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## Village of Taos Ski Valley Urges Residents and Visitors to Exercise Extreme Fire Caution Amid Elevated Wildfire Risk

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**TAOS SKI VALLEY, NM** – As wildfire danger continues to intensify across Northern New Mexico, the Village of Taos Ski Valley is urging all residents, visitors, outdoor recreators, and community members to exercise extreme caution and do their part to reduce the risk of wildfire ignition.

With dry conditions persisting across the region and active wildfire incidents in several parts of New Mexico, including recent fire activity in the Jemez Mountains, fire officials and local governments across the state are asking the public to recognize that conditions remain highly susceptible to dangerous wildfire activity.

In response to these conditions, the Village Council has approved a **temporary 60-day prohibition on the sale, possession, and use of fireworks within Village limits** as a proactive measure to reduce preventable ignition risks.

At the same time, the surrounding Carson National Forest has implemented **Stage 2 Fire Restrictions**, placing strict limitations on activities that could unintentionally spark a wildfire on nearby public lands.

The Village is reminding everyone spending time in the mountains this summer that wildfire prevention depends on individual responsibility and heightened awareness.

Visitors and recreators are strongly encouraged to:

- Respect all local and federal fire restrictions
- Avoid any activity that could create sparks or open flame
- Never use fireworks or other incendiary devices
- Exercise caution when operating vehicles, trailers, generators, or outdoor equipment
- Properly dispose of cigarettes and smoking materials
- Stay on designated roads and recreation areas
- Immediately report smoke, unattended fires, or suspicious fire activity to emergency services

“We welcome residents and visitors to enjoy everything Taos Ski Valley has to offer this summer, but we ask everyone to understand that current conditions demand an extra level of caution,” Henri Hammond-Paul, Village Administrator said.

Even a single spark can have devastating consequences for homes, businesses, forests, wildlife habitat, infrastructure, and first responders.

The Village asks everyone enjoying the outdoors this summer to remain vigilant, respect restrictions in place, and help ensure that one preventable mistake does not become the next major wildfire.

Additional information regarding current federal fire restrictions can be found at the [Carson National Forest website](#).

**Protect our forests. Protect our community. Help prevent wildfire.**