



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-022

DECLARING SEVERE DROUGHT AND FIRE CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE 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 93% of New Mexico is experiencing severe drought conditions, while more than 70% 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, the State is experiencing, or recently experienced, multiple large wildfires, including the Hermits Peak Fire, the McBride Fire, the Nogal Fire, the Calf Canyon Fire, the Cooks Peak Fire, and the Big Hole Fire;

WHEREAS, federal authorities have recently enacted early measures to respond to increased fire danger in the State by issuing Stage I and Stage II fire restrictions on federal lands; and

WHEREAS, tribal governments have also imposed fire restrictions on their lands.

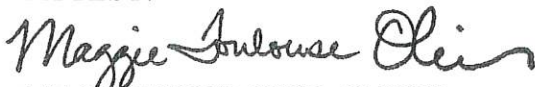
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico,

by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby **DECLARE** severe drought and 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 This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until renewed, modified, or rescinded.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 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2022

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



MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

