

## U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Santa Fe National Forest Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District

# TEMPORARY AREA, ROAD, AND TRAIL CLOSURES FOR HERMITS PEAK AND CALF CANYON POST-FIRE IMPACTS

#### **PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails in the Pecos Ranger District and Las Vegas Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Areas/Roads/Trails"):

- 1. Going into or being upon the Described Areas. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
- 2. Using a motor vehicle on the Described Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a).
- 3. Being on the Described Trails. 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 Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
- 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 NFS lands in order to access their private property.

#### DESCRIBED AREAS/ROADS/TRAILS

- The Barillas Lookout area, more specifically described as all NFS lands within the boundary starting at National Forest System Road (FR) 83 at the coordinates 105°28'51"W 35°34'23"N, then following FR 83 in a northeasterly direction to its junction with FR 83Y, then following FR 83Y in a westerly direction to its junction with FR 83.
- FR 263, FR 263B, and FR 263C in their entirety, starting at the National Forest boundary, coordinates 105°24'54"W 35°41'57"N, then traveling in a northwesterly direction for

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approximately 8 miles, until their terminus.

- NFS Trail 251, the Skyline Trail, starting at its junction with FR 83 (coordinates 105°28'46"W 35°34'28"N), then traveling in a northerly direction for approximately 13 miles to its junction with FR 393.
- All NFS lands within the El Porvenir Developed Recreation Site, 35.42.32.09 N, -105.24'44.98 W, EV Long Developed Recreation Site, 35.41'53.73 N, -105.25.00.04 W, Baker Flat Developed Recreation Site, 35.000 N, -105.000 W, Oak Flat Develop Recreation Site 35.000 N, -105.000 W, Big Pines Develop Rec Site 35.000 N, -105.000 W, and Burro Basin Developed Recreation Site 35.000 N, -105.0000 W.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety from Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon post-fire conditions.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- 1. This Order shall be in effect from May 23, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. through December 31, 2023, at 12:00 a.m., unless rescinded.
- 2. A map identifying the Described Areas/Roads/Trails, is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/santafe/alerts-notices.">https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/santafe/alerts-notices.</a>
- 3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
- 4. A violation of the above prohibitions 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 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C.
  - § 3559, 3571, and 3581.
- Contact the Pecos Ranger District in Pecos, (505) 603-6121, or the Las Vegas Ranger District in Las Vegas, (505) 425-3534 and Santa Fe National Forest Supervisor's Office in Santa Fe, (505) 438-5300, for more information about this Order.
- 6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Areas/Roads/Trails.

Signed and issued on 23 day of May 2023.

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