



**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONTONATIONAL FOREST
PAYSON AND PLEASANT VALLEY RANGER DISTRICTS**

FULTON FIRE PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the area described in this order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated as Exhibit A (the “closure area”), all within the Payson and Pleasant Valley 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)

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a United States 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 to the south of State Route (SR) 260 starting at the junction of Forest Road 291 and going east until the SR 260 intersects the Forest boundary (township 11 north, range 14 east, in the northwest of the northwest corner of section 31), then following the Forest boundary to Forest Road 512, then following Forest Road 512 south to the junction of Forest Road 291, then following the length of Forest Road 291 back to SR 260, except following the Forest Boundary around the communities of Ponderosa Estates, Gordon Canyon Estates, and Hummingbird Chalet; contained within the boundary lines as depicted on the attached map and hereby incorporated in this order.

Currently there is a one lane restriction on SR 260 (SR 260 is managed by Arizona Department of Transportation; any State Route closures will be posted on their website at <http://www.az511.com/traffic/>).

Forest Road 291 and Forest Road 512 will remain open for the duration of this order except in the event that smoke hinders visibility on the road or when firefighting activities occur next to and on the highway, in which case an order will be issued closing the road temporarily or for certain hours during the day (e.g. 7 pm to 7 am).

PURPOSE

To provide for the public's health and safety, and the health and safety of fire crews that are working in the area during management activities associated with the Fulton Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

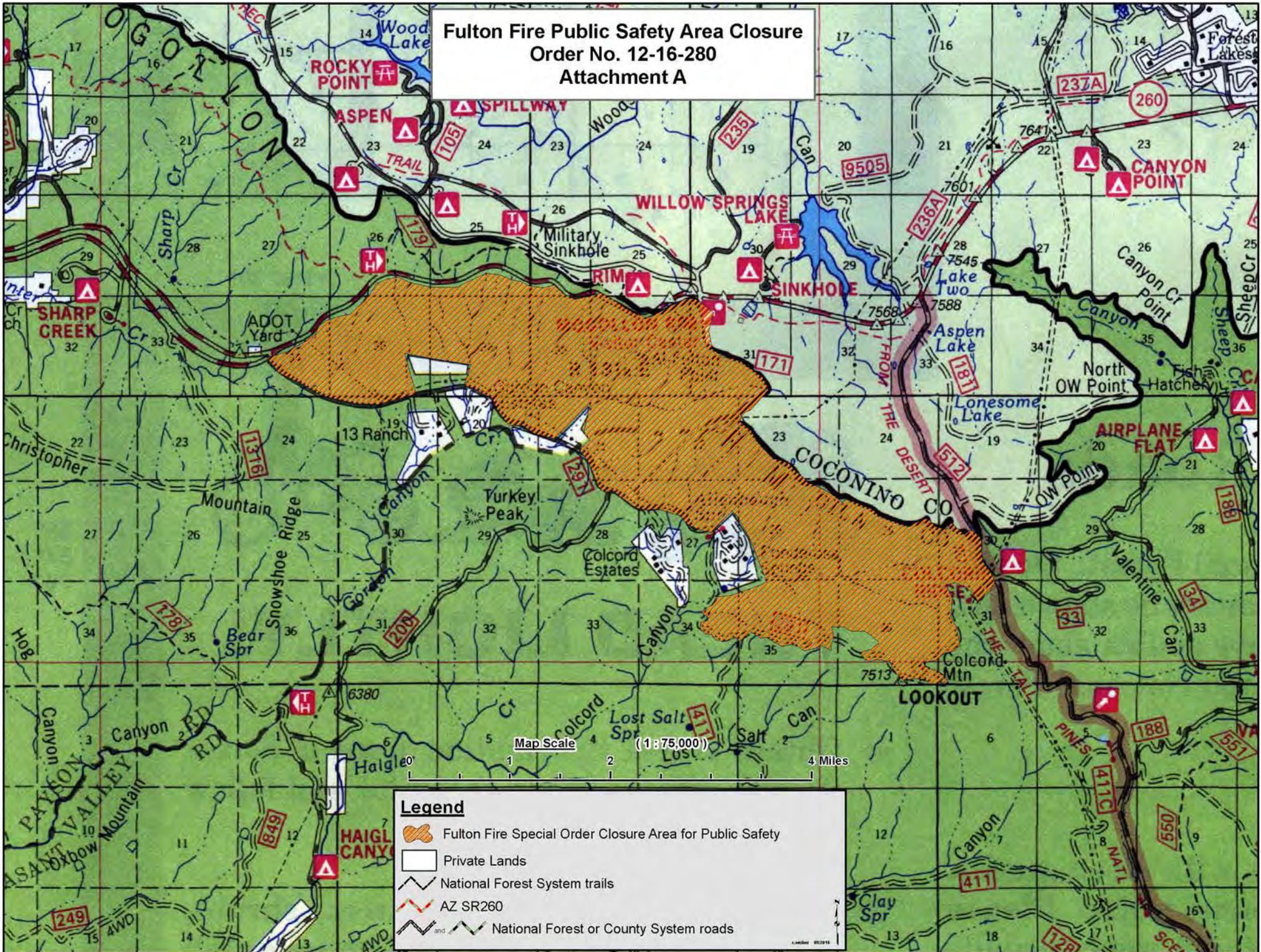
1. This order becomes effective at 12:00 pm (noon) on September 15, 2016, until October 28, 2016, unless terminated sooner.
2. This Order will be effected by appropriate signs and closure notices as required by 36 CFR 261.50. Local electronic signboards and ADOT signboards will indicate restrictions and/or closures as necessary.
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 15th day of September 2016, at Phoenix, Arizona

/s/ Neil Bosworth

Neil Bosworth
Forest Supervisor
Tonto National Forest

**Fulton Fire Public Safety Area Closure
Order No. 12-16-280
Attachment A**



Legend

-  Fulton Fire Special Order Closure Area for Public Safety
-  Private Lands
-  National Forest System trails
-  AZ SR260
-  National Forest or County System roads

Map Scale (1:75,000)

4 Miles