

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST**

EMERGENCY STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

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 as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area”), all within the Tonto National Forest, Maricopa, Gila, Yavapai, and Pinal Counties, Arizona:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or wood or charcoal burning stove. 36 CFR 261.52(a). Note: Gas and propane stoves, lanterns or heating devices are permitted provided such devices meet the fire underwriter’s specifications for safety and are used in areas that are barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or within a developed recreation site. 36 CFR 261.52(d)
3. Welding, or operating an acetylene torch or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52 (i).
4. Discharging a firearm, except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations. 36 CFR 261.58(m).
5. No operating a chainsaw or other equipment operated by an internal combustion engine between the hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 36 CFR 261.52(j). Motor vehicles, with appropriate spark arresting devices, operated on roads and motorized trails or parked in areas devoid of vegetation are exempted as are generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the generator.

Note: Use of Explosives and possession or use of fireworks are prohibited on Tonto National Forest year round. Spark arrestors on internal combustion engines are required on Tonto National Forest year round as well. 36 CFR 261.52 (b) and (f).

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a 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. Residents, owners or lessees of land, and holders of Forest Service special use authorizations within the restricted area are exempt from prohibition number 1, (building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or wood or charcoal burning stove) provided such fires are within a permanent structure (e.g. dwelling) and a spark arresting device is in use.

AREA DESCRIBED

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the Tonto National Forest, Maricopa, Gila, Yavapai, and Pinal Counties, Arizona (Exhibit A).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public's health and safety and to protect National Forest System lands, resources and facilities during the current period of severe fire danger.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective at 8:00 AM on May 04, 2018, and will remain in effect until rescinded or until August 30, 2018, whichever occurs first. This order terminates and supersedes order 03-12-00-18-333.
2. 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 3rd day of May 2018 at Phoenix, Arizona.



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Exhibit A, Order No. 03-12-00-18-333 R

