UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) the following acts are prohibited within the area of Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, in the state of Arizona as described in this Order and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

During a RED FLAG WARNING, as issued by National Weather Service, the following acts and activities are prohibited:

1. Building, maintaining, or attending a fire, campfire, or stove fire. **36 CFR 261.52(a)**
2. Smoking. [See exemptions below] **36 CFR 261.52(c)**
3. Operating an internal combustion engine. [See exemptions below.] **36 CFR 261.52(h)**
4. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame. **36 CFR 261.52(i)**

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a 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. For prohibited activity #1 above: Stoves, grills, portable fire pits, and other portable heating devices are permissible for use under the Order provided that the device meets both of the following criteria: **(1)** the device operates solely on liquid propane or pressurized fuel that can be turned "on" and "off" with a switch, dial, or valve, **AND (2)** the device is used in an area devoid of flammable materials in a 5 foot radius from the point of ignition and used in a manner as to reasonably prevent the start and spread of a wildfire.
4. For prohibited activity #2 above: smoking may be permissible when in an enclosed vehicle or building. Smoking when in an area at least 3 feet in diameter and cleared of all combustible material IS NOT permissible under this order.
5. For prohibited activity #3 above: operation of an internal combustion engine is permissible provided that the engine meets BOTH of the following criteria: **(1)**

fitted with an approved spark arresting device meeting US Department of Agriculture - US Forest Service Standard 5100-1a or SAE recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a), **AND (2)** operated on a road or trail open to motor vehicles or in an area completely devoid of vegetation and flammable materials in a 5 foot radius from the point of ignition. This order would prohibit, but not be limited to, the use of chainsaws, hot saws, skidders, generators, and other recreational or industrial equipment.

RESTRICTED AREA:

The restricted area includes all National Forest lands within the boundaries of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests as shown on the attached map during fire weather conditions known as "Red Flag Warning". RED FLAG WARNING is a term used by fire weather forecasters to alert fire personnel and the public of potential extreme and critical fire weather due to high winds and low relative humidity. Only the National Weather Service can issue Red Flag Warnings. Red Flag Warnings are issued one 24 hour period at a time, have a beginning and end time, and are issued only when ALL the following three criteria are met:

1. 20 ft. wind speeds are expected to exceed 20 mph. (20 ft. winds are winds measured 20 feet above ground level and are often referred to as "tree-top level".)
2. Relative humidity is 15% or lower.
3. Fire danger rating of High, Very High, or Extreme.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety and protection of National Forest and private properties within and adjacent to National Forest Lands.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until May 1, 2018 or rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
2. Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000.00 for individual or $10,000.00 for organizations or 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 order prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Springerville, Arizona, this 28th day of April, 2016.

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests

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Fire and Smoking Restrictions During Red Flag

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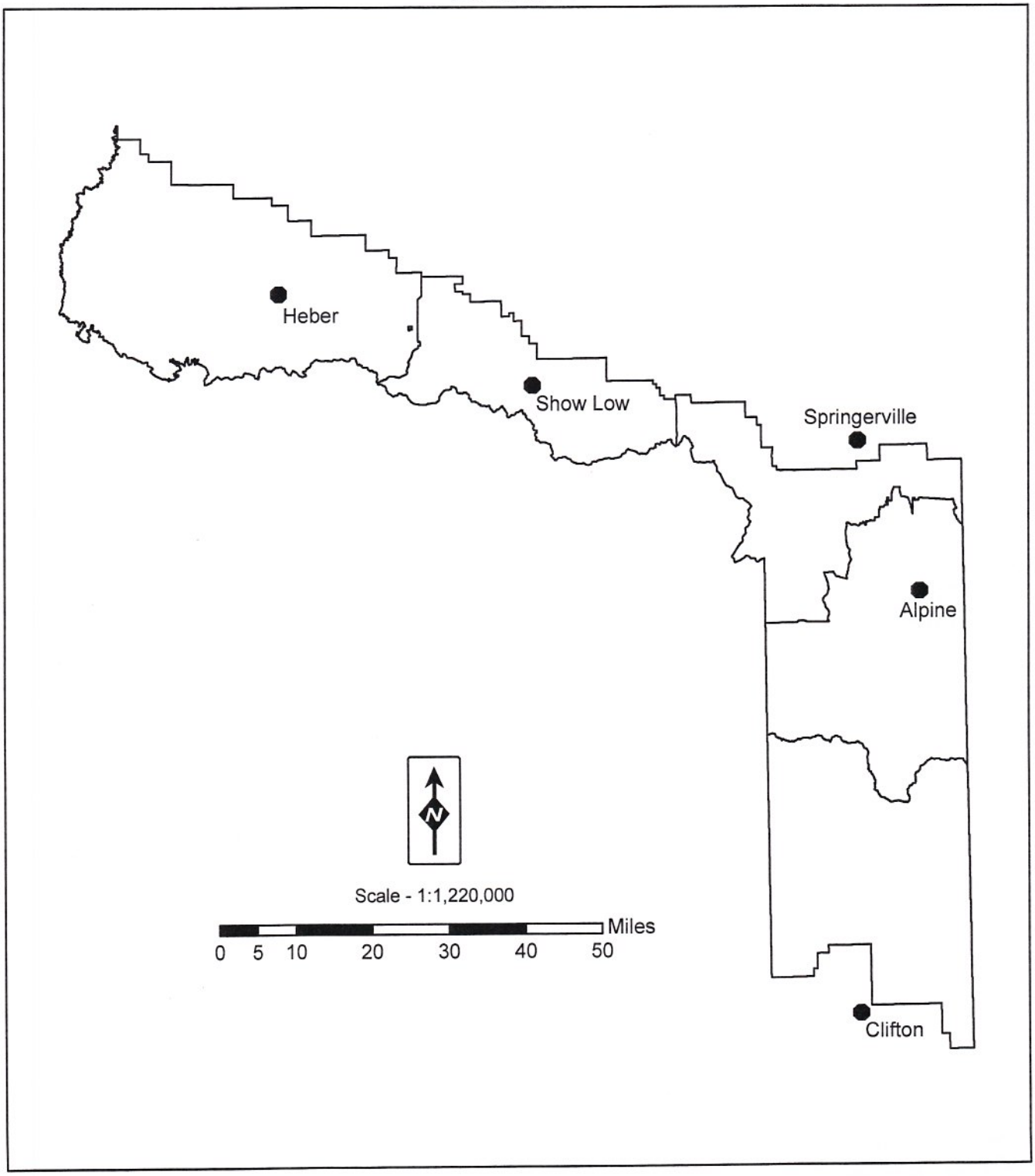
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