULATIONS

HARASSMENT OF OTHER FISHERMEN, CAMPERS, OR RECREATIONISTS IS PROHIBITED.

Fishing Definitions

- Reservation Fishing Permits are limited to the taking of **GAME FISH ONLY**. Game fish include all species of trout (Apache trout, brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout), smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, northern pike, channel catfish, flathead catfish, bullhead catfish, sunfish, and carp.
- Non-game fish are defined as all other species of fish except the above noted game fish.
- Fishing permits do not allow the taking of amphibians, mollusks or crustaceans; except for waterdogs and crayfish (which require a waterdog and fishing permit, respectively).
- You must have a fishing permit to fish or take Crayfish/Crawdads.

Permit Requirements

Reservation Fishing Permits are required for all persons ten (10) years of age or older taking aquatic wildlife on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

- **ADULT FISHING PERMITS** are required for all persons 15 years of age or older fishing on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. See current page below for daily and possession limits for game fish species.
- **JUVENILE FISHING PERMITS** are required for all persons 10 - 14 years of age fishing on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Persons under the age of ten (10) do not require a permit to fish on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, but they **MUST be accompanied at all times by an adult possessing a valid Reservation fishing permit and abide by SUB-JUVENILE fishing bag/possession limits.**

Key Fishing Regulations

- ***Fish may only be taken per person by angling with the following fishing methods:***
 - One pole and line not having more than two (2) hooks attached; or
 - One pole and line not having more than two (2) artificial flies or lures attached.
 - Artificial lures and flies do not include living or dead organisms, natural or prepared food stuffs, artificial salmon eggs, corn, marshmallows, or any type of PowerBait. An artificial lure is considered one hook, as noted above.
 - Aquatic Wildlife may be taken night or day, except on Special Regulation Waters. Artificial lights may be used.
- **Daily bag limits, see "FISHING SEASONS AND LIMITS FOR GENERAL WATERS" Table on pages 11-12.**

- Special bag/catch limits do apply for Special Fishing Areas (see "Special Fishing Regulations" pages 9-10).
- General Fishing possession limits are the same as the daily bag limit, except as otherwise noted for Special Fishing areas.
- Waterdogs and crayfish may be taken by angling, by hand, nets, and with lawful minnow traps. It is unlawful to transport live animals off of the Reservation.
- Angling with multiple fishing poles is unlawful unless in possession of a 2nd Pole Permit. The second pole permit is only valid at the Salt River below the bridge and the Bonito Prairie stock tanks.
- Angling with a trotline is unlawful.
- Live baitfish may not be possessed nor used on any waters on the Reservation, with the exception of sunfish caught and used on-site in the Salt River from the U.S. hwy 60 bridge downstream to the Reservation boundary.
- Chumming of any kind is prohibited. Chumming is defined as placing or spreading any type of bait in waters for the purpose of attracting fish.
- Only waterdogs caught on the reservation may be used as bait to fish stock tanks on Bonito Prairie and the Black and Salt Rivers.
- Digging for worms on the reservation is unlawful and prohibited in all areas.
- It is unlawful to clean fish in any Reservation lake, stream or spring.
- It is unlawful to fish from any Reservation boat dock.
- Any fish put on a stringer/creel basket is yours to keep. They cannot be later released.
- Ice fishing holes may not exceed 8 inches in diameter.
- Ice fishing is inherently dangerous, use caution and proceed at your own risk.
- Chainsaws may not be used to make ice fishing holes.
- Any fish caught that is not to be counted in the creel limit shall be immediately released to the water with as little injury to the fish as possible.
- Any fish placed on a stringer, in a container, in a live well, or not released immediately to the water, shall be considered to be reduced to possession of the angler. No fish that has been reduced to possession of the angler shall be released alive, donations included.
- Have your fish measured and weighed at Game and Fish Offices in Hon-Dah or Whiteriver.

Special Fishing Regulations

Special fishing regulations differ from General Reservation fishing regulations and are used to manage a specific lake or stream in a special way. These regulations help us improve fishing quality and protect unique fisheries. The following special regulations apply to each of the following Special Fishing Regulation waters:

STREAMS:

Lofer, Boggy, Big Bonito, Little Bonito, Aspen, and Flash Creeks - No Camping; Catch and Release Only.

OPEN AREAS are downstream south of Y55 only to Little Bonito Creek confluence (areas north/upstream of Y55 are closed to all entry). TROUT: All trout must be immediately returned to the water. These streams contain naturally reproducing Apache trout. Artificial lures and flies ONLY with a single hook. NO TREBLE HOOKS AND NO BAIT.

**North Fork at Ditch Camp - No Camping (along stream);
Catch and Release Only with barbless hooks.**

OPEN AREA is located east of Horseshoe Lake and includes the area east/upstream from the R78 road crossing on the North Fork to the confluence of Snake and Becker Creeks. All trout must be immediately returned to the water, artificial lures and flies ONLY with a single hook. NO TREBLE HOOKS AND NO BAIT. This area is closed to vehicle traffic of any kind. Please observe all "Road Closed" signs.

LAKES:

Christmas Tree Lake

Daily Christmas Tree Lake Permit Required, No Camping. Call the Whiteriver Game & Fish Office at (928) 338-4385. Occupancy is limited to 20 anglers/day, by reservation only. All persons entering the area must possess valid Christmas Tree Lake permits.

APACHE TROUT: Catch and Release; OR up to five (5).

BROWN TROUT: Total of five (5) fish in the aggregate: Artificial lures and flies ONLY with single barbless hook. NO TREBLE HOOKS AND NO BAIT:

Pacheta Lake - Catch and Release Only.

TROUT: All trout must be immediately returned to the water at Pacheta Lake. Artificial lures and flies ONLY with a single barbless hook. NO TREBLE HOOKS AND NO BAIT. Closed to ice fishing.

Cyclone Lake - Rent-A-Lake, Permit Required (see "Rent-A-Lake" section for information). Call the Whiteriver Game & Fish Office at (928) 338-4385.

Hurricane Lake - Rent-A-Lake, Permit Required (See "Rent-A-Lake" section for information). Call Whiteriver Game & Fish Office at (928) 338-4385.

Tonto Lake - Open to Tribal Members Only. General Fishing Limits and Regulations apply.

CATCH & RELEASE TIPS

Improved fishing technology and increased fishing pressure have caused the quality and quantity of fish to decline in many waters. Catch-and-release fishing offers anglers a way to enjoy their sport while having less impact on the resource. Each year, more anglers discover the satisfaction of watching a fish they've caught swim away. Here are some helpful tips for proper catch-and-release:

- Don't place a fish you plan to release on a stringer because they have less chance of surviving. Make the decision to release a fish when you catch it.
- Play and land the fish quickly. A prolonged struggle places too much stress on a fish and can kill the fish after it is released.
- Handle the fish gently and keep it in the water as much as possible. If possible, unhook the fish without lifting it from the water.
- Don't drop the fish in the boat or on the shore. Fish bruise easily and the damage to their internal organs can be fatal.
- When lifting the fish from the water for a photograph or just to admire it, especially larger ones, lift them from the water with both hands to evenly support the fish's weight.
- Use pliers to remove hooks.
- If a hook is deeply embedded, cut the line. Fish have strong digestive acids that will dissolve metal. Studies have shown fish released in this manner have a higher survival rate than do fish which have the hooks torn from their throats or stomach.
- Fish can be revived by holding them upright in the water and moving them forward slowly to force water through the gills.
- Don't release a tired fish until you are sure it can swim away on its own.
- In streams, release fish into calm water. A tired fish placed in fast water can die by tumbling downstream into rocks.
- **"Catch & Release Waters": Pacheta Lake, Ditch Camp on North Fork, Lofer Creek, Boggy Creek.**

FISHING SEASONS AND LIMITS FOR GENERAL WATERS

See Special Fishing Regulations on Pages 9-10 for waters having other seasons/limits

<u>Fish Species</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Daily Bag Limit Combined</u>		
		Adult	Juvenile (10–14 yrs old)	Sub-Juvenile (9 & under)
Apache, Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout	Trout Year-round	5	3	2
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	Bass Year-round	10	5	5
Sunfish	Year-round	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Northern Pike	Year-round	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Waterdogs and Crayfish	Year-round	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Channel Catfish	Year-round	10	5	5
Flathead and Bullhead Catfish	Year-round	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit

FISHING SEASONS & LIMITS FOR RENT-A-LAKES

Lake	Fish Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limits
Cyclone	Trout	May to Labor Day Holiday	2	2
Hurricane	Apache Trout	May to Labor Day Holiday	2	2

Possession limits are the same as the daily bag limit for all game fish.

GUIDED FISHING ON THE RESERVATION

Information pertaining to Authorized, licensed professional fishing guides is available through the WMAT Game & Fish Department at (928) 338-4385 for anyone interested in obtaining expert direction. Any person or entity charging clients any type of fee to fish on the Reservation must possess formal authorization and a valid Outfitter's license from The White Mountain Apache Game & Fish Department. All Clients must also possess a valid "Client Permit" provided

CLOSED AREAS

Certain areas of the Reservation are closed to all access to protect culturally and biologically sensitive areas and habitats where human impact must be maintained at minimum levels. Areas may also be closed for your safety and protection. Areas closed by Tribal Regulation include:

- **WILLIAMS CREEK** below hatchery to confluence of North Fork is closed to fishing.
- **MOUNT BALDY WILDERNESS AREA** in the northeast portion of the Reservation (shaded area on enclosed map) is closed to all entry and fishing. This includes all streams and roads within the Wilderness Area,
- **NORTH FORK** from Ord Creek confluence upstream to Sunrise Ski Resort which includes R85 road from the Snake Creek confluence Closed to all recreational access.
- **TONTO LAKE** is open to tribal-member fishing only.

- **PORTIONS OF THE BLACK RIVER AND SALT RIVER SPECIAL USE AREA** are closed either on a seasonal or annual basis. Salt Banks is closed to all entry. See "Black and Salt Rivers: Special Use Permit" section for details **(pages 14-16)**.
- Any other Reservation roads/areas posted as "Closed" are closed to all entry and fishing.
- **CIBECUE CREEK**, upstream from the base of the first waterfall (upstream of the Salt River confluence) to the town of Cibecue is closed to Special Use Permit holders. This closed area includes rock faces adjacent to the first waterfall.
- All cultural, historical, archaeological and cultural sites (caves, cliff dwellings, etc.) are closed to non-tribal members.
- The area north/west of Arizona 73, east of U.S. 60, and south of the Reservation boundary is closed to access.
- **SEASONAL CLOSURE AREAS** in the southeast portion of the Reservation (different shaded areas on enclosed map) is closed to all recreational activity and access. The yellow shaded area including Black River Crossing, Tick Flat, and the Bonito Prairie stock tanks is closed from August 15 to October 15 and the blue shaded area including streams, Pacheta Lake and Drift Fence Lake is closed from September 1 to October 15.
- **WEST SIDE OF RESERVATION**, see map and call office for more information.
- The area west of U.S. 60, south of Route 12, east of 011, and north of the Salt River Special Use Area is closed to entry.
- The area of north of Arizona highway 260 and south of the Reservation boundary is closed to access with the exception of Bog Tank, Little Bear Lake, and Big Bear Lake recreation areas,
- The area south of Arizona highway 73, east of U.S. 60, north of the Salt River Special Use Area, and west of route R9 is closed to access with the exception of roads that access the Special Use Area.

BLACK & SALT RIVERS: SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Black and Salt River Special Use Permits are required of Adults for all Black and Salt River access for all recreational activities (EXCEPT for those holding valid White Mountain Apache hunting permits or valid White Mountain Apache Salt River Rafting permits). **San Carlos Recreational Permits are not valid for access to the Black & Salt River from the White Mountain side.** San Carlos Special Use Permits are valid for fishing only in the Black & Salt River. **San Carlos Special Use Permits are not valid for camping on the White Mountain side.**

ADULT PERMITS:

- Special Use Permits are required for each ADULT (any person 15 years or older) camping, fishing, hiking, canyoneering or sightseeing in the Black and Salt River Special Use Area (defined below).

JUVENILE PERMITS:

- Children ages 10 to 14 must possess a Juvenile Fishing Permit to access the Black and Salt River Special Use area. Juvenile Fishing Permits cover other recreation activities while the juvenile permit holder is within the Special Use Area (camping, etc.).
- Children under the age of 10 do not require permits of any type to access the Salt/Black River Special Use Area, with the exception of Cibecue Falls, but must be accompanied by a lawfully permitted adult at all times.

DEFINITIONS & REGULATIONS:

The Black and Salt River Special Use Area is defined as "all areas within the canyon corridor/canyon feature of the Black and Salt Rivers, which form the southern boundary of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation".

- Adult Special Use permits cover all authorized recreational activities in these Special Use Areas.
- Adult Special Use permits are also valid for use at other general recreation areas on the Reservation with the exception of Cibecue Falls, for all general recreational activities authorized in those subject areas (fishing, camping, hiking, sightseeing, etc.)
- Persons holding valid White Mountain Apache hunting license/permits (migratory birds, small/big game) or valid White Mountain Apache Salt River rafting permits are NOT required to also obtain Special Use Permits for these areas; however seasonal closures still apply.
- See separate hunting and migratory bird regulations.

SPECIAL USE AREA CLOSURES:

- The Upper Black River Area, defined as the river upstream/east of the Big Bonito Creek confluence and south of Route Y40 east to the reservation boundary is CLOSED to all recreation access after Labor Day until April 1st. Areas closed include; White Crossing, Ten of Diamonds, Rattlesnake Point and Lower Hoot Owl.
- The area between Salt River Draw and one mile downstream of Rock Canyon, between Salt River and north to the Salt River canyon rim, is closed to all non-tribal member visitation (except for driving access on Route G1). River rafters may use the southern bank, but are prohibited from using or landing on the northern bank in this area. Salt Banks and the old Salt Banks campground are closed.

CIBECUE FALLS ACCESS PERMIT: - Day Use Only

A Cibecue Falls Access Permit is required for all Individuals, Adults and Children, wanting access to the Cibecue Falls Area for hiking & sightseeing (no camping at or along Cibecue Creek, swimming, and fishing permitted).

- All permits are good from 12:00 am to 12:00 am.
- Cibecue Falls Access Permit (1 year old and older) has been changed to \$45.00 per person/per day.

CIBECUE FALLS DEFINITION/REGULATIONS:

A "Cibecue Falls Access permit" covers all authorized recreational activities in the Cibecue Falls Area, as well as the Salt & Black Rivers.

- A "Cibecue Falls Access permit" is also valid for use at other general recreation areas on the Reservation for all general recreational activities authorized in those subject areas (fishing, camping, hiking, sightseeing, etc.).

SPECIAL PERMIT FISHING WATERS; PERMITS REQUIRED FOR ALL PERSONS (INCLUDING TRIBAL MEMBERS):

CHRISTMAS TREE LAKE - BY RESERVATION ONLY (Daily from May to September - **refer to page 10 for lake regulations**). Reservations may be made by calling the Whiteriver Game & Fish Office at (928) 338-4385.

CYCLONE LAKE - For more information call the Whiteriver Game & Fish Office at (928) 338-4385 - **See pages 17-18.**

HURRICANE LAKE - For more information call the Whiteriver Game & Fish Office at (928)338-4385 - **See pages 17-18.**

FISH CAMP PROGRAM

This program is an exclusive fully outfitted fisherman's dream. Christmas Tree Lake is managed for Trophy Apache Trout found ONLY in Arizona's White Mountains. The camp is held before the lake is officially opened to the public each year. Camp packages include fishing licenses, lodging, all meals and boats. **RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE BY CALLING 928-338-4385 EXT 229** Note: Weekends require both Saturday and Sunday bookings. Call the Whiteriver office for schedule availability, dates and prices.

FOOD: Includes dinner the night before and breakfast, lunch and dinner the day of fishing.

LODGING: Includes lodging the night before your reserved fishing date in heated wall tents.

FISHING: Christmas Tree Lake is primed for Fish Camp with Brood Stock from local hatcheries. Boats and Electric motors are provided to clients

BAG LIMIT/POSSESSION LIMIT

- Apache Trout are Catch-and-Release only, all Apache trout caught must be released immediately; Limit is up to five (5) Brown Trout, with a total of five (5) fish in the aggregate. Anglers may not use bait or treble hooks, barbless hooks only.

RENT-A-LAKE PROGRAM

RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE BY CALLING THE WHITERIVER GAME & FISH OFFICE AT (928) 338-4385.

THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT CANNOT NEGOTIATE ANY PRICES THAT ARE SET BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS MANDATED BY THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.

RENT-A-LAKES:

- **Cyclone Lake** is a 37 acre lake (elev. 8300ft.) just 10 minutes from Hawley Lake and an hour from Pinetop. Maximum occupancy 300 people per day; \$400.00 per day.
- **Hurricane Lake** is a 19 acre lake (elev. 9000 ft.) 15 minutes from Reservation Lake and less than two hours from Pinetop. Maximum Occupancy is 50 people per Day; \$300.00 per Day. Amenities (see below) does not include port-a-jons.

Rent-A-Lake Accommodations: Exclusive use of the lake for the reserved period of time. Use of the lake campground and all amenities come at no extra cost, the Department ensures the group is not disturbed. Amenities are defined as; port-a-jons (Cyclone Lake ONLY), firewood, and non-potable water. Amenities do not include the \$5.00 daily fishing access fee per person.

Rent-A-Lake Regulations: Rental includes use from sunrise to sundown on rented days. Reservations are required and are taken on a first-come first-served basis. Rent-A-Lake access permits are valid for fishing at any other general fishing areas on the Reservation (excludes Closed Areas and Special Fishing Waters). Each person (ages 1 and up) entering the area must purchase a \$5.00 per day Rent-A-Lake per person permit. The Bag Limit/Possession Limit for both lakes is two per day. Artificial flies and lures only at Hurricane Lake, no treble hooks and no bait allowed."

Rent-A-Lake Reservations: Both Rent-A-Lake locations (Cyclone and Hurricane) rental season runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends. So you and your family have enough time to get away from it all. The Rent-A-Lake program has instituted a weekend reservation policy for both lakes; there is a three-day minimum rental for weekends (Friday, Saturday and

Sunday). Weekdays are available on a daily basis Monday through Thursdays. All parties are to establish a primary point of contact. The Cyclone Lake rental fee is \$400.00 per day and the Hurricane Lake rental fee is \$300.00 per day. **There is an individual access permit of \$5.00 per day per person for each day of lake rental (applies to all persons 1 year or older) for the duration of their party's reservation regardless of the individual's stay.** All Individuals (including Tribal members) are responsible for paying the \$5.00 Daily Fishing Access fee. FOR DETAILS CALL THE WHITERIVER GAME & FISH OFFICE AT (928) 338-4385. Rent-A-Lake rental fees and Access Permit fees must be paid-in-full prior to arrival.

Rent-A-Campground (Hawley Lake): We also have an exclusive Rent-A-Campground program. The campground is located at our famous Hawley Lake. The rental fee for the campground is \$200.00 per day, FOR DETAILS CALL THE WHITERIVER GAME & FISH OFFICE AT (928) 338-4385.

CAMPING

KEY CAMPING REGULATIONS:

It is the camper's responsibility to leave campsites clean when vacated and to place all trash and debris in proper containers. It is illegal to; bury or burn trash, to deposit trash/sewage into streams or lakes and to deposit sewage into port-a-jons or trash receptacles.

- Camping is restricted to designated sites (except for primitive areas) and must not encroach beyond these sites.
- All campfires must be of reasonable and controllable size and campers must make sure all campfire coals are fully extinguished before leaving a campsite.
- Only dead and down wood may be collected for campsite fires. It is illegal to mutilate, chop, cut green trees or break branches from live green trees.
- Firewood is for campground use only. Transportation of any wood or plant parts off of the Reservation is prohibited.
- Pets must be leashed and controlled at all times; leashes may not exceed ten (10) feet in length.

- Please respect the comfort of other campers. Keep music and other audible activities at a reasonable volume during reasonable time periods; 9 PM to 7 AM.
- **Firearms, BB/pellet or paintball guns, slingshots, bows/arrows, and their use, are strictly prohibited Reservation-wide.**
- Discharging fireworks anywhere on the Reservation, including campgrounds, is strictly prohibited
- Campers are limited to 1 table per campsite based upon availability.
- It is unlawful to insert nails or other hardware into trees and to erect any type of permanent structure in campgrounds.
- Dumping of grey water and sewage is allowed in designated and approved septic holding facilities ONLY. ANY dumping of grey/black water in any other area, including public toilet facilities, such as port-a-jons, is strictly prohibited.
- **Possession of firearms is strictly prohibited.**
- Campsites are not to be set up any closer than 75 feet from the water's edge.
- The construction of fire-rings outside of designated camping areas is prohibited.
- Campers must possess a camping permit while collecting firewood.
- **No flagging-off or erecting any type barrier to reserve a campsite, camping on the Reservation is first-come, first-served.**
- Camping trailers and other equipment left unoccupied and unlicensed could be towed, permit must be kept up-to-date.
- The White Mountain Apache Tribe and the White Mountain Apache Game & Fish Dept. and impound are not responsible for damages to camping trailers and other equipment left in the campgrounds.
- Harassment of other campers or recreationists is prohibited.
- Port-a-jons are not to be moved and tampered with.
- Campers can hire outside port-a-jon vendors, but are responsible for services such as restocking supplies and pumping waste tanks.

KEY SAFETY TIPS:

When you camp, fish or engage in other outdoor recreational activities on the Reservation you acknowledge that you may encounter wildlife, as you have entered their habitat.

- Take all necessary precautions to minimize a negative encounter with wildlife and livestock.
- Store food in a secure location.
- Dispose of all trash properly.
- Maintain close supervision of children and pets at all times.
- **Do not feed wildlife or livestock or you will be cited.**
- Do not chase, attempt to capture or provoke any wildlife at any time or you will be cited (wildlife harassment).
- Stay away from bear traps; do not approach, and attempt to look into or stick anything into bear traps.
- **Primitive areas: The Black and Salt River areas and some sections of the White River have the lowest priority for hazardous/nuisance wildlife mitigation.**

PERMITS:

Camping permits are required for all vehicles. People who intend to camp with others that are already camping must purchase a camping permit for their own vehicle.

- A valid Reservation Camping Permit is required for each vehicle transporting people to a campsite. RV's towing an (one) unoccupied vehicle, are viewed as a single vehicle.
- People who bike, hike or ride a bus onto the Reservation are required to purchase a Daily Recreation permit. A bus is defined as any vehicle carrying more than 9 people.
- Reservation Camping Permits are not required for holders of valid Reservation River Rafting; Black/Salt River Special Use or Rent-A-Lake permits (refer to related sections for specific regulations).
- Reservation camping permits are NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE.
- Primitive camping requires the same special use permits as camping in designated areas. Primitive camping areas are also open for fishing, hunting, and other outdoor recreation activities to holders of the appropriate/valid Reservation permits. Camp fires restricted to campsites.

DESIGNATED CAMPING AREAS (See Map):

General camping on the Reservation is "first-come-first-served" and does not require reservations. Most campgrounds typically have vacancies except during the peak July 4th and Memorial Day weekends. Sunrise, Reservation, A-1, Pacheta, and Drift Fence campgrounds are rarely full even on holiday weekends. Designated campgrounds are located at several stream and lake sites throughout the Reservation (**see website**), with all designated campgrounds receiving service between Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day Weekend. **Campers may continue to use campgrounds in the off-season, but are required to pack out all trash and waste.**

DESIGNATED CAMPGROUND RULES & REGULATIONS:

- Camping is restricted to established camping sites only in DESIGNATED CAMPING AREAS. It is illegal to encroach beyond designated campsites. Designated campsites may contain one or more of the following:
 - picnic tables
 - toilet facilities
 - fire-ring (no fire-rings outside camping areas)
 - trash services
- Designated Campgrounds are for the use of valid permit holders only.
- No flagging off or erecting any type of barrier to reserve a campsite.
- No services are available prior to Memorial Day Weekend and after Labor Day Weekend.

PRIMITIVE AREA CAMPING:

Some of the more remote areas of the Reservation provide more secluded & primitive camping. PRIMITIVE AREA CAMPING IS DEFINED AS THOSE REMOTE/SECLUDED AREAS (referred to on the map available on the website) WHERE TRASH AND TOILET SERVICES ARE NOT PROVIDED. Accordingly, CAMPERS ARE REQUIRED TO PACK IN/PACK OUT ALL CAMPING AND FISHING REFUSE AND DEBRIS, including trash and human waste. Primitive Areas include:

- **BLACK RIVER and SALT RIVER**, (entire stretch) from the eastern boundary of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to the western Reservation boundary-Special Use permits required.
- **BONITO PRAIRIE STOCK TANKS**. Fishing for catfish, bass and sunfish.
- **BIG BONITO CREEK**, 1/4 mile downstream of route Y-55 to the Black River Confluence (Special Use permit required for Black River access).

PRIMITIVE AREA CAMPING RULES & REGULATIONS:

- Trash/toilet services are not provided at Primitive camping areas and campsites that are not designated.
- Primitive campers are required to pack-out all refuse including trash and human waste.
 - Anyone spending the night in a Primitive Area other than the Black and Salt River Special Use Area is required to purchase a Reservation Camping Permit.

BOAT/WATERCRAFT REGULATIONS & PERMITS

DEFINITIONS:

All watercraft operated on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, except those used for white-water rafting (**see pages 22-23**) require a valid Reservation Watercraft Permit. For the purpose of fishing only, "watercraft" shall include non-motorized inflatable rafts/tubes designed for single person use.

REGULATIONS:

- Personal Flotation Devices ("PFDs") are required for all watercraft operators and passengers of rafts and float tubes, while on any Reservation waters.
- Motorized and or non-motorized rafts and/or float tubes require boat permits.

- With the exception of Sunrise Lake, watercraft are restricted to the use of a single electronic motor only.
- Gasoline motors of 10 h.p. or less may be operated on Sunrise Lake only. Gas operated motors are otherwise prohibited except for official/emergency purposes and personnel.
- Sunrise Lake gasoline motor users are required to have an operable fire extinguisher onboard the watercraft.
- Watercraft launching is restricted to designated launching areas only.
- When fishing waters are listed as "electric motors only," gas motors may be attached to the boat, but use of the gas motor is prohibited.
- Towed and board water sports, activities atop water, are prohibited such as tubing, wake boarding, water skiing, body boarding, kits surfing, paddle boarding, skim boarding and windsurfing.
- No Recreational tubing is allowed on Reservation Waters.

PERMITS:

- Reservation watercraft users must have a valid Daily or Annual Watercraft Permit in their possession at all times, (including kayaks).
- Annual Watercraft Permits shall be valid only during the calendar year, January 1st to December 31st for which they are issued; and apply only to the watercraft to which they are issued.

WHITE WATER RAFTING REGULATIONS **- Salt River Canyon Only -**

OPEN/CLOSED AREAS:

- River rafting/running is restricted to the Salt River, downstream from the Salt River Canyon Bridge (Highway 60) to the western boundary of the Reservation **ONLY**. All other Reservation waters are closed to rafting.
- **The area between Salt River Draw and one mile downstream of Rock Canyon, between Salt River and north to the Salt River canyon rim, is closed to all non-tribal-member visitation (except for driving access on Route G1). Salt Banks is closed to all visitors (see pages 14-16).**

RAFTING SEASON:

- Rafting is conditional based on environmental conditions. Water flows are best during the peak spring runoff period (typically March through May), although optimum conditions will vary from year to year.

PERMITS:

- Equipped, non-commercial individuals floating the river who either enter or exit the river from the White Mountain Apache side of the Salt River must have a valid "Private River Running Permit". This includes individuals using rafts, kayaks, or boats.
- A Daily Rafting Permit is required for each person for each day they are rafting the White Mountain Apache section of the Salt River. All rafting trips going beyond the "Hoodoo" camp area (immediately upstream from the now-closed Salt Banks pullout) require a minimum 2-DAY rafting permit for each person, regardless of the trip's destination. Rafting trips originating from Gleason Flat require Daily Rafting Permits/person for each day spent on the White Mountain Apache section of the Salt River.
- Clients of licensed river-running outfitters must have individual "Commercial River Running Permits" provided to them from their outfitters.

CAMPING:

- Reservation River Rafting Permits include one (1) night camping in any campground within the Open Area for the date of the River Rafting Permit.

REGULATIONS:

- Individuals purchasing a rafting permit acknowledge that this activity is inherently dangerous and agrees to proceed at their own risk prior to putting into the river. Permittees holding multiple-day rafting permits are required to possess fire-pans, trash containers/bags and human-waste disposal containers -NO EXCEPTIONS.
- All permittees must pack out all trash, campfire ashes and human waste. It is unlawful to bury or burn trash
- **River rafting, canoeing or kayaking on any other Reservation water way is absolutely prohibited.**

MANDATORY RAFTING EQUIPMENT (minimum):

The following equipment items are required for each raft/boat as a condition to entering the Salt River for rafting.

- Professional whitewater quality boats (no "rubber duckies", open canoes, river boards, or rescue boards, etc.)
- Minimum of one (1) Personal Flotation Device for each passenger, together with one (1) spare paddle and one (1) throw rope.
- Fire-pans and personal human-waste disposal containers for those spending the night anywhere along the Salt River (parties holding multiple-day permits). All campfires must be contained within fire-pans and all human-waste (and trash) must be packed out by permittees.

GENERAL RECREATION REGULATIONS

Reservation Outdoor Recreation Permits are available for other miscellaneous outdoor activities. The following list of outdoor activities are allowed in open areas as long as each vehicle/person has a valid Tribal permit of any type (Outdoor Recreation, Fishing, and Camping). Black/Salt River Recreation access requires Special Use Permits.

Hiking, Picnicking:

- **OPEN AREAS:** Hiking is allowed from designated campgrounds and along perennial streams or lakes. All areas are open to picnicking, except the Mount Baldy Wilderness area and areas otherwise posted as "Closed", (which are also closed to hiking), **see pages 13-14 for Closed Areas.**

Bicycling (non-motorized only), Open Areas:

ALL BICYCLING IS CLOSED DURING HUNTING SEASON (see applicable Hunting Regulations).

- **PARADISE CREEK/PARADISE PARK AREA:** This area is located south of Horseshoe Lake, and is bound by Route 78 on the south and the North Fork of the White River on the north.
- **HAWLEY LAKE** between Hwy. 473 and R27 and R76 between Hwy. 473 and R27.
- **SALT RIVER** on route G1 (requires special use permit).
- **SUNRISE SKI PARK:** Various biking trails and competitive mountain courses are available during summer months. Contact Sunrise Ski Resort for details (928) 735-7669.
- **DESIGNATED CAMPGROUNDS:** Biking is allowed in and around established campgrounds on existing roadways and/or designated trails only.
- Bicycling is allowed on state maintained highways at your own risk.

Horseback Riding:

- Horseback riding on the Reservation is restricted to facilities or activities designated for such purposes, such as; outfitted trail rides, Tribal sanctioned rodeos, etc.

Sightseeing/Driving Open Areas:

- Reservation roads are open to vehicles except those areas that are posted as Restricted Area or are in restricted areas including the Mount Baldy Wilderness Area.

PACHETA FALLS REGULATIONS - Day use Only:

- A Pacheta Falls Access Permit is required for all individuals, adults and children, wanting access to the Pacheta Falls area for hiking and sightseeing (camping, swimming, and fishing is prohibited).
- The Pacheta Falls Access Permit (1 year old and older) is \$45.00 per person per day.
- A "Pacheta Falls Access Permit" grants you fishing access on general waters (i.e. Reservation Lake, Drift Fence Lake and Pacheta Lake).
- Salt River 60 to 388 Special Use Permit required.
- Special Use Permits are required for Salt River G1 to trail from 60 to 288 western Reservation Boundary.

WINTER ACTIVITIES (Adjacent to Sunrise Park Resort)

PERMITS:

- Individual Outdoor Recreation permits are required for each of the following winter recreation activities: Snow Sledding, Tubing, Snowmobiling and Cross Country Skiing.

OPEN AREAS:

- SUNRISE WINTER-USE AREA: Defined as the area in the northeast portion of the Reservation that is bounded by SR 273 to the south and the Reservation boundary fence on the east.
- Snowmobiles are not allowed on the lake.

There are annual recreational activity restrictions implemented during the Trophy Elk Hunt; September to October, Call the Whiteriver Office for exact dates:

Christmas Tree Lake, Black River Crossing, Tick Flats, George's Butte, Military Crossing, Bonito Creek, Hoot Owl, Grass Flats, White Crossing, Ten of Diamonds, Pacheta Falls, and Rattlesnake Point are all closed to access during the Trophy Elk Hunt.

- During these restrictions unpaved roads of the Reservation are open for travel to recreational areas between the hours of 9 AM and 3 PM daily.
- During these restrictions unpaved roads of the Reservation are closed to travel from 3 PM to 9 AM daily.
- These include but are not limited to the following roads: Hawley Lake to East Fork Community, Reservation Lake to the Whiteriver communities, Ditch Camp to McCoy's Bridge, Iron Mine to Cibecue community, and White Springs to the Cibecue community.

The harassment of wildlife is prohibited at all times, which means;

- No parking along state highways or paved/unpaved roadways to view, photograph, video record, spotlight, or call wildlife.
- No walking/hiking away from lakes, streams or campgrounds to view, photograph, video record, spotlight or call wildlife.
- No traveling unpaved roads (joy-riding) to view, photograph, video record spotlight or call wildlife.

Campers may collect firewood between the hours of 9 AM and 3 PM only. Possession of any game taking device or firearm is prohibited regardless of the possession of a CCW permit.

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General Predator Safety Tips:

Camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreational activities, place you in wildlife and predator habitat. The following general safety tips can be used if you encounter a predator in the wild:

Remain calm; slowly back away; do not run away.

Avoid direct eye contact.

Do not turn your back on the predator.

Keep children close to adults at all times.

Stand tall, raise and wave your arms and spread a jacket or shirt overhead to look larger.

Make a loud noise, throw rocks, sticks or other objects to discourage the animal.

Do not try to break up a fight between a predator and any other animal.

Do not corner a predator; always leave it a clear exit route.

Do not come between or harass a mother animal with young; do not pick up or move young animals even if they appear to be abandoned.

Never feed any predators and store camp food out of reach.

Do not touch injured or sickly animals.

Stay away from Bear Traps, do not approach, and attempt to look into or stick anything into a bear trap.

Please report any hazardous/nuisance wildlife encounters to the WMAT Game & Fish Dispatch office (928) 338-1023/1025 or to outdoors@wmat.us or gamerangers@wmat.us.

LITTER STINKS!

"STEAMIN' JOE" CRAWDAD SAYS:

Please exercise respect for the land by properly disposing of all trash. Thanks!

Did you know...?

• I'm NOT native to Arizona waters?

I can destroy sport-fishing opportunities and native fish populations by consuming natural vegetation and other small living organisms that these fish depend upon for survival.

• Best of all...I'm pretty tasty when boiled? (My white tail and claw meat is comparable in taste to lobster and crab. Millions of Cajuns can't be wrong!)

Do your part to help control crayfish in our waters:

• With a Reservation fishing permit, you can catch as many as you can using a line and bait (hot dogs and other meats work great), a dip net, or approved traps.

• You can catch UNLIMITED numbers of crayfish every day of the year, at any time of day (using legal methods only). Crayfish tend to be most active in summer months during evening & nighttime hours, but can be caught during the day, too.

• DON'T TRANSPORT ANY LIVE CRAYFISH away from the site where captured. You'll be breaking both Tribal and State regulations if you transport these critters live! (You can transport unlimited numbers of DEAD crayfish home. The carcass should be treated like raw seafood and kept cold and clean).

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO TRANSPORT ANY fish, crayfish, frog, turtle, aquatic plant or other wildlife into waters of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (except fish released to the same body of water from which they were caught - catch & release).

Be Prepared Before You Go!

Plan ahead and provide someone with an itinerary of your trip.

Make sure you dress adequately. Weather can change.

Bring food and plenty of water.

Carry tools and extra fuel for your vehicle and make sure your spare tire is in good condition. Take along a first aid kit.

FIRE INFORMATION ON THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION:

Fire Restrictions help reduce fire risk and prevent wildfires during periods of high or extreme fire danger. The following are fire restrictions for the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, Additional elements may be added as conditions dictate.

Stage I Restrictions

Stage I Restrictions are enforced year round on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. The first stage imposes relatively minor Restrictions aimed at preventing the start of wildfires based on human activities that are known to be high risk, specifically camping and smoking. The following acts are prohibited year round:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using fire, campfire or charcoal burning device is prohibited in unimproved campgrounds.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of flammable materials.
3. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flames or except in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in radius with chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with minimum rating of at least 2A
4. Fireworks are illegal on the Reservation.
5. All motorized travel shall be restricted to developed roads.

Exemptions:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Any Tribal, Federal, or member of an organized rescue or firefighter force in the performance of an official duty.

Stage II Restrictions

Stage II Restrictions intensifies the restrictions will affect forest users and will have economic impacts to the Tribe, contractors, and others. Therefore, the decision to move to Stage II will involve a risk/benefit assessment, as well as consideration of economic and social impacts.

The following acts are prohibited:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using fire, campfire or charcoal-burning device is prohibited including debris burning, except for fires that are related to traditional ceremonies, religious events, wakes, and residential cooking fires and tailgate cooking fires.
2. Using propane campfire or fire pit devices.
3. Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreational area, site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
4. Using an explosive requiring fuse type blasting caps.
5. Fireworks are always prohibited.
6. All motorized travel shall be restricted to developed roads Industrial Fire Restrictions will also be implemented. Refer to industrial Fire Restriction Guidelines for operating a chainsaw and equipment in forested areas.

Exemptions:

1. **Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.**

2. **Any Tribal, Federal, or member of an organized rescue firefighter force in the performance of an official duty.**

Stage II Modified Restrictions

All restrictions will remain in place just as the Stage II Restrictions above with the following exception: The following acts are prohibited:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using fire, campfire or charcoal-burning device is prohibited during the hours of 7:00 am to 7:00 p.m. except for fires that are related to traditional ceremonies, religious events, wakes, and residential/tailgate cooking fires. On Red Flag days, campfires will not be allowed during those designated times of red flag conditions.

Temporary Closures (Stage III)

Temporary Closures of an area is implemented through an Executive Order by the Chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. This stage is selected when there are very high risks and the ability to manage those risks using Stage I or II restrictions is no longer viable. The social, economic, and political impacts of implementing a closure at this point are outweighed by the benefits associated with virtually eliminating the potential for human-caused fire starts. The area is closed to all entry other than as follows:

- Tribal or Federal Personnel that is in the performance of an official duty. This may include such persons as Livestock Associations when entry is needed to gather, move or otherwise manage their livestock, special-use authorization holders when access is needed to maintain emergency or other communications operations, and others.

Red Flag Events

A "Red Flag Event" by description, is a combination of environmental factors that by negative influence, can lead to extreme wildland fire behavior with potential for unmanageable results. A collaborative decision between Federal and State land managers and the National Weather Service usually dictate when these conditions arise. When a Red Flag Event is initiated, the Public Information Officer will disseminate information.

When a Red Flag Alert is issued, the following will apply:

1. Industrial contractors within the boundaries of the Reservation are subject to shut down operations for short periods during such alerts.
2. Camp fires and debris burning will not be permitted.
3. No smoking outside of buildings or vehicles will be permitted.
4. **Propane campfires or fire pits will not be permitted.**

Violations of Fire Restrictions

Any person or persons violating the fire restrictions are in violation of Tribal and Federal Laws. A person can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages if a fire is caused due to the Violation of fire restrictions.

For up to date information on Fire Restrictions you may call **Fire Management at (928) 338-5425** or visit the BIA Forestry & Wildland Fire Management-Fort Apache Agency Facebook page.