UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
TONTO BASIN RANGER DISTRICT

Davis Wash Public Safety Closure Order

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the area and on the roads described in this Order (the “Restricted Area and Roads”), and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Tonto Basin Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Maricopa County, State of Arizona.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. Being on the roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

RESTRICTED AREA AND ROADS

The Restricted Area is within the Davis Wash Recreation Area, specifically, all National Forest System lands within the boundary beginning at the intersection of National Forest System Road (NFSR) 250 and State Route (SR) 88, then following west along the north side of SR 88 for approximately 0.35 miles (1,850 feet) to an unnamed wash near mile 231.5 of SR 88, then following north, maintaining approximately 200 feet west of the unnamed wash, to the southern shore of Apache Lake, then following in a northeasterly direction along the southern shore of Apache Lake to the eastern edge of Davis Wash, then following south along the east side of NFSR 250 and the eastern edge of Davis Wash, continuing to follow the eastern edge of Davis Wash until it intersects with SR 88, then following west along SR 88 back to the point of beginning at its intersection with NFSR 250, as depicted in Exhibit A.

NFSR 250 is closed from its intersection with SR 88, following north to its terminus, south of the
Apache Lake shoreline. NFSR 1471 is closed from its intersection with NFSR 250, following southwest approximately 0.13 miles to the west boundary of the Restricted Area, located at reference point 33° 35’ 33.598” N / -111° 13’ 23.154” W.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety from unsafe road and area conditions caused by flash flooding and the risk of further flash floods due to elevated run off from the Woodbury Fire burned area.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on April 01, 2022, and shall remain in effect until March 31, 2024, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

2. A Map identifying the Restricted Area and Roads is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of the Order maps for the Tonto National Forest, navigate to https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notices.

3. Any violation of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than $5,000 for individuals or $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 Tonto Basin Ranger District located in Roosevelt, AZ, telephone number (602) 225-5395, and at the Tonto National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Phoenix, AZ, telephone number (602) 225-5200.

6. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Phoenix, Arizona, this 23rd day of March, 2022.

Neil Bosworth
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Tonto National Forest