



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-028**

### **DECLARING A DROUGHT AND SEVERE FIRE CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND URGING MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER FIREWORK BANS UNDER THE FIREWORKS LICENSING AND SAFETY ACT**

**WHEREAS**, in recent weeks, fire danger has increased throughout the State due to warmer temperatures, lower humidity, high winds, and an abundance of dry, fine fuels;

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Drought Monitor, approximately 88% of New Mexico is experiencing severe drought conditions, while more than half the State is experiencing extreme to exceptional drought conditions;

**WHEREAS**, significant fire danger and prevailing drought conditions create the possibility for numerous natural disasters, including severe wildfires, flooding due to severe wildfires, and crop production loss;

**WHEREAS**, federal authorities enacted early measures to respond to increased fire danger in the State by issuing Stage I and Stage II fire restrictions on many federal lands in April and May of 2021;

**WHEREAS**, many tribal governments have also acted swiftly to impose fire restrictions on their lands, including the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Navajo Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, since May of 2021, several wildfires have been burning throughout the State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby **DECLARE** drought and severe fire conditions exist throughout New Mexico and **URGE** New Mexico's counties, municipalities, and local governments to consider implementing appropriate firework bans pursuant to the Fireworks Safety and Licensing Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 60-2C-1 to -11, as well as any other appropriate fire prevention measures that they may legally enact.

**I FURTHER ORDER and DIRECT** as follows:

1. This Order supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, or directives to the extent they are in conflict.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until renewed, modified, or rescinded.

ATTEST:

  
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 14TH DAY OF JUNE 2021

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

  
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR

