

ORDER – EMERGENCY FIRE CLOSURE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE – PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST

***STAGE 3 TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
DUE TO FIRE DANGER***

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551, 36 CFR § 261.50(a), and 36 CFR § 261.50(b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Prescott National Forest, in Yavapai County within the state of Arizona (“the restricted area”). The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

Stage 2 Fire Restrictions Order Number 09-247, is still in effect for all areas of the Prescott National Forest that are not covered by the area closure described below.

PROHIBITION:

Going into, being upon, or using the restricted area in any way. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e)**

Going into or being upon an area closed for the protection of public health or safety. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)**

Being on roads within the closure area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e)**

Being on trails within the closure area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a)**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this order.
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.
3. Persons using National Forest System (NFS) roads to the extent necessary to access their private property.

AREA DESCRIPTION:

The closure area includes the area, roads, and trails which are depicted on the Map attached as Exhibit A, and within the boundary described as follows:

Starting at the intersection of the Prescott National Forest (PNF) boundary and County Road 10 (Iron Springs Road) and thence following County Road 10 north and east to the intersection with National Forest System Road (NNFSR) 74 (County Rd 120, Skyline Drive); thence following NFSR 74 south to non-motorized Trail 264; thence following Trail 264 south and east to the intersection with NFSR

373 (Thumb Butte Road); thence following NFSR 373 south/southeast to the intersection with NFSR 9402C; thence following NFSR 9402C to the intersection with the Mount Francis Non-Motorized Fuel Break; thence following the Mount Francis Non-Motorized Fuel Break south/southeast to the intersection with State Hwy 89 (White Spar Road); thence following State Hwy 89 northeast to the junction with Indian Creek Road (County Rd 102); thence following Indian Creek Road (CR 102) to the intersection with the National Forest boundary; thence southeasterly along the National Forest boundary to the intersection with County Rd 101 (Ponderosa Park Road); thence along County Rd 101 south to the intersection with NFSR 97B; thence along NFSR 97B south to the intersection with NFSR 667; thence following NFSR 667 south and east to the intersection with NFSR 9403C; thence following NFSR 9403C north and east to intersection with the National Forest property boundary; thence following the National Forest boundary south and west to the intersection with NFSR 52B; thence following NFSR 52B to the intersection with NFSR 52 (Senator Hwy); thence following NFSR 52 south and east to the intersection with County Rd 59 (Crown King Rd); thence. Following County Rd. 59 north and east to the Prescott National Forest (PNF) boundary; thence following the PNF boundary southerly and westerly to the western intersection of PNF boundary and County Rd. 60; thence following County Rd. 60 north and west to the PNF boundary; thence following the PNF boundary north to the point of beginning where it intersects with County Rd. 10 (Iron Springs Road).

- All approved vehicle travel roads, and non-motorized trails which the closure boundary parallels but does not overlay are open for public use except for the following prohibited roads: Forest road 97B and Forest road 9403C.
- Note: Traveling upon Forest Fuel breaks is prohibited.

PURPOSE:

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to the elevated risk of extreme wildfire behavior and the associated threat to life and property.

IMPLEMENTATION:

This Order becomes effective at 8:00 AM, June 1st, 2018, and will remain in force until rescinded or until August 15th, 2018, whichever occurs first.

Done at Prescott, AZ, this 30th day of May, 2018.



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Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both; 16 USC § 551, and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.