



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
GILA NATIONAL FOREST
SILVER CITY RANGER DISTRICT**

**MOGOLLON BOX DAY USE AREA
PARTIAL TEMPORARY AREA AND ROAD
CLOSURE ORDER**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, known as the Mogollon Box Day Use Area, and the associated NFS Road (NFSR) in the Silver City Ranger District, Gila National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Area” and “Described Road”):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.53(e), 261.58(b).
2. Being on the Described Road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

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 fire fightingforce in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA AND ROAD

The Described Area is the developed recreation area known as the Mogollon Box Day Use Area, which is located in the eastern portion of Section 31, Township 14 South, Range 16 West, P.M. The Described Road is .16 miles (850 ft) of NFSR 4259R, which is within the Described Area.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public safety due to flooding and debris flows that make the Mogollon Box Day Use Area inaccessible and unsafe. Large boulders and woody debris are abundant in the Day Use Area adjacent to the Gila

River that can easily be transported downstream causing serious injury.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from March 9, 2023 at 16:00 through December 31, 2023 at 24:00, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area and Road is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit 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.
5. Contact the Silver City Ranger District in Silver City, NM, (575) 388-8201, and 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 on the same Described Area and Road.

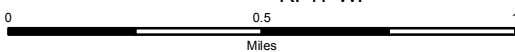
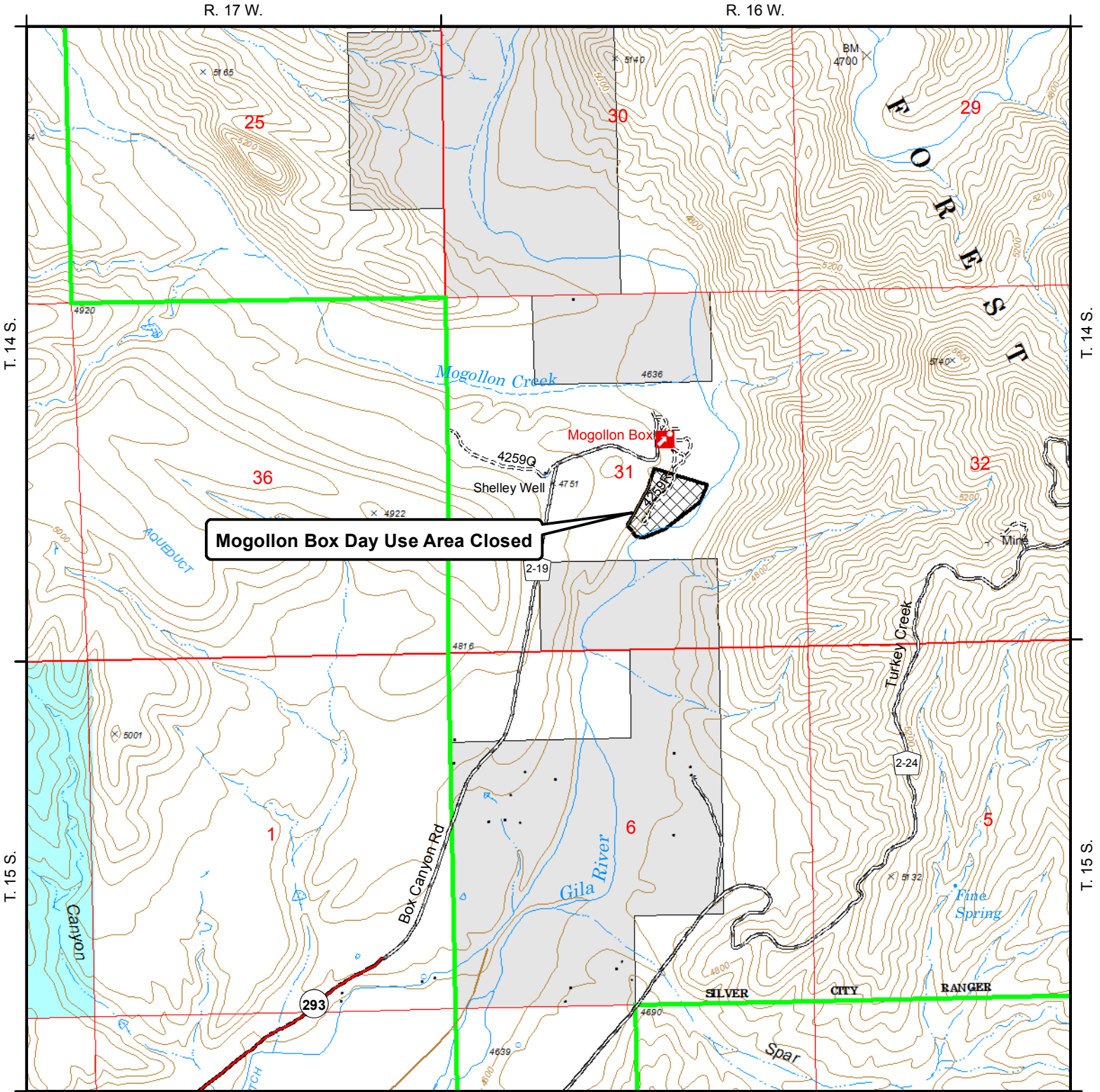
Done at Silver City, New Mexico this 8th day of March, 2023.

Camille Howes
Forest Supervisor
Gila National Forest



Mogollon Box Day Use Area Closure

Order Number: 03-06-07-23-003, Exhibit A
Gila National Forest - Silver City Ranger District



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- Mogollon Box Closure Area
- Internal Non-FS Lands
- Ownership Off-Forest**
- Private
- State
- Gila NF Boundary
- Highway
- Improved Road, Dirt
- Unimproved Road

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