

United States Forest Service
Sitgreaves National Forest

PUBLIC SAFETY RESTRICTIONS FOR USE OF FIREARMS
Black Mesa and Lakeside Ranger Districts

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this Order, and as described in Exhibit A (the “restricted area”) and depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits B-01, B-02, B-03, B-04, B-05 and B-06 within the Sitgreaves National Forest, Coconino, and Navajo Counties, Arizona:

The following is prohibited at the Forest Lakes area (see Exhibits A and B-01):

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

Exceptions: a) Persons engaged in the taking of game animals pursuant to federal, state, or tribal laws and regulations; and b) persons engaged in self-defense or defense of another as defined in Arizona Revised Statutes, ARS 13-401, ARS 13-3107, and ARS 17-301.01.

The following is prohibited at the Overgaard area (see Exhibits A and B-02):

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

Exceptions: a) Persons engaged in the taking of game animals pursuant to federal, state, or tribal laws and regulations; and b) persons engaged in self-defense or defense of another as defined in Arizona Revised Statutes, ARS 13-401, ARS 13-3107, and ARS 17-301.01.

The following is prohibited at the Chevelon Work Center area (see Exhibits A and B-03):

3. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. 36 CFR 261.58(m)
4. Hunting. 36 CFR 261.58(v)

The following is prohibited at the Rim Lakes Management Area (see Exhibits A and B-04):

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

Exceptions: a) Persons engaged in the taking of game animals pursuant to federal, state, or tribal laws and regulations; and b) persons engaged in self-defense or defense of another as defined in Arizona Revised Statutes, ARS 13-401, ARS 13-3107, and ARS 17-301.01.

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The following is prohibited at the Woods Canyon Recreation Area (see Exhibits A and B-05):

6. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. 36 CFR 261.58(m)
7. Hunting. 36 CFR 261.58(v)

The following is prohibited at the Springer Mountain Cinder Pit (see Exhibits A and B-06):

8. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. 36 CFR 261.58(m)
9. Hunting. 36 CFR 261.58(v)

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a 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 official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED

All National Forest System lands and waters, roads, and trails within the boundaries as described in Exhibit A, and depicted on the attached maps, Exhibits B-01, B-02, B-03, B-04, B-05 and B-06.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is the protection of National Forest visitors and employees in areas of high recreation use and forest-community interface, 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 effective immediately upon execution of the Order and will remain in effect for five years from the date of execution, unless terminated sooner.
2. These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at 36 CFR 261, Subpart A.
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces Order Nos. 01-412, 01-413, 01-432, and 01-434 and any other previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.
4. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment not for more than six (6) months, or both. (16 USC 551, 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581).

Done this 06 day of May, 2009, at Springerville, Arizona.

/s/Chris Knopp _____

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EXHIBIT A – AREA DESCRIPTIONS

B-01: Description of the Forest Lakes Area, Black Mesa Ranger District

Beginning at the junction of Forest System Road 237C and the private land boundary in T11N, R14E the NW of the NW corner of section; northerly following Forest System Road 237C to the junction with the KV overhead utility lines in T11N, R14E the NE of the NE corner of section 10; northeasterly along the KV overhead utility lines to the junction with Forest System Road 99A in T11N, R14E the SW of the SW corner of section 2; southeasterly along Forest System Road 99A to a point $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of the junction of Forest System Road 99A and 99 in T11N, R14E the SW of the NW corner of section 12. Then keeping a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile buffer northeast from Forest System Road 99 following Forest System Road 99 southeasterly to the northwest corner of private land in T11N, R15E the SE of the SE corner of section 18; southerly along the private land boundary to Arizona State Highway 260 in T11N, R15E the NE of the NE corner of section 19; westerly along Arizona State Highway 260 a short distance to the junction with Forest System Road 3535J in T11N, R15E the NE of the NE corner of section 19; southerly along Forest System Road 3535J to the junction with Forest System Road 9317 in T11N, R14E the SW of the NW corner of section 29; southwesterly along Forest System Road 9317 to the National Forest Boundary at Mule Creek Point in T11N, R15E the SE of the NW corner of section 31; westerly along the National Forest Boundary to the junction with Forest System Road 260B at Sheep Creek Point in T11N, R14E the SE of the NE corner of section 36; northerly along Forest System Road 260B to the junction with Arizona State Highway 260 in T11N, R14E the NE of the NE corner of section 24; northeasterly along the private land to the point of beginning in T11N, R14E the NW of the NW corner of section 14.

B-02: Description of the Overgaard Area, Black Mesa Ranger District

Beginning at the boundary of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest and the private land boundary in T12N, R17E the corner of sections 29, 30, 31, and 32; easterly following the section line to Arizona State Highway 260 in T12N, R17E the NW of the NW corner of section 32, southeasterly along Arizona State Highway 260 the junction with Senior Center Street at the National Forest boundary in T12N, R17E, the NW of the SW corner of section 32. Then Following the National Forest boundary southwesterly to a point at T11N R17 the SW of the SE corner of section 32; southerly paralleling Forest System Road 50 to the east by $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to a point $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of section 32 in T11N, R17E the SE of the NW corner of section 5; westerly to a point $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of section 32 and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of Forest System Road 50 in T11N, R17E the SE of the NE corner of section 6. Then northerly paralleling Forest System Road 50 to the National Forest boundary in T11N, R17E, the NE of the NE corner of section 6, easterly to the corner of sections 5 and 6 in T11N, R17E and sections 31 and 31 in

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T12N, R17E; then northerly along the National Forest boundary to the point of beginning.

B-03: Description of the Chevelon Work Center Area, Black Mesa Ranger District

Beginning at the junction of Widowmaker Draw and the section line between sections 1 & 2 in T13N, R13E the NW of the SW corner of section 1. Northeasterly along the east side of Widowmaker Draw to the section line between sections 1 & 36 in T13N, R13E the NE of the NW corner of section 1. Easterly along the section line to a point 200 yards east of Forest System Road 34 in T13N, R14E the NW of the NW corner of section 6. Southerly to the western edge of West Chevelon Canyon in T13N, R14E the NW of the SW corner of section 6; southwesterly along the western edge of West Chevelon Canyon to a point along Forest System Road 34 in T13N, R13E the SW of the NW corner of section 12; northerly to a point 200 yards north of Forest System Road 225 in T13N, R13E the SW of the SW corner of section 1. Then westerly paralleling Forest System Road 225 to the point of beginning.

B-04: Description of Rim Lakes Area, Black Mesa Ranger District

Beginning at T12N R12E, Section 28 at the Tonto, Coconino, and Apache-Sitgreaves Forests' boundaries northeasterly along the Coconino and Apache-Sitgreaves boundary 150 yards past National Forest System Road 300 in T12N, R12E the NW of the NE corner of Section 28; southeasterly staying 150 yards North along National Forest System Road 300 for approximately 3.5 miles to Beaver Canyon in T12N, R12 E in the SE of the SE corner of Section 35; then northeasterly along Beaver Canyon for approximately 3.75 miles to the intersection of a small drainage east of Beaver Canyon in T12N, R13E the NE of the NW corner of Section 19; directly east approximately 1 ½ miles to T12N, R13E the NE of the NE corner of Section 20; southeasterly to Bear Willow Ridge 150 yards east of National Forest System Road 84 in T12N, R13E the NE of the NW corner of Section 21, southerly staying 150 yards east along National Forest System Road 84 to T12N, R13E the SW of the NE corner of Section 32; directly south for approximately 1 mile to T11N, R13E the NW of the SW corner of Section 5 150 yards north of National Forest System Road 300; northeasterly staying 150 yards north along National Forest System Road 300 for approximately 3 miles to the intersection with Alder Canyon in T12N, R13E the NE of the SE corner of Section 34; northeasterly along Alder Canyon to the intersection with National Forest System Road 169A in T12N, R13E the NW of the SW corner of Section 24; south along National Forest System Road 169A for approximately one ½ mile, the turning south east along an undefined line running south by south easterly to Deer Lake Canyon in T12N, R13E, the SE of the SE corner of Section 25; easterly along Deer Lake Canyon to the intersection with Chevelon Canyon in T12N, R14E, the SW of the NE corner of Section 31; northeasterly along the west side of Chevelon Canyon to the intersection of Long Tom Canyon in T12N, R14E the SE of the NE corner of Section 16; southeasterly along

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Long Tom Canyon to the intersection of National Forest System Road 238 in Larson Canyon in T12N, R14E the SE of the NE corner of Section 34; southerly along National Forest System Road 238 to the terminus at the National Forest Boundary and the northeast corner of the Forest Lakes Subdivision in T11N, R14E, the NE of the NW corner of Section 14; southeasterly along the National Forest Boundary and the Forest Lakes Subdivision to the intersection of State Route 260 and National Forest System Road 260B in T11N, R14E, the NE of the NE corner of Section 24; southwesterly along National Forest System Road 260B to the terminus at Sheep Creek Point and the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Boundary with the Tonto National Forest Boundary in T11N, R14E, the SW of the NE corner of Section 36; then westerly along the National Forest Boundary to the point of beginning.

B-05: Description of Woods Canyon Recreation Area, Black Mesa Ranger District

Beginning at the Apache-Sitgreaves and Tonto National Forests' boundary in T11N, R13E, the SE of the SE corner of Section 22; north to the intersection with Woods Canyon in T11N, R13E, the SW of the NW corner of Section 14; southeasterly along Woods Canyon to Woods Canyon Lake in T11N, R13E, the SE of the NW corner of Section 14; southeasterly along the south shore of Woods Canyon Lake to Woods Canyon Dam in T11N, R13E, the SE of the SW corner of Section 13; southerly to a point in T11N, R13E, the SW of the NE corner of Section 24; southwesterly along an undefined line running south by southwesterly to the forest boundary in T11N, R13E, the NW of the NW corner of Section 25; then westerly along the forest boundary to the point of beginning.

B-06: Description of Springer Mountain Cinder Pit area, Lakeside Ranger District

This affected area on the Lakeside Ranger District is centered by Springer Mountain Lookout and can be described by starting NNW of the tower approximately ¼ mile where the 64 KV power line leaves the Pino Ridge subdivision and enters National Forest land, (T. 9 N. R.23 E. section 19), and then follows the power line southeast to the FR187 and Navopache Electric power substation, (T. 9 N. T.23 E. section 30). The boundary continues to the southwest following the power line to private land, (T. 9 N. R. 23 E. section 31). It then follows the National Forest / private land boundary north until it connects with the starting point on Pino Ridge (T. 9 N. R. 23 E. section 19).