BEAR TRAP FIRE AREA CLOSURE, ROAD, and TRAIL CLOSURE

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 roads, trails, and within the area described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Magdalena Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, Socorro County, New Mexico.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).**
2. Being on the road. **36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).**
3. Being on the trail. **36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).**

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.
3. Landowners crossing National Forest System lands to access their private property.

RESTRICTED AREA & CLOSED ROADS AND TRAILS

The Restricted Area consists of all National Forest System (NFS) lands within the boundary beginning at the National Forest boundary where it intersects with NFS Road (FR) 549 and State Highway 52, then following the Forest boundary in a general south direction to where it intersects with FR 140 and County Road 33, then following FR 140 east to NFS Trail 90 (Post Canyon Trail), then following east along NFS Trails 90, 81 (Teepee Peak trail) and 86 (Cold Canyon trail) to FR 332, then following east along FR 332 to FR 974, then following FR 974 to FR 86, then following FR 86 east to the Forest boundary, then following the Forest boundary in a general northwest, then west, then south direction, back to the point of beginning at the intersection of the Forest boundary at FR 549 at State Highway 52.
The following NFS Roads that access the Restricted Area are closed to through traffic:

1) Forest Road 549 located at the North and South Forest Boundaries
2) Forest Road 476 at Forest Boundary
3) Forest Road 478 entire road
4) Forest Road 140 entire road
5) Forest Road 332 entire road
6) Forest Road 947 entire road
7) Forest Road 86 entire road
8) Forest Road 378 at Forest Boundary
9) Forest Road 330 at Forest Boundary
10) Forest Road 52 at Forest Boundary

The following NFS Trails are closed:

1. Trail 28
2. Trail 63
3. Trail 64
4. Trail 65
5. Trail 31
6. Trail 36
7. Trail 37
8. Trail 38
9. Trail 43
10. Trail 81
11. Trail 86
12. Trail 90
13. Trail 91
14. Trail 92
15. Trail 369

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public from wildfire and post wildfire hazards and provide for firefighter safety during wildland fire suppression and emergency operations on the Bear Trap Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., and shall remain in effect until September 1, 2022, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

2. A map identifying the Restricted Area and Road and Trail closures 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 $5,000.00 for individuals and $10,000.00 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 Cibola National Forest Supervisors Office, 2113 Osuna Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113, Phone # (505) 346-3900, or the Magdalena Ranger District, 203 1st St. P.O. Box 45, Magdalena NM 87825, Phone # (575) 854-2281.

5. This Order supersedes Order No. 03-0726.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico this 19th day of May, 2022.

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