

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
SITGREAVES NATIONAL FOREST
BLACK MESA RANGER DISTRICT**

WEIMER/DURFEE FIRE PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area”) all within the Black Mesa Ranger District of the Apache and Sitgreaves National Forests, Coconino County, Arizona:

1. Going into or being upon the area. 36 CFR 261.53(e)
2. Being on the roads. 36 CFR 261.54(e)
3. Being on the trails. 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 authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area, who are authorized by the US Forest Service, the State of Arizona, or the County of Coconino, its employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.

AREA DESCRIBED

All National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the boundaries as depicted in Exhibit A, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the junction of Forest Road (FR) 504 and FR 9988, thence in a northerly direction to the constructed fire line, thence easterly to the intersection of the Durfee Fire with the Potato Fire, thence southerly crossing FR 504 and continuing south along the boundary with the Potato Fire to the intersection of FR 9537A, thence easterly to the intersection with FR 9522F to the junction with the dozer fire line, thence easterly across Wildcat Canyon and continuing to the intersection with FR 9521F, thence easterly to the intersection with FR 9521, thence northerly on FR 9521 to intersection with FR 170, thence southerly on FR 170 to the intersection with an unnamed drainage in section 11, thence westerly along the drainage to Chevelon Canyon, westerly across Chevelon

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Canyon to Forest Trail 103, thence southwesterly to the intersection of Forest Roads 119 and 180, thence northerly on FR 180 to Forest Trail 180, thence easterly along the trail to the east side of Chevelon Canyon, thence northerly along Chevelon Canyon Lake to the Dam, thence westerly along the dam to the west rim of Chevelon Canyon, thence northerly along the Canyon rim to the intersection with the APS 345 KV line, thence northeasterly along the powerline to the intersection with FR 504, thence easterly to the beginning.

Forest Road 504 is a major SE to NW access road on National Forest System lands and it will remain open.

The Area described contains all or portions of Township 12 North 14 East Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 17; Township 14North, Range 15 East, Sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 ; Township 13 North, Range 15 East, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31; Township 14North 14 East Southwest corner of section 36; Township 13 North 14 East Section 1, 2, 11,12,13,14, 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36. See Exhibit A for vicinity map of the affected area.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public's health and safety and to protect National Forest System lands, resources and facilities during the wildland fire management activities associated with the Durfee and Weimer Fires.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective at 0800 on September 1, 2009, and will remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2009 whichever occurs first.
2. A USFS LEO will be assigned to the incident to assist in implementation of the Order and to serve as liaison with Coconino County Sheriff's Department.
3. This Order will be effected by appropriate signs and closure notices as required by 36 CFR 261.50.
4. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3571(b) (6), 18 USC 3581(b) (7)].

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Dated this 1st day of September, 2009, at Springerville, Arizona.

/s/Chris Knopp
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Forest Supervisor