

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
CAVE CREEK RANGER DISTRICT**

BROOKLYN, BULL & CEDAR FIRE PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.51 (a) and (b), the following act is prohibited on the roads and area, described in this order, and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated as Exhibit A (the “closure area”), all within the Cave Creek Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest, Arizona:

1. Being upon a road 36 CFR 261.54 (e)
2. Entering or being in the closed area 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 US Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, including current grazing permittees/employees conducting official duties associated with management of the New River grazing allotment.
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 Yavapai, its employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.
4. Owners, employees and/or agents of private property at the north end of NFSR 37.

AREA DESCRIBED

NFSR 37 (and 300 feet on either side) from NFSR 41 north to the private property. NFSR 41 (Table Mesa Road) from the forest boundary approximately 4 miles east of interstate 17 to the junction with NFSR 37; including the area 300 ft. on either side of the entire portion of the closed NFSR 41.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the temporary Area Closure Order is to protect National Forest visitors from potential flash flooding below a recently burned area and to protect National Forest System roads during the monsoon season.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. USFS Law Enforcement Officers will assist in implementation of the order as they are available, and serve as liaisons with Maricopa and Yavapai Counties and the Cave Creek Ranger District. The district will shut and lock gates and/or put up barricades to help effect the closure. This order supersedes and rescinds order 12-17-308 R. This order becomes effective at 4:00 am on August 16, 2017 until 8:00 pm September 30, 2017 unless terminated sooner.

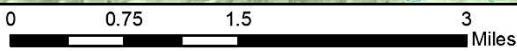
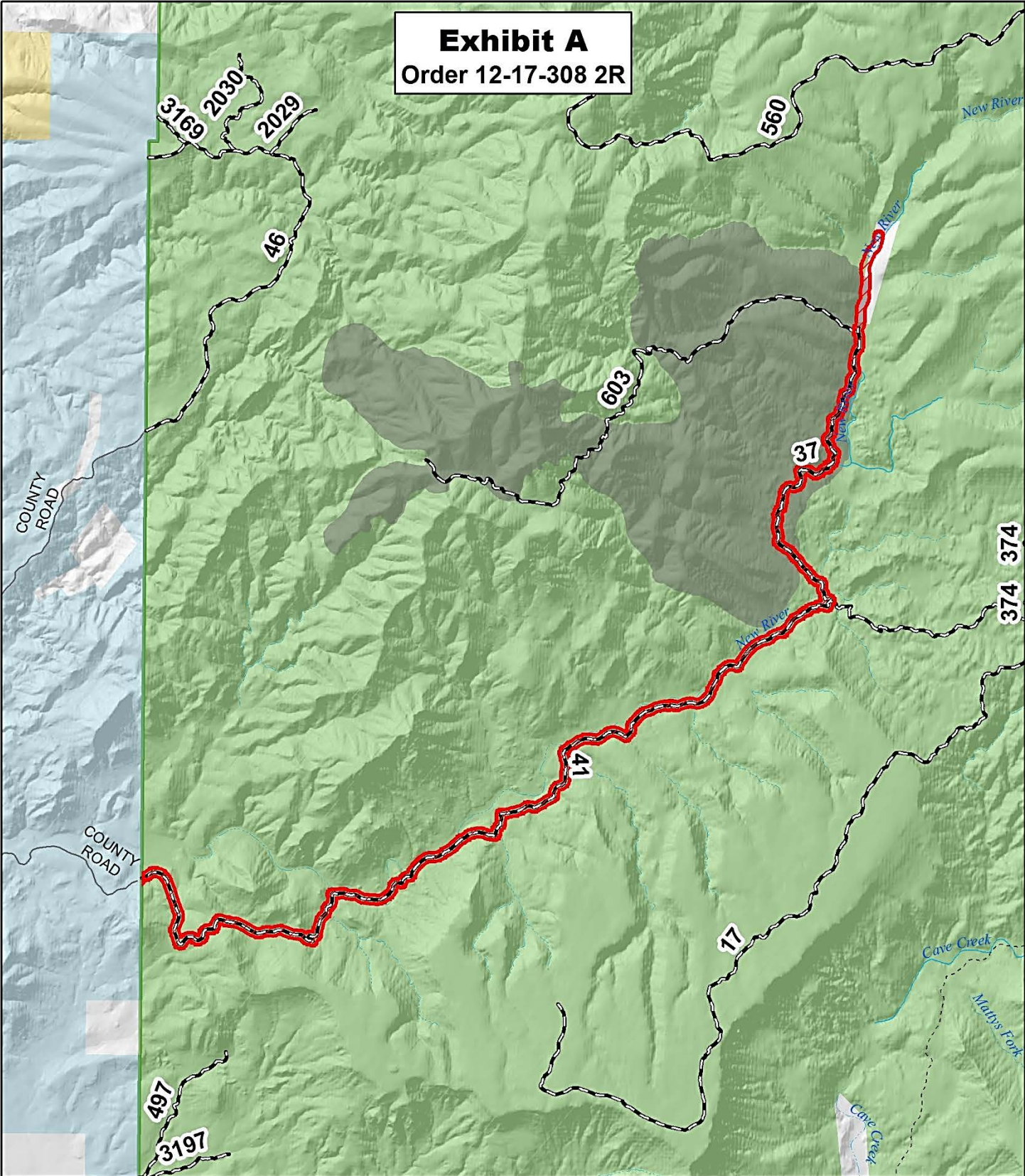
2. This Order will be effected by appropriate signs and closure notices as required by 36 CFR 261.50. Forest Service electronic signboards or folding signboards will indicate restrictions and/or closures as necessary along NFSRs 24, 41 and 37.
3. Violations of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine 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 August 2017, at Phoenix, Arizona.

/s/ Neil Bosworth

NEIL BOSWORTH
Forest Supervisor
Tonto National Forest

Exhibit A
Order 12-17-308 2R



Legend

- ▭ Closure Area
- ▭ Bull Fire
- ▭ BLM
- ▭ Forest
- ▭ Private
- ▭ State Trust
- ▭ County Road
- ▭ 1 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Yearlong
- ▭ 15 Other Public Roads
- ▭ Perennial
- ▭ Intermittent

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