



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS
ALPINE RANGER DISTRICT
TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE DUE TO FIRE
*UPDATED 05/07/2018***

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the area described in this order, and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A, all within the Alpine Ranger District, Apache National Forest, Apache and Greenlee County, Arizona:

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Going into or being upon the restricted area, including all roads and trails within the restricted area. **36 CFR 261.53(e), 36 CFR 261.54(a) and 261.55(a)**
2. Being upon the National Forest Service Roads (NFSR) 54, 25D, 8154, 8315, 8319, 8789, 8790, National Forest Trails 309, 59, 62, 63, 317, 816, and all fire containment lines. **36 CFR 261.53(e), and 36 CFR 261.54(e)**

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 Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The Restricted Area begins at the intersection of the Black River with the Fort Apache Reservation Boundary to the junction of the Black River and Snake Creek. The closure continues east along Snake Creek then straight east to National Forest Service Road (NFSR) 25. The closure area continues south along the edge of NFSR 25 to the junction of NFSR 25 and Highway 191. The closure area continues south along the western edge of Highway 191 to the junction of NFSR 54. The closure area continues west along and includes the NFSR 54 road to the intersection of National Forest Trail 309, it then continues and includes National Forest Trail 309 to the intersection of the San Carlos Reservation Boundary, following the San Carlos and Fort Apache Reservation boundaries and Apache National Forest boundary north to the intersection of the Black River. The closure includes all of the Bear Wallow Wilderness. The

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closure also includes NFSR 8315, 8319, 8790, and 8789. All off road travel north of the NFSR 25 on fire containment lines is also restricted.

This area is located in T31/2 N, R28E – T3N, R28E – T3N, R29E

PURPOSE:

For the protection of public health and safety due to the Rattlesnake Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This order shall be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded.
2. This order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this order.
3. Any violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3571(b) (6), 18 USC 3581(b) (7)].

Signed in Springerville, Arizona, this _____ 7h _____ day of _____ May _____, 2018 .

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