



**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
MESA RANGER DISTRICT**

Target Shooting Public Safety Closure Order

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this order, and as described below and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Mesa Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest, Maricopa County, Arizona.

1. Discharging a firearm, air rifle or gas gun. **36 CFR 261.58(m)**

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically from the Forest Service 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.

AREA DESCRIBED

The restricted area includes all National Forest System lands and roads within the exterior boundaries of the National Forest System roads NFSR 143 and NFSR 402, Tonto National Forest, and as depicted in Exhibit A of this Order. Starting from the intersection of Highway 87 and NFSR 143, following the roadway northwest for 5 miles encompassing 300 feet along both sides of the road bed. From the junction of Highway 87 and NFSR 402, following the roadway southwest for 3 miles encompassing 300 feet along both sides of the roadbed.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is the protection of National Forest visitors, employees and cooperators involved in a volunteer clean-up in the restricted area, where the indiscriminate discharge of a firearm is likely to pose a substantial risk to public safety.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Prohibitions contained in this order become effected beginning Saturday November 7, 2015 at 06:00 a.m. and will remain in effect until Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 06:00 p.m. 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 3571(b) (6), 18 USC 3581(b) (7)].

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015, at Phoenix, Arizona.

_____/s/
Neil Bosworth
Forest Supervisor

