



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-060

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 55% of New Mexico is experiencing drought;

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, parts of New Mexico have an elevated wildfire risk; and

WHEREAS, the State is already experiencing wildfires, such as the Las Cocas fire in Mora County, the Sedillo and Rosedale fires in Socorro County, and the Las Tusas fire in San Miguel County, which burned multiple structures and nearly 1,000 acres, and prompted road closures and evacuations.

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 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 This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until renewed, modified, or rescinded.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

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 17TH DAY OF MAY 2023

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

