CROOKS FIRE PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE – SOUTHERN EXPANSION

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the area described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Bradshaw Ranger District, Prescott National Forest, Yavapai County, State of Arizona.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

3. Residents, owners and lessees of private property within the Restricted Area are allowed ingress and egress only to and from their properties, if consistent with local evacuation orders.

RESTRICTED AREA

The Restricted Area consists of all National Forest System lands, waters, roads, and trails within the boundary starting at the intersection of State Route 89 and the National Forest (NF) boundary, then proceeding in a general northeastern, then eastern, direction along the NF boundary for approximately 10 miles, then following the NF boundary south for approximately 6 miles, then following the NF boundary east for approximately 2 miles, then following the NF boundary south for approximately 6 miles, then following the NF boundary east for approximately 1 mile to the junction with County Road 177, then following County Road 177 southwest for
approximately 10 miles to the junction with National Forest System Road (FR) 52, then following FR 52 south for approximately 9 miles to the intersection with National Forest System Trail (FT) 362, then following FT 362 southwest for approximately 2 miles to the intersection with FT 213, then following FT 213 northwest for approximately 4 miles to the intersection with FR 9246A, then following FR 9246A northeast for approximately 1 mile to the intersection with FR 682B, then following FR 682B northwest for approximately 2 miles to the junction with FR 682, then following FR 682 west for approximately 1 mile to the NF boundary, then following the NF boundary north for 6 miles, then following the NF boundary west for 4 miles, then following the NF boundary north for approximately 6 miles, back to the point of beginning at the intersection of the NF boundary and State Route 89.

Note: State Route 89 remains open.

PURPOSE

To protect public health and safety due to firefighting operations and fire danger associated with the Crooks Fire on the Prescott National Forest.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on April 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until 6:00 p.m. on May 03, 2022, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of the Order map for the Prescott National Forest, navigate to https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/prescott/alerts-notices.

3. Any violation of the prohibitions in this Order is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than $5,000 for individuals and $10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (see 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581(b)(7)).

4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Bradshaw Ranger District Office located in Prescott, Arizona, telephone number 928-443-8000, and at the Prescott National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Chino Valley, telephone number 928-777-2200.

5. This Order supersedes Order 03-09-03-22-02, dated April 20, 2022.

Done at Prescott, AZ, this 27th day of April 2022.
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