



UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE  
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST  
MESA RANGER DISTRICT

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS FOR THE LOWER SALT RIVER AREA

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited in the areas as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, the “restricted area”, all within the Mesa Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Maricopa County, Arizona:

1. Being in the area after sundown or before sunrise. **36 CFR 261.58(l)**
2. Occupying a developed recreation site with prohibited camping equipment as described by the order. Glass containers are prohibited camping equipment. **36 CFR 261.58(b)**

**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 an official duty.
3. Persons fishing in accordance with Arizona Fishing Laws (Arizona Revised Statute, Title 17) and Commission Orders.
4. Persons entering, leaving or floating the river while participating in kayaking, canoeing or other methods of floating the river.
5. Tent and Recreational Vehicle overnight occupancy is permitted in the Coon's Bluff recreation area under the following circumstances:
  - a. Weekends from sunrise Friday to sunset Sunday from October 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>
  - b. From sunrise, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to sunset the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
  - c. When a Federal Holiday falls on a Monday (between October 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>), from sunrise Friday to sunset Monday.

## **AREA DESCRIBED**

The restricted area includes Forest Systems Lands starting at the forest boundary half mile south of Bush Highway, following the road east until the Bush Highway Bridge. At the bridge, follow the river east until the Stewart Mountain Dam, then following north from the Dam until half mile past Bush Highway. Follow Bush Highway west until the Bush Highway Bridge. At the bridge, follow the river west until the forest boundary with Salt River Indian Reservation, follow the boundary west until Granite Reef Dam then south to the forest boundary, Tonto National Forest, as depicted in Exhibit A of this Order.

The restricted area also includes Forest Systems Lands starting at the Bulldog Off-Highway Vehicle entrance extending  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile around the parking area, as depicted in Exhibit B of this Order.

## **PURPOSE**

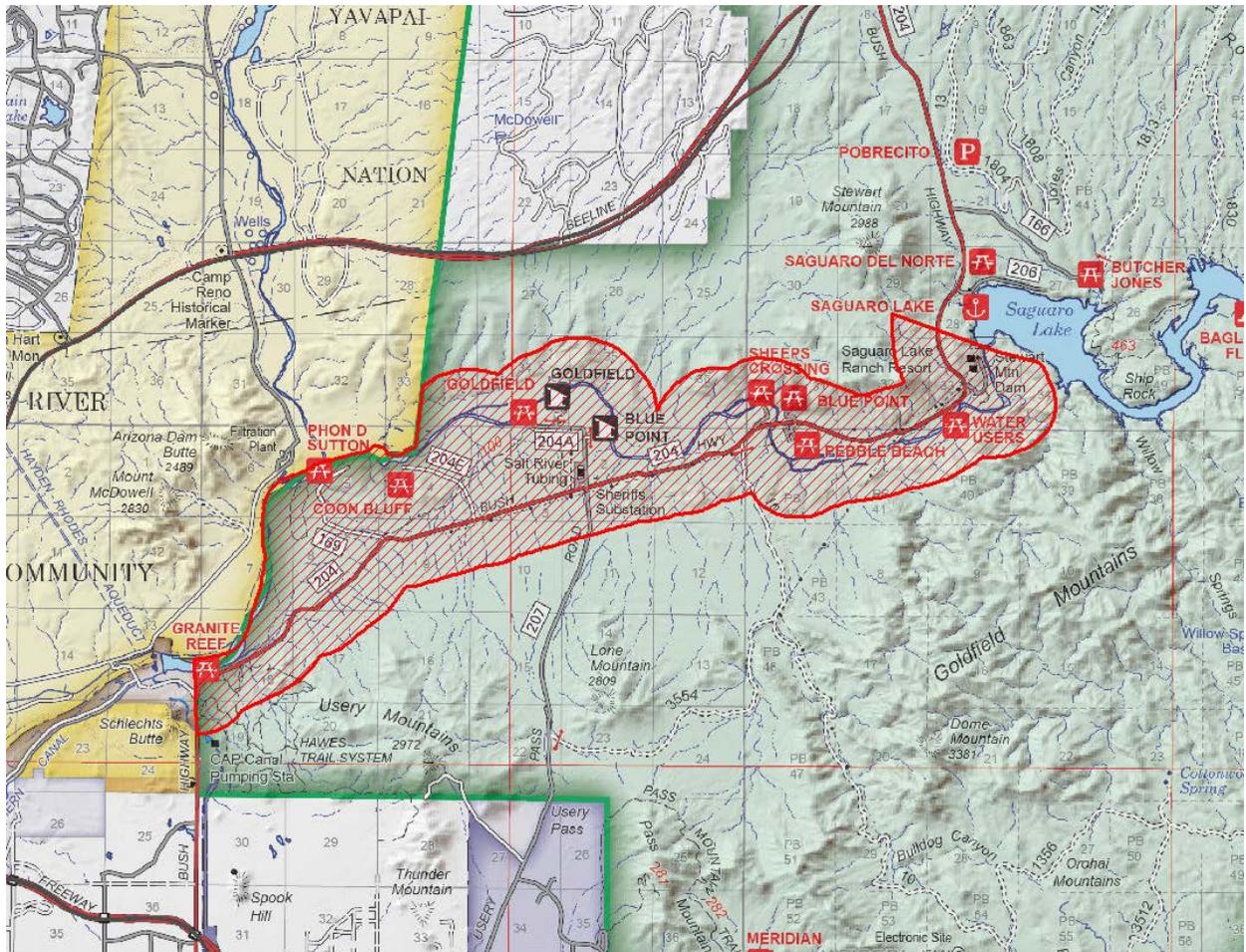
The purpose of this Order is the protection of National Forest visitors and employees, the conservation of natural resources, and the protection of property belonging to the United States.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

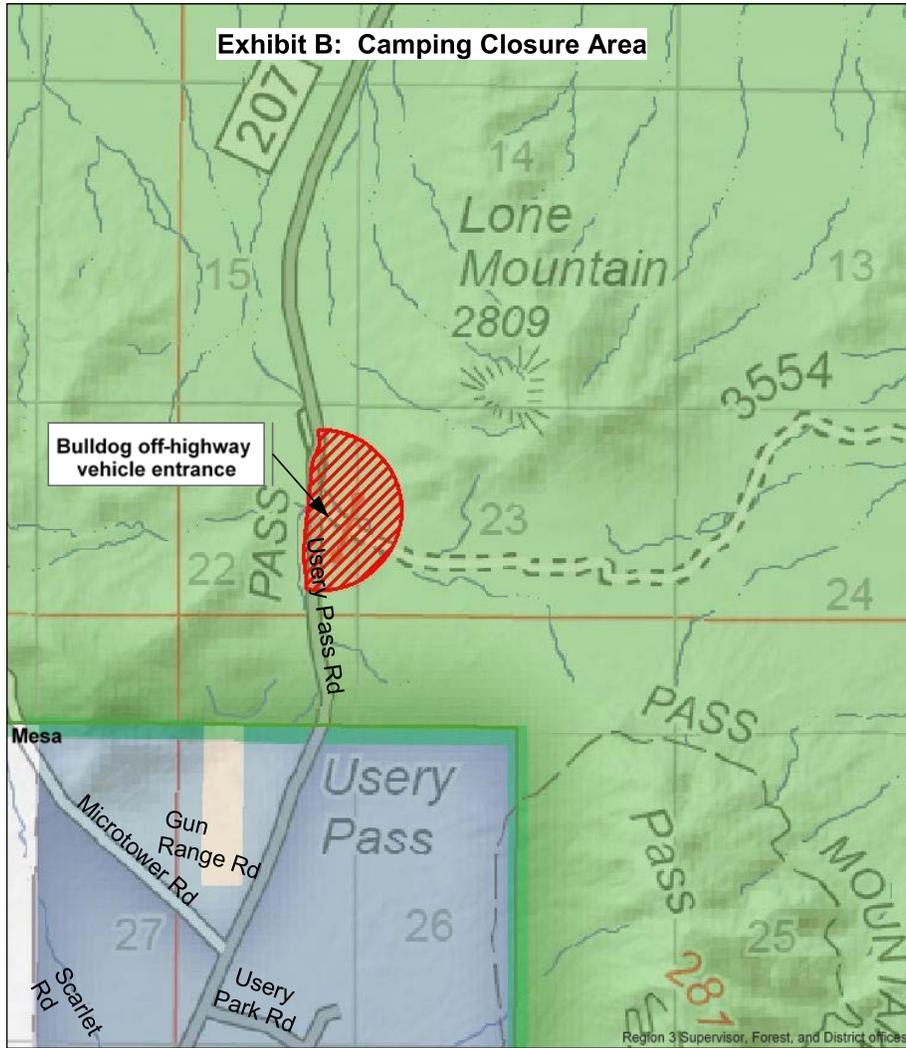
1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective immediately upon execution of the Order and will remain in effect until two years past the signed date, unless terminated sooner.
2. These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at 36 CFR 261, Subpart A.
3. Violation of 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 3559, 3571 and 3581].

Done this 5 day of October, 2016, at Phoenix, Arizona.

/s/ Neil Bosworth  
Neil Bosworth  
Forest Supervisor



**Exhibit B: Camping Closure Area**



**Legend**

-  Closure Area
-  Forest
-  Local or State Parks
-  Other
-  Private

Tonto National Forest

