

Order Number: # 03-06-04-22-008



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Gila National Forest
Glenwood Ranger District**

**REVISED WHITEWATER TRAIL #207.1 SEGMENT
TEMPORARY HEALTH AND SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER**

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 and trails in the Glenwood Ranger District, Gila National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area/Trails"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. 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 a 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.

DESCRIBED AREA/TRAILS

As depicted in the map at Exhibit A, the Described Area/Trails are within Township 11 South, Range 19 West, and consist of all NFS lands/trails within the Whitewater Creek drainage along a segment of the Whitewater Trail (#207.1). The Described Area/Trails begin at 0.12 miles upstream from the end of the suspended metal catwalk, extending to the top of the canyon ridges on both the north and south sides of Whitewater Creek, then continuing along the ridge tops east for approximately 0.71 miles, to the intersection of Whitewater Creek and Gold Dust Trail (#41).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety from potential hazards related to an unstable geologic formation, in addition to the rock scaling and geohazard mitigation work occurring in the Described Area/Trails.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from December 2nd, 2022, at 06:00 a.m., through May 25th, 2023, at 06:00 a.m., unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area/Trails is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/gila/alerts-notice> .
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.
5. Contact the Glenwood Ranger District in Glenwood, NM, 575-539-2481, and the Gila National Forest Supervisor's Office in Silver City, NM, 575-388-8201, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in/on the same Described Area/Trails.

Signed and issued on December 1st, 2022.

Forest Supervisor
Gila National Forest