



UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
MESA RANGER DISTRICT

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS FOR THE LOWER SALT RIVER AREA

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited in the area as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A the “restricted area”, all within the Mesa Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Maricopa County, Arizona:

1. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof. **36 CFR 261.58(b)**
2. Going into or being upon this area while in possession of a glass container. **36 CFR 261.53(e)**

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. All persons in the act of recreating between sunrise and sunset.
4. Persons fishing in accordance with Arizona Fishing Laws (ARS Title 17) and Commission Orders.
5. Tent and Recreational Vehicle overnight occupancy is permitted in the Coon's Bluff recreation area in designated sites:
 - a. Weekends, from sunrise Friday to sunset Sunday from October 1st thru May 1st
 - b. From sunrise the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to sunset the Sunday after Thanksgiving,
 - c. When a Federal Holiday falls on a Monday (between October 1st thru May 1st), from sunrise Friday to sunset Monday, and

- d. When a Federal Holiday falls on a Friday (between October 1st thru May 1st), from sunrise Thursday to sunset Sunday.

AREA DESCRIBED

The restricted area includes: National Forest Service System Lands starting at the forest boundary one half mile south of Granite Reef Recreation Sight then proceeding easterly staying one half mile south of and paralleling Bush Highway to a point a half a mile south of the Blue Point Bridge. Staying one half mile south of and paralleling the Salt River to Stewart Mountain Dam. Then from Stewart Mountain Dam to a point one half mile north of Bush Highway then paralleling Bush Highway westerly and southerly to a point one half mile north Blue Point Bridge then staying one half mile north of the Salt River then proceeding westerly to the Forest/Salt River Reservation boundary. Then following the forest boundary southerly and westerly to the Granite Reef Recreation Area then southerly along the forest boundary to a point one half mile south of Granite Reef Recreation Area as depicted in Exhibit A of this Order.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is the protection of National Forest visitors and employees, the conservation of natural resources, and the protection of property belonging to the United States.

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective immediately upon execution of the Order and will remain in effect until September 30, 2016 unless terminated sooner.
- 2. These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at 36 CFR 261, Subpart A.
- 3. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].

Done this ____ day of _____, 2015, at Phoenix, Arizona.

/s/ Neil Bosworh _____
Neil Bosworth
Forest Supervisor

Tonto National Forest

Mesa Ranger District

Special Restrictions for the Lower Salt River Area

Exhibit A

