



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

TARGET SHOOTING PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands within the areas, roads, and trails of the Mesa Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Pinal County, Arizona described in this order and depicted on the attached map, incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

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 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.

RESTRICTED AREA

The restricted area includes all National Forest System lands and roads within the exterior boundaries as described here and depicted in Exhibit A: Beginning at the junction of NFS Road 357 and the forest boundary: proceeding south and east to the north side of US highway 60 right of way, then following the right of way easterly approximately 5 miles to the junction with NFS Road 357, then northwesterly along NFS Road 357 (inclusive) to the junction of NFS Road 252, then northerly and westerly along NFS Road 252 to NFS Road 1903, then northerly along NFS Road 1903 approximately 3 miles to its terminus, then northwesterly to Prestone Well, then Northwesterly to NFS Road 172 just Southeast of Byous Butte, then due West along the section line to the forest boundary, then southerly along the forest boundary to the intersection with NFS Road 357.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for 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.



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IMPLEMENTATION

1. Prohibitions contained in this order become effected beginning Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 6:00 a.m. and remain in effect until Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 6:00 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)].

Done this 6 day of January, 2016, at Phoenix, Arizona

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neil Bosworth', written over a horizontal line.

NEIL BOSWORTH
Forest Supervisor
Tonto National Forest

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Order Number: 12-16-270

Exhibit A

Target Shooting Public Safety Closure Order

