

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
GLOBE, TONTO BASIN AND MESA RANGER DISTRICTS**

Woodbury Fire Public Safety Closure Order

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands as, described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”), and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, all within the Tonto National Forest, within the 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 the provisions of this Order:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the Restricted Area, who are authorized to be in the Restricted Area by the US Forest Service, the state of Arizona, or the counties of Gila, Maricopa or Pinal, and their employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.
3. Residents using roads in the Restricted Area to the extent necessary to access their private property.

RESTRICTED AREA

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the boundary starting at National Forest System Road (NFSR) 357 and the Tonto National Forest (NF) boundary, then following north along the Tonto NF boundary for approximately 8 miles, just past the Superstition Wilderness Boundary, then following west for approximately 10 miles adjacent to state of Arizona Trust Lands to the Gold Canyon Town Limits, then following north for approximately 1 mile up to the Superstition Wilderness boundary, then following west for approximately 2 miles to the Apache Junction Town Limits, then following north for approximately 4 miles to the southern road edge of Arizona State

Highway 88, then following northeast along Highway 88 for approximately 9 miles to Tortilla Flats, then switching to the northern road edge continuing for approximately 6 miles to the NFSR 80, then following north along NFSR 80 for approximately 5 miles to Horse Mesa Dam, then following east along the centerline of the Salt River chain of lakes to Arizona State Highway 288, , then following southwest along the western edge of highway 288 for approximately 4 miles to Arizona State Highway 188, then south along the western edge of Highway 188 for approximately 9 miles to NFSR 141, then west along NFSR 141 (which is closed) to the private property boundary, circling the private property boundary counter clockwise back to NFSR141 and the forest boundary, then following south and east along the forest boundary for approximately 1 mile, then west for approximately 6 miles along the forest boundary with private and BLM lands, then south and east along the forest boundary for approximately 7 miles to the northern edge of United States Highway 60, then southwest along US 60 for approximately 5 miles to the Top of the World Town Limits, then following the northern boundary of the town limits and NF lands for approximately 2 miles back to northern edge of United States Highway 60, then following west for approximately 5 miles to the Superior Town Limits, then following north, then west, then south, following the Superior Town Limits for approximately 7 miles back to northern edge of United States Highway 60, then following Highway 60 southwest for approximately 7 miles to the Tonto NF boundary, then following north, then west, back to the starting point at the intersection of NFSR 357 and the Tonto NF boundary.

Note that the following roads remain open: US Highway 60 is open and State Highway 188 is open North of State Highway 88 and South of State Highway 288. State Highway 88 is only closed from Tortilla Flats to the Junction with State Highway 188.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect National Forest visitor health and safety and firefighter health and safety, by eliminating the potential for members of the general public to enter into the Woodbury Fire planning area while wildland fire suppression and emergency operations are taking place.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect at 12:00 p.m. on June 20, 2019, and shall remain in effect until August 31, 2019 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals or \$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 Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, Arizona, (602) 225-5200, or at Southwest Incident Management Team 2, Gold Canyon, Arizona, (505) 399-2439.
5. This Order supersedes any previous Order prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order, particularly Woodbury Fire Public Safety Closure Order Number: 03-12-00-19-353.

Dated this _____22_____ day of June, 2019, at Phoenix, Arizona.

Neil Bosworth
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Tonto National Forest