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Pinal County and SFMD to Restrict Open Burning Starting May 1

The Superstition Fire & Medical District will be enforcing **No Open Burning** restrictions beginning May 1st, 2016. Starting on that date, Pinal County will suspend issuing any new burn permits based on the extreme conditions that we are expecting again this year, and in conjunction with Arizona law that affects this issue.

Arizona Revised Statue 49-501.A (revised in the fall of 2007) reads as follows. ***"From May 1 through September 30 each year, it is unlawful for any person to ignite, cause to be ignited, permit to be ignited or suffer, allow or maintain any open outdoor fire in area 'A' as defined in section 49-541."*** Area 'A' includes anything west of Florence Junction and north of Arizona Farms Road, and continues on over into Maricopa County including all of the Superstition Fire & Medical District jurisdiction.

This is NOT a Pinal County or SFMD mandate, but rather an Arizona State Legislative mandate.

These restrictions will remain in place until October 1st, 2016, when it is anticipated sufficient rain will have fallen to mitigate the hazardous fire conditions.

Outdoor cooking fires utilizing charcoal or propane grills with tight fitting lids will still be allowed during this time period, however, extreme care should be taken while using these appliances.

These restrictions apply to all City and County areas within the Fire District boundaries. Any questions or concerns regarding this issue should be directed to the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Superstition Fire & Medical District at (480) 982-1299.

To find out more about summer fire restrictions, visit our web site at www.sfmd.az.gov