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EMERGENCY FIRE CLOSURE

Public Lands in Gila County in the Vicinity of the Telegraph Fire
Bureau of Land Management
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The Telegraph Fire began on June 4, 2021, and the current fire perimeter reaches from west of the Arizona Trail and on to the San Carlos Apache Reservation to the east, straddling Route 177 and 77. The fire perimeter continues south between the Ray Mine and San Carlos Apache Reservation and includes lands administered by the Tonto National Forest, the Bureau of Land Management, including the White Canyon Wilderness, as well as State-administered lands and lands administered by the San Carlos Apache Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. There are also private and Arizona State Land Department lands.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8351.2-1 or 43 CFR 9212.2 (a) and effective at 10:00 p.m. June 19, 2021 until rescinded, given the dynamic and continued growth of the fire, public access is temporarily prohibited to public lands in Pinal and Gila Counties within the Telegraph Fire Operational Area as noted below. This Emergency Fire Closure incorporates and supersedes closures issued on June 6 and 14, 2021.

Closure applies to public lands within the area bounded as follows:

- West to Sandman Road, including a portion of Cottonwood Canyon Road,
- South to the Gila River and along State Route 177 Winkleman,
- East to the San Carlos Apache Reservation, and
- North to the junction of Highway 60 and State Route 188.

Temporary Prohibited Acts:
1. Entry to public lands by motorized use, pedestrian or equestrian use, and recreational use unless a specific exemption has been granted.
2. Entry to White Canyon Wilderness.

A violation of this closure is punishable by a fine of not more than $1,000.00 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both.

Exempted: Except in emergency conditions or permission by an agency authorized officer, there are no exceptions to this closure.

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