





# Gila River Fire Department

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## MEMO NO. FDA 22-028

**TO:** Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor  
**FROM:** Kathy J Garcia, Fire Chief   
**THROUGH:** Suzanne Jones, Community Manager   
**CC:** Ryan Eberle, Acting Director DEQ  
Leander Realbird, Interim Fire Management Officer  
**DATE:** May 10, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Open Burning Permit Restrictions and Moratorium 2022

The Gila River Fire Department is recommending the implementation of a moratorium on the issuance of all burn permits within the Gila River Indian Community effective Monday, May 16, 2022. This decision is based on the expectant fire conditions throughout the region, within the Community and our history of moratoriums in the recent past. This request is also in conjunction with the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Pima Agency Fire Management Program.

The increased winds over the last few weeks have continued to lower the fuel moisture content, along with the fuel growth from the rains. These continue to elevate the observed and predicted fire danger index in the Gila River Community and the surrounding areas. Many parts of the low and central State of Arizona and the region have issued RED Flag Warnings, placing restrictions on open burning.

Attached is the official notice on Gila River Indian Community open burning restrictions. Included are the recommended restrictions on Fires and the moratorium on the issuance of open burn permits. The Moratorium will be in affect until further notice.

CONCUR       DO NOT CONCUR  
  
Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor      5/19/22  
Date

