

United States Forest Service
Sitgreaves National Forest

TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOR
ROADS, TRAILS, AND NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION
Black Mesa and Lakeside Ranger Districts

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 depicted on the attached maps, Exhibits A and B, hereby incorporated into this Order, all within the Sitgreaves National Forest, Black Mesa and Lakeside Ranger Districts, Navajo County, Arizona:

1. Using a motor vehicle on National Forest System Roads. 36 CFR 261.54(a)
2. Using a motor vehicle on National Forest System Trails. 36 CFR 261.55(b)
3. Use of vehicles off National Forest System roads. 36 CFR 261.56

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. Owners or lessees of land in the area;
3. Residents in the area;
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. Over-snow vehicles, as defined at 36 CFR 212.1, are exempt from these prohibitions.

AREA DESCRIBED

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the Sitgreaves National Forest, Navajo County, Arizona, as depicted in Exhibits A and B, and more specifically described as:

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Portion of the Lakeside and Black Mesa Ranger Districts, just south of Arizona State Highway 260 to boundary of Fort Apache Indian Reservation. This area begins on the Lakeside Ranger District at the intersection of Forest Road 300 where it leaves Fort Apache Indian Reservation in the vicinity of Upper Forest Dale Canyon and continues westerly to Forest Road 512 on the Black Mesa Ranger District. This includes traveling on roads and off roads. The legal descriptions are as follows: T. 9 N., R., 22 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T.10 N., R. 22 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T.10 N., R. 21 E. Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 9 N., R. 21 E. Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 10 N., R. 20 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 11 N., R. 20 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 11 N., R. 19 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 10 N., R. 19 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 11 N., R. 18 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 10 N. R., 18 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; ; T. 12 N. R. 17 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 11 N., R. 17 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 10 N. R. 17 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 12 N., R. 16 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; ; T. 11 N., R. 16 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 10 N., R. 16 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 11 N., R. 15 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 11 N., R. 15 1/2 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260; T. 11 N., R. 14 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260 and east of Forest Road 512; T. 10 1/2 N., R. 15 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260 and east of Forest Road 512; T. 10 1/2 N., R. 14 E., Sections south of Arizona Highway 260 and east of Forest Road 512.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to mitigate imminent threat of damage to Forest roads, trails, soils, vegetation during the current period of extreme winter weather conditions. These prohibitions will also provide for enhanced public and emergency personnel health and safety by preventing the public from becoming stranded during dangerous winter conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective immediately upon execution of the Order, and will remain in effect until rescinded or until May 30, 2010, whichever occurs first.

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2. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective upon appropriate public notice and the posting of signs and barricades at reasonable points of ingress and egress to the area described.
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.
4. These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at 36 CFR 261, Subpart A.
5. 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 3559, 3571 and 3581].

Done this 9 day of March, 2010, at Springerville, Arizona.

/s/Chris Knopp
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