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## **Reclamation Temporarily Bans Campfires at New Melones Lake and Lake Berryessa Recreation Areas**

**FOLSOM, Calif.** – Effective immediately, due to the current drought and high fire danger, the Bureau of Reclamation is banning campfires in all campgrounds and day use areas at Lake Berryessa and New Melones Lake. Cooking fires contained in designated site-provided barbecue grills are exempt from this ban.

Cooking fires must be contained in the stationary barbecues provided within the recreation areas. Use of any portable barbecues, cook stoves or other cooking devices is prohibited; however, propane barbecues are permitted. All burning material must be confined within the barbecue.

The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 43, Part 423.31, requires compliance with federal, state and local fire orders, restrictions or permit requirements.

This ban will remain in effect until there is a significant change in weather conditions or until Reclamation determines that area conditions may permit fires to be safely managed.

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