



**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONGO NATIONAL FOREST
PLEASANT VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT**

JUNIPER FIRE PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this order, and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated as Exhibit A (the “closure area”), all within the Pleasant Valley and Tonto Basin Ranger Districts of the Tonto National Forest, Arizona:

1. Going into or being upon the area described in the Order. 36 CFR 261.53 (e)
2. Being on the trail. 36 CFR 261.55 (a)
3. Being on a road. 36 CFR 261.54 (e)

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a US 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. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area, who are authorized to be in the restricted area by the US Forest Service, the State of Arizona, or the County of Gila, its employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.

AREA DESCRIBED

All National Forest System Lands, roads, and trails to the east of State Highway 288 and to the west of Forest Road 203 (commonly referred to as the Cherry Creek Road) contained within the boundary lines as depicted on the attached map and hereby incorporated in this order. State Highway 288 and Cherry Creek Road will remain open for the duration of this order.

PURPOSE

To provide for the public's health and safety during management activities associated with the Juniper Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. USFS Law Enforcement Officers will assist in implementation of the Order and serve as liaisons with Gila County and Arizona Game and Fish.
2. This Order will be effected by appropriate signs and closure notices as required by 36 CFR 261.50. This order is effective May 23, 2016 until June 30, 2016 unless terminated sooner.
3. Violations 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 23rd day of May 2016, at Phoenix, Arizona

/s/ Neil Bosworth

Neil Bosworth
Forest Supervisor
Tonto National Forest

