

**Order Number: # 03-06-06-24-001**



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

**MCCARTY FLAT ROAD  
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) road described in this Order in the Reserve Ranger District, Gila National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Road"):

1. Being on the 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 firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty].

**DESCRIBED ROAD**

As depicted in the map at Exhibit A, National Forest System Road 4031C, west of the San Francisco River from the intersection of Higgins Flat Road. The road closure is located in Township 6 South, Range 19 West, Section 14.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources and prevent continued illegal fuelwood cutting and user created motorized use within the Frisco Box Roadless Area and to facilitate restoration of the area.

## IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from January 24 at 06:00 a.m., through December 31, 2024, at 06:00 a.m., or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Described Area/Road 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/\\_/alerts-notices](https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/_/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 Reserve Ranger District in Reserve, NM, 575-533-6231, and Gila National Forest Supervisor's Office in Silver City, New Mexico (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 Road or Area.

Signed and issued on January 23, 2024.

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Gila National Forest