

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONTON NATIONAL FOREST
PAYSON RANGER DISTRICT**

BIG CANYON FIRE PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this order, all within the Payson Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest, Arizona:

1. Going into or being upon the area described in the Order. 36 CFR 261.53 (e)
2. Being on the trail. 36 CFR 261.55 (a)
3. Being on a road. 36 CFR 261.54 (e)

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area, who are authorized to be in the restricted area by the US Forest Service, the State of Arizona, the County of Gila, its employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.

AREA DESCRIBED

The following restrictions are established within the specific areas of the Tonto National Forest, within portions of the following: Township 12N, Range 11E, Sections 22, 27, 34; Township 12N, Range 11 ½ E, Sections 23, 25, 26, 35, 36; Township 12N, Range 12E, Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33; Township 11N, Range 12E, Sections 5, 6; Township 11 ½ N, Range 11 ½ E, Sections 19, 20; Township 11 ½ N, Range 11E, Sections 24 in the State of Arizona, contained within the boundary lines described as follows and depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated in this order.

Beginning at the top of the rim and following the Myrtle Trail (#30) south one mile to the intersection of the Highline National Recreation Trail (#31); then following the Highline Trail east for approximately five miles to the Hatchery Trailhead; from the Hatchery Trailhead heading north following the Babe

Haught Trail (#143) for approximately two miles to the top of the rim; heading west from the top of the rim approximately six miles back to the intersection of the Myrtle Trail (#30).

PURPOSE

To provide for the public's health and safety during management activities associated with the Big Canyon Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Prohibitions contained in this order become effective immediately upon execution of the order and will remain in effect until October 31, 2012 unless terminated sooner.
2. A Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer will be assigned to the incident to assist in implementation of the Order and to serve as liaison with the Gila County Sheriff's Department.
3. This Order will be effected by appropriate signs and closure notices as required by 36 CFR 261.50.
4. Violations of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3571(b) (6), 18 USC 3581(b) (7)].

Dated this 15 day of October, 2012, at Phoenix, Arizona

/s/ Neil Bosworth _____

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Tonto National Forest