



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
TONGO NATIONAL FOREST
PLEASANT VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT**

JUNIPER FIRE PUBLIC SAFETY CLSOURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 C.F.R. 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this order, and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated as Exhibit A (the “closure area”), all within the Pleasant Valley and Tonto Basin Ranger Districts 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 US Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an 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, or the County of Gila, its employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.

RESTRICTED AREA:

All National Forest System Lands, roads, and trails to the east of State Highway 288 and to the west of Forest Road 203 (commonly referred to as the Cherry Creek Road) contained within the boundary lines as depicted on the attached map and hereby incorporated in this order. In addition, Forest Service Road 203 will be closed from the junction of Forest Road 203 and State Highway 288 intersection (at approximately milepost 195/board Tree Saddle) moving south to the junction of Forest Road 203 and the Ellison Ranch turnoff. State Highway 288 will remain open for the duration of this order except that it may be closed on short term basis if smoke/visibility and firefighting

activities next to and on the highway make periodical closures necessary (e.g. nighttime hours approximately 7 pm to 7 am).

PURPOSE:

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

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. USFS Law Enforcement Officers will assist in implementation of the Order and serve as Liaisons with Gila County and Arizona Game and Fish. USFS is coordinating with ADOT regarding traffic restrictions and closures. This order becomes effective at 12:00 pm (noon) on June 13, 2016 until July 31, 2016 unless terminated sooner. This order supersedes and rescinds order 12-16-275R dated May 29, 2016.
2. This Order will be effected by appropriate signs and closure notices as required by 36 CFR 261.50. Local electronic signboards and ADOT signboards will indicate closures as necessary.
3. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individual or \$10,000.00 for organizations or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b) (6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b) (7)].

Dated this 13th day of June 2016, at Phoenix, Arizona.

/s/ Neil Bosworth
Neil Bosworth
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Tonto National Forest