Sawtooth 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 Maricopa or Pinal, and their employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.

RESTRICTED AREA

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the boundary starting at National Forest Peralta TH (NFST 102) and the Tonto National Forest (NF) boundary, then following the Tonto National Forest boundary west for approximately 5 miles, then one mile north then west for 2 miles to the Broadway TH, then continuing north for 4 miles, then west approximately .10 miles to AZ state route 88 (SR 88), then continuing north along the east side of SR 88 for approximately 6 miles, continuing east along the southern side of SR88 for approximately 1.5 miles to the entrance of Boulder Recreation site, then following the west boundary of Boulder Recreation site south, to the end then east and north around the Recreation site back to SR 88, the east for approximately 6 miles to the Tortilla TH (NFSR 213) then southeast along NFSTR 213 for approximately 3 miles to NFST
106, then continuing southeast for approximately 4 miles to NFST 110, continuing along NFST 110 for approximately 1 mile, then south for approximately 2 miles to NFST 109, then continuing south for approximately 1 mile to Rogers Trough TH, then following NFSR 650 around Montana Mountain and south approximately for approximately 10 miles to NFSR 8, then southwest along NFSR 8 for 2 miles to NFSR 357, then west along NFSR 357 to the forest boundary, then continuing along the forest boundary north for approximately 8 miles, then west for approximately 4.5 miles to the Peralta TH.

Note SR 88 remains open to Fish Creek overlook (where AZDOT has it closed for unrepaired damaged roadway east of that.

**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 08:00 a.m. on June 01, 2020 and shall remain in effect until July 31, 2020 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 Mesa Ranger District Office, (480) 610-3300

Dated this 1st day of June, 2020, at Phoenix, Arizona.

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