



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
GILA NATIONAL FOREST  
GLENWOOD RANGER DISTRICT  
CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS ACTIVITY CLOSURE ORDER**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 C.F.R. 261.50(a) the following acts are prohibited within the area as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this Order as **Exhibit A** (the restricted area), within the Glenwood Ranger District, Gila National Forest, New Mexico.

1. Entering into or being upon the restricted area, which is closed for public health and safety. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53 (e)**

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons under contract specifically performing repairs and construction duties associated with the project.

**AREA DESCRIBED**

The restricted area is described from the Catwalk closure gate at milepost 4.8 on the Catwalk Road (State Highway 174), heading north and east of the intersection including the Whitewater Picnic Area, parking lot, amphitheater area, Universal Trail, CCC steps, Whitewater Creek and the Catwalk National Recreation Trail (#207). The closure area is further defined as the Whitewater Canyon North and South Rim to the intersection of the Gold Dust Trail (#41) and Whitewater Creek Trail (#207.1), as depicted in (**Exhibit A**). The closure area is located in Township 11 South, Range 19 West, Sections 5, and 6.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect resources and to provide for public health and safety during repairs and construction activities in the Upper Catwalk National Recreation Trail, Universal Trail and Whitewater Canyon Area.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order becomes effective March 16, 2016 at 8:00 AM, MDT, and will remain in effect until June 30, 2016 or rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.]
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by the Order.

Done at Silver City, New Mexico, this 16 day of March, 2016



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