UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST
MT. TAYLOR RANGER DISTRICT

Y2K, STAWBERRY CANYON, MIKE’S RIPPIN’ AND A PORTION OF TAMPIO SPRINGS TRAILS
TEMPORARY AREA and TRAIL CLOSURES

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the trails and within the areas described in this Order (the “Restricted Areas”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Mt. Taylor Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, McKinley County, New Mexico.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Areas. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREAS AND TRAILS DESCRIBED

The Restricted Areas are within Township 13N, Range 16W, Sections 2, 4, 10, 11, 14, 15, and Township 14N, Range 16W, Section 33, as depicted in Exhibit A. Restricted Area No. 1 consists of all National Forest System lands starting at the intersection of NM-400 and FSRD 162, then following NM-400 to FSRD 191, then following FSRD 191 to FSRD 191C, then following 191C to the private boundary, going due north for approximately 2/3rd of a mile, then going due east approximately 2/3rd of a mile back to the point of beginning at NM-400. Restricted Area No. 2 consists of all National Forest System lands starting at 500 feet east of the intersection of FSRD 547 and FSRD 50, then following FSRD 50 to FSRD 402, then following FSRD 402 for approximately ¼ mile south, then heading due west for approximately 1 mile to
the Tampico Springs Trail, then heading north approximately 1 mile back to the point of beginning at FSRD 50.

The following National Forest System Trails within the Restricted Areas, as well as a 300 foot buffer on either side of each Trail are also closed to entry:

- The “Y2K Trail,” (Trail #02010) starting at its intersection with the Quaking Aspen Trail following to its terminus at the intersection with the Quaking Aspen Trail;

- The “Strawberry Canyon Trail,” (Trail #02001) starting at the trail entrance at McGaffey Lookout on National Forest System Road (NFSR) 156 until its terminus at the McGaffey Campground/Parking Area;

- The “Mike’s Rippin’ Trail,” starting at the trail entrance at McGaffey Lookout on NFSR 156 until its terminus at its entrance onto NM 400, and

- The “Tampico Springs Trail,” starting at the trail entrance at McGaffey Lookout on NFSR 156, following south for approximately 1/4 mile.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety due to mechanical thinning activities within the Restricted Areas.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on April 11, 2022, and shall remain in effect until September 1, 2022, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

2. A map identifying the Restricted Areas is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.

3. Any violation of the prohibitions in this Order is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than $5,000 for individuals and $10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (see 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581(b)(7)).

4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Mt. Taylor Ranger District located in Grants, New Mexico, telephone number (505) 287-8833, and at the Cibola National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico, telephone number (505) 346-3900.

5. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 6th day of April, 2022.
Assessment of Need (Justification) CRIS and Enforcement Plan

1. Background: This Order being prepared to protect trail users due to logging activity along the Tampico Springs, Mike’s Ripping’, Strawberry Canyon and Y2K Trails. At the entrance/exit points to the trails, the Order, along with signs stating “Trail Temporarily Closed due to hazardous conditions” will be posted. The special closure will allow for enforcement of the closure area. An Order is needed to cite persons unwilling to comply with this special order.

2. Intent of Subpart B order. This order is written to provide public safety before and during ***.

3. NEPA Compliance: The proposed action for the temporary closure of the described area under FSH 1909.15 Ch.31.12 (1), “Categories Established by the Chief; Categories for Which a Project or Case File and Decision Memo Are Not Required; Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261 - “prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety”. This action does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and therefore is categorically excluded from documentation in an EIS or EA. This documentation will serve as sufficient basis for the action to be taken, and for the record.

4. Enforcement Plan. The following activities will occur in order to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

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<td>Prepare proposed order</td>
<td>Yolynda Begay, District Ranger, Cibola National Forest, Mt. Taylor Ranger District</td>
<td>4/04/2022</td>
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<td>Review proposed order (Law Enforcement)</td>
<td>Milo Medina, Acting Patrol Captain, Southwest Region, USFS</td>
<td>4/05/2020</td>
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<td>Approve proposed order</td>
<td>Steve Hattenbach, Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands</td>
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<td>Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51</td>
<td>Volunteers, Forest Service FPOs, and all available staffs</td>
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<td>Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives/post to website/notify COIDC/copy to each receptionist/frontliners</td>
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<td>Notices will be used at access points advising of the closure for implementation.</td>
<td>Appropriate Staff, Forest Protection Officers, Cibola National Forest Employees &amp; Volunteers</td>
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Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

STEVEN HATTENBACH  
Date: 2022.04.06 08:56:55 06/00

STEVEN HATTENBACH, Forest Supervisor