

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST  
MOUNTAINAIR RANGER DISTRICT

OJO PEAK FIRE REHABILITATION AREA CLOSURE

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the Ojo Peak Fire Rehabilitation Area, as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A and B (the "Area Closure"), within the Mountainair Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, Tarrant County, New Mexico.

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Ojo Peak Fire Rehabilitation Area as shown on Exhibits A and B. 36 CFR 261.53(e)
2. Being on any National Forest System road within the Ojo Peak Fire Rehabilitation Area, as shown on Exhibits A and B. 36 CFR 261.54(e)
3. Being on any National Forest System trail within the Ojo Peak Fire Rehabilitation Area, as shown on Exhibits A and B. 36 CFR 261.55(a)

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order
2. Owners or lessees of private land within the Ojo Peak Fire Rehabilitation Area to the extent necessary to gain access to their land
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty

**AREA DESCRIBED**

The restricted area is described as: Beginning at the Cibola National Forest boundary (Forest boundary) in T5N R5E Sec.36, where Forest Road (FR) 253 enters from the east, and following FR 253 westerly to its terminus at the Red Canyon Trailhead in T5N R5E Sec.33; then continuing westerly along the Red Canyon Trail to where turns northwesterly in T5N R5E Sec.33; then due west to the Crest Trail in T5N R5E Sec.32; then southerly along the Crest Trail to its terminus at the intersection of the Ox Creek and Manzano Creek Trails in T5N R5E Sec.32; then southerly along the Manzano Creek Trail to the summit of Manzano Peak in T4N R5E Sec.8; then due west to the Tarrant County/Valencia County line, then south along that county boundary to the Forest boundary in T4N R5E Sec.18; then east along the Forest boundary to where the Forest boundary turns south-southwesterly in T4N R5E Sec.18; then south-southwesterly along the Forest boundary for approximately 0.75 miles in T4N R5E Sec.18; then due east to FR 422 at the Pine Shadow Trailhead in T4N R5E Sec.16; then northerly along FR 422 to the gate at or near Cottonwood Springs Trailhead in T4N R5E Sec.16; then northeasterly

to a point along the fire boundary that is the intersection of T4N R5E Sec.9,10,15,16; and then due east along the section line to the Forest boundary at a private in-holding known locally as "Thunderbird" in T4N R5E Sec.15,14; then continuing east along said section line to the Forest boundary near the "Hogg Ranch" at the intersection of T4N R5E Sec.12,13, and T4N R6E Sec.7,18; then following the Forest boundary in a northerly direction to the Point of Origin, excepting numerous small private and other in-holdings.

**National Forest System roads, trails, and associated trailheads affected by this closure order:**

- FR 422 from Red Canyon Campground to Pine Shadow Trailhead
- FR 275 from the Forest Boundary to FR 422
- FR 522 (shown as FR 552 on Exhibits A and B) from FR 275 to FR 253
- Cottonwood Trail and Trailhead
- Pine Shadow Trail and Trailhead
- Kayser Mill Trail and Trailhead
- Ox Canyon Trail and Trailhead

All non-National Forest System roads and trails within the Ojo Peak Fire Rehabilitation Area are included in this closure order.

The restricted area is shown on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A and B.

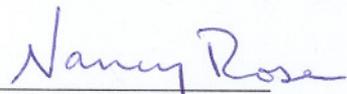
**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect resources and to provide for public health and safety.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be in effect January 2, 2009 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2009, whichever event occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581]
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by the Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2009



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