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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED FOR THE TOWN OF PAYSON

Payson Arizona, July 1, 2015—For Immediate Release. Campfire and smoking restrictions on the Tonto National Forest and within the Town of Payson are now lifted, effective at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2015.

The fire restrictions, which covered the entire forest and the Town of Payson, are no longer needed because fire danger has been reduced by increased moisture and humidity from the annual monsoon season.

“Although campfires and smoking will now be allowed throughout the forest, please continue to do your part to prevent wildfires” said Acting Tonto National Forest Fire Staff Duane Tewa. “The use of fireworks, explosives and exploding targets are always prohibited on national forest lands. Make sure your campfire is completely out. If it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave. Check to see that safety chains are not dragging on the road. Following these simple tips could help prevent a spark, which could mean one less wildfire.”

For those Payson residents wishing to burn brush for fuels abatement the normal Town of Payson guidelines apply and a permit and inspection is required from the Town of Payson Fire Department. Please check out website at www.paysonfire.com or come in to Payson Fire Station 11 to fill out an application.

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For any further information, contact the Payson Fire Department at 928-474-5242 ext. 300. For information on restrictions in the Tonto National Forest please call their Toll-Free Hotline: 877-864-6985, or (602) 225-5200, or visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/tonto>.