

Order Number: # 03-12-05-23-22



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Tonto National Forest
Pleasant Valley Ranger District**

**Valentine Fire Emergency Closure
For Public Health and Safety**

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 Pleasant Valley Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Area/Roads/Trails”):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R § 261.53(e)
2. Using any motor vehicle on the Described Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a)
3. Using any motor vehicle on the Described Trails. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(b)

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.

DESCRIBED AREA/ROADS/TRAILS

All National Forest System (NFS) land, roads, and trails located within Township 10.5 North Range 14 East Sections 26- 29,31-36 and Township 10.5 North Range 15 East Sections 30-32, and Township 10 North Range 15 East Sections 5-8,16-18, and Township 10 North Range 14 East Sections 1-6,9-14, starting at the intersection of NFS road 200 and Fisherman's point Trail head, then following northeast along NFS road 200 for approximately 5.1 miles to the intersection of NFS road 291, then following east along NFS road 291 for approximately 7.6 miles to the intersection of NFS road 512, then following southeast along NFS road 512 for approximately 6 miles to the intersection of NFS road 128, then following West for approximately 5.02 miles to the intersection of NFS road 411, then following Southwest along the NFS road 411 for approximately 1.7 miles to Haigler Creek following Haigler Creek West back to the point of beginning at Fisherman's point Trailhead.

Fisherman's point Trailhead and NFS Road 848, NFS 902, NFS 855, NFS 853, NFS 952, FR411D, NFS 3174, NFS 291A, NFS 291G, NFS 411C and NFS 788 road are closed.

Note: NFS 512 and NFS 200 remain open.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public health and safety due to firefighting operations and fire danger associated with the Valentine Fire on the Tonto National Forest.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 24, 2023, at 2:00pm through September 17, 2023, at 6:00pm, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area/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 <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notices>
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 Payson Ranger District in Payson, (928) 474-7900, and Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, (602) 225-5200, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Area/Roads/Trails.

Signed and issued on August 24, 2023.

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