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IN REPLY REFER TO:

SPECIAL FIRE PREVENTION ORDER

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION LAHONTAN BASIN AREA OFFICE NEWLANDS PROJECT AREA

The following Stage 1 fire restrictions specified below are prohibited on the Reclamation lands within the AREA DESCRIBED in the Newlands Project, Lahontan Basin Area Office. The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

RESTRICTIONS:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire (using wood, charcoal, or any other material), campfire, or stove fire except a portable stove using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel outside of a developed fee campground or picnic area (except by permit).
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or when stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- Operating or parking a vehicle or other motorized equipment over or on top of dried/cured vegetation.
- Welding, metal grinding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame (except by permit).
- Use of tracer rounds (always prohibited), steel-core ammunition, or exploding targets, including Binary Explosive Targets while recreational shooting.
- Operating a motor vehicle or combustion engine equipment without a spark arrestor (43 CFR §420.11(b)).
- Possessing, discharging, using, or allowing the use of fireworks, pyrotechnic or incendiary devices (43 CFR §423.30(c)).
- Reclamation supports the Bureau of Land Management Fire Restrictions; therefore, the greater restriction is in effect.

EXEMPTIONS:

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

- Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
- Private landowners using charcoal (disposed of properly) or propane barbecues on their own lands.

- Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED: Pursuant to Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 423 and 429, this order applies to Reclamation-administered lands within the Newlands Project boundary administered by the Lahontan Basin Area Office in Churchill, Lyon, Storey, and Washoe counties. Lands excepted which are managed by other agencies include: the Lahontan State Recreation Area, Fallon National Wildlife Refuge, and Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge.

PURPOSE: This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to drying vegetation, increasing daytime temperatures, and threat of a wildfire.

IMPLEMENTATION: This Order will be effect when signed and shall remain in effect until October 31, 2025, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

Under section (1)(a) of Public Law 107-69, you are subject to a fine under chapter 227, subchapter C of title 18 United States Code (18 U.S.C. 3571) or can be imprisoned for not more than 6 months, or both, if you violate these restrictions.

Prepared in Carson City, Nevada, on July 9, 2025

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Exhibit A:
SPECIAL FIRE PREVENTION ORDER

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Newlands Project Area

