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To: All Santa Clara Pueblo Residents and Visitors
From: Governor James Naranjo
Date: April 30, 2025
RE: Area Wide Fire Restrictions – High Fire Danger

Effective Sunday May 4th, 2025 Fire Restrictions will go into effect. Due to “exceptional” drought conditions and the potential for fires to spread and grow quickly, we are advising all Santa Clara Pueblo residents and visitors to adhere to the Fire Restriction Ban until further notice. The restrictions help reduce the fire risk and prevent fires during periods of high or extreme fire danger.

The increase in Fire Restrictions are being recommended to protect public health and safety along the forest, Bosque, urban-interface, cultural resources and our housing areas.

The following acts are prohibited on all tribal lands and roads until further notice:

1. Smoking is restricted in woodlands and vegetated areas to within vehicles equipped with ash trays. If possible clear an area of approximately 5 ft. to bare soil and water down to fully extinguish ashes in outside areas.
2. Open burning is **prohibited**, including croplands, ditches, debris, branches or weeds.
3. Fireworks of all types are **banned** by Council resolution continues to be in effect along with fines.

Exemptions:

- a. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, charcoal grills, meeting manufactures safety specifications are allowed and,
- b. Traditional fires, such as outdoor ovens and outdoor cooking and pottery fires are allowed. However, they must be attended to at all times along with a garden hose or bucket of water. After every pottery firing make sure pottery firing materials such as manure and wood are put in a metal container and monitored that it doesn't relight.

Santa Clara Tribal Law Enforcement along with Conservation, Public Safety Aids and the Fire Department will be enforcing these restrictions. It is important that we all work together to avoid further damage to our natural resources. We are hopeful that these conditions will improve. Please contact 9-1-1 or our tribal dispatch to report any smoke.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Tribal Dispatch office at 692-6290 or 753-2903