Order Number: <u>04-14-12-R</u>



ORDER SLIDE FIRE AND OAK CREK CANYON EMERGENCY CLOSURE COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551, and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Coconino National Forest, in Coconino in the state of Arizona. The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1. Public health or safety; 36 CFR § 261.53(e)
- 2. Being on the road; 36 CFR § 261.54(e)
- 3. Being on a trail; 36 CFR § 261.55(a)
- 4. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instruction; 36 CFR § 261.58(g)

EXEMPTIONS:

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

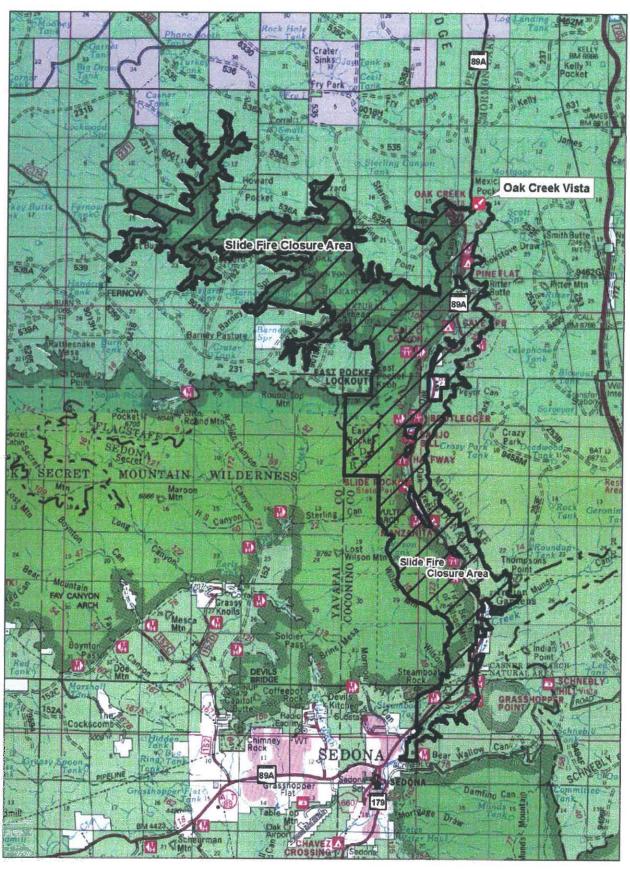
- 1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State, Local Officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIPTION:

The order applies to National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the following boundary. Beginning just south of Oak Creek Vista in the southwest corner of section 14, Township 19 North, Range 6 East, at the Flagstaff District Boundary; follow the Flagstaff District boundary east and south across Pumphouse Wash and then south approximately 7.5 miles to its intersection with the Thomas Point Trail; then follows the Thomas Point Trail south and westerly to its junction with private property in Section 27; then west along the private then south along private to Forest Road 9930; south along this road to private, then south along private to the southernmost private property in Section 34; then the boundary continues south approximately 2 miles along the 4,600' elevation line to a location at the midpoint of Section 8 T17N, R6E, then due south to Bear Wallow Canyon, then west to private boundary, then north and easterly along private boundary to the point where it crosses SR89A then due north to the boundary of the Red Rock Secret Mountain Wilderness east of Steamboat Rock formation; then follow the Wilderness Boundary to where Wilson Mountain Trail crosses, then follows the Wilson Mountain Trail north (the Trail is within the closure) approximately 2.5 miles to a location at the junction of Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20 near Vultee Arch. Then due north on section line to the northeast corner of Section 18 T18N, R5E. Following west to the boundary of Coconino and Yavapai Counties, due north to intersect with the boundary of the Red Rock Secret Mountain Wilderness then east and north along the Wilderness boundary to Section 15 T19N, R6E; and then directly east following the Flagstaff District boundary to just below Oak Creek Vista. This area, road and trail closure only affects National Forest Systems land and roads within the closure area on the Coconino National Forest. The closure does not affect private, state, county, or other Non-National Forest land within the closure boundary.

PURPOSE:

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to effects of the Slide Fire and the potential for flooding, debris flow and mud slides in Oak Creek Canyon.





IMPLEMENTATION:

- 1. This Order will be in effect on when signed and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2014 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
- 2. This Order rescinds, replaces and supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in that area addressed in Exhibit.

Done at Flagstaff, Arizona, this 16th day of September, 2014.

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Coconino National Forest

Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both; 16 USC § 551, and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.