

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
TARGET RESTRICTIONS**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the Tonto National Forest, which is depicted on the Map attached as Exhibit A hereby incorporated into this Order.

1. Possessing any refuse for the purpose of target shooting with a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. 36 CFR 261.58(cc).
Refuse includes any material used as targets except:
 - a. Cardboard, and/or cardboard targets with reusable frames (not including wooden pallets), which are removed from the site after shooting;
 - b. Paper, and/or paper targets with reusable frames (not including wooden pallets), which are removed from the site after shooting;
 - c. Reactive targets that are designed to move and/or bounce along the ground when hit that are made of non-metallic materials; and are removed from the site after shooting;
 - d. Self-healing targets which are removed after shooting;
 - e. Metal targets specifically designed for firearms that are designed to swing, spin, or knock-down which are removed after shooting;
 - f. Biodegradable clay targets (clay pigeons);

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Persons engaged in the taking of wildlife animals in accordance with federal, state, or tribal laws and regulations.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED

The restricted area is the Tonto National Forest.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is:

1. The protection of National Forest visitors and employees,
2. The protection of the resource from littering and disposal of refuse.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Prohibitions contained in this order become effective beginning November 20, 2017, at 6:00 a.m. and will remain in effect until November 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. unless terminated sooner.
2. These prohibitions are in addition to the prohibitions found at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 261. Subpart A – General Prohibitions.

36 CFR 261.9 – Property. The following are prohibited:

- (a) Damaging any natural feature or other property of the United States (i.e. shooting vegetation such as cactus and trees).

36 CFR 261.10 – Occupancy and use. The following are prohibited:

- (d) Discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property as follows:
 - (1) In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, or
 - (2) Across or on a National Forest System road or a body of water adjacent thereto, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result in such discharge (i.e. suitable backstop).

36 CFR 261.11 - Sanitation. The following are prohibited:

- (d) Failing to dispose of all garbage, including any paper, can, bottle, sewage, waste water or material, or rubbish either by removal from the site or area, or by depositing it into receptacles or at places provided for such purposes (i.e. littering).

- 3. These prohibitions are in addition to the prohibitions found in United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Southwestern Region, Regional Closure Order Number R03-004.

36 CFR 261.52 - Fire. The following are prohibited:

- (b) Using an explosive. An explosive is defined as any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion (i.e. exploding targets such as Tannerite, Sonic Boom, Shockwave, and etc. are prohibited). Exemption: Any person engaged in the use of black powder or other muzzleloader propellant, and the use of its associated ignition source, for legal hunting or recreational shooting with a muzzleloader.

- 4. 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].

Dated this 1st day of November 2017, at Phoenix, Arizona.

/s/ Neil Bosworth
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