

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE  
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST**

**CLOSURE ORDER**

**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 maps are hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A and B (the “restricted areas”), all within the Tonto National Forest, Maricopa, Gila, and Yavapai Counties, Arizona:

1. Going into or being upon the restricted areas as described in the Order. 36 CFR 261.52(e).
2. Being on any road within the restricted areas. 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 officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Owners and lessees of private lands within the boundaries of the described areas.
4. State Highways and county roads remain OPEN unless the road is specifically closed by the agency managing that road; all National Forest System roads and trails within the described area are closed except those exceptions listed in the areas described.
5. On Saturdays during the closure, persons may access NFSR 524 on the west side of 188 near Punkin Center only for the purpose of transferring garbage. No access beyond the dump is authorized, and no access is granted on the other days of the week.
6. Persons accessing the RV dump site on the west side of State Highway 188 at Cholla Bay and/or the landfill on Buckhead Mesa (NFSR 582).
7. Persons accessing and camping within the Houston Mesa and Houston Mesa Horse, Campgrounds.

## **AREAS DESCRIBED**

1. **EXHIBIT A.** All National Forest System Lands, roads and trails within the Mt Ord, Four Peaks and Three Bar Wildlife Area, more specifically described as follows: bounded by Highway 87 on the west beginning at the intersection with National Forest System Road (NFSR) 143, thence northerly along the eastern edge of State Highway 87 to the intersection with State Highway 188; thence southerly along the western edge of State Highway 188 to the Salt River corridor, thence westerly along the north side of the Salt River corridor including the north shores of Apache Lake, Canyon Lake and Saguaro Lake to Cottonwood Creek, thence northerly along Cottonwood Creek to the intersection with NFSR 401, continuing northerly along eastern edge of NFSR 401 to the intersection with NFSR 143, thence northwesterly along the northern edge of NFSR 143 to the intersection with State Highway 87.
2. **EXHIBIT B.** Beginning at the Irving Trailhead, easterly along the Tonto National Forest boundary (Mogollon Rim) to the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation then southerly along the Forest boundary to National Forest System Road (NFSR) 358, then west along the southern boundary of NFSR 358 to NFSR 512, north along NFSR 512, to NFSR 128 (NFSR 512 will remain open for thru traffic), west along the NFSR 128 to NFSR 411, west along NFSR 411 to Haigler Creek, then west along the southern edge of Haigler Creek to the private property, then following the private property boundary westerly and southerly to NFSR 200, then southerly along NFSR 200, to the next private property, following the private property boundary westerly and southerly until reaching NFSR 3241A, then following NFSR 3241A around Alderwood Campground, until proceeding northeasterly to NFSR3241, then along the western edge of NFSR 3241 to NFSR 849, then northerly along NFSR 200 to National Forest System Trail (NFST) 178 then north along NFSR 200, to National Forest System Trail (NFST) 178, westerly along the southern and western edge of NFST 178 to NFSR 405, then northwest along the southern edge of NFSR 405 to NFSR 405A, then following the southern edge of NFSR 405A to AZ Hwy 260, then west along Hwy 260 to the private property boundary at the east side of Star Valley, then westerly and northerly along the forest/private property boundary to AZ Hwy 87, then north along Hwy 87 to NFSR 209, then westerly along the southern edge of NFSR 209 to the powerline corridor, then northwesterly along the powerline corridor to a point near the head of Hardscrabble Creek where the powerline turns northeasterly, from that point northerly to the junction of NFSR 708 and NFSR 1003, then west along the southern edge of NFSR 708 to Irving Trailhead. Note: Forest System Road 583 from State Highway 87 will remain open for access to Tonto Natural Bridge State Park. The Tonto Creek Fish Hatchery operated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department will be closed for public access.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public's health and safety during the extreme fire danger being experienced in Central Arizona.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. USFS Law Enforcement Officers will assist in implementation of the Order and serve as Liaisons with Gila County and Maricopa County Sheriff's Departments.
2. Prohibitions in this order become effective at 6:00 AM on June 14, 2018, and will remain in effect until rescinded or August 31, 2018, whichever comes first. This order supersedes and rescinds order 03-12-00-18-334.

3. 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 3571(b) (6), 18 USC 3581(b) (7)].

Done this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018, at Phoenix, Arizona.

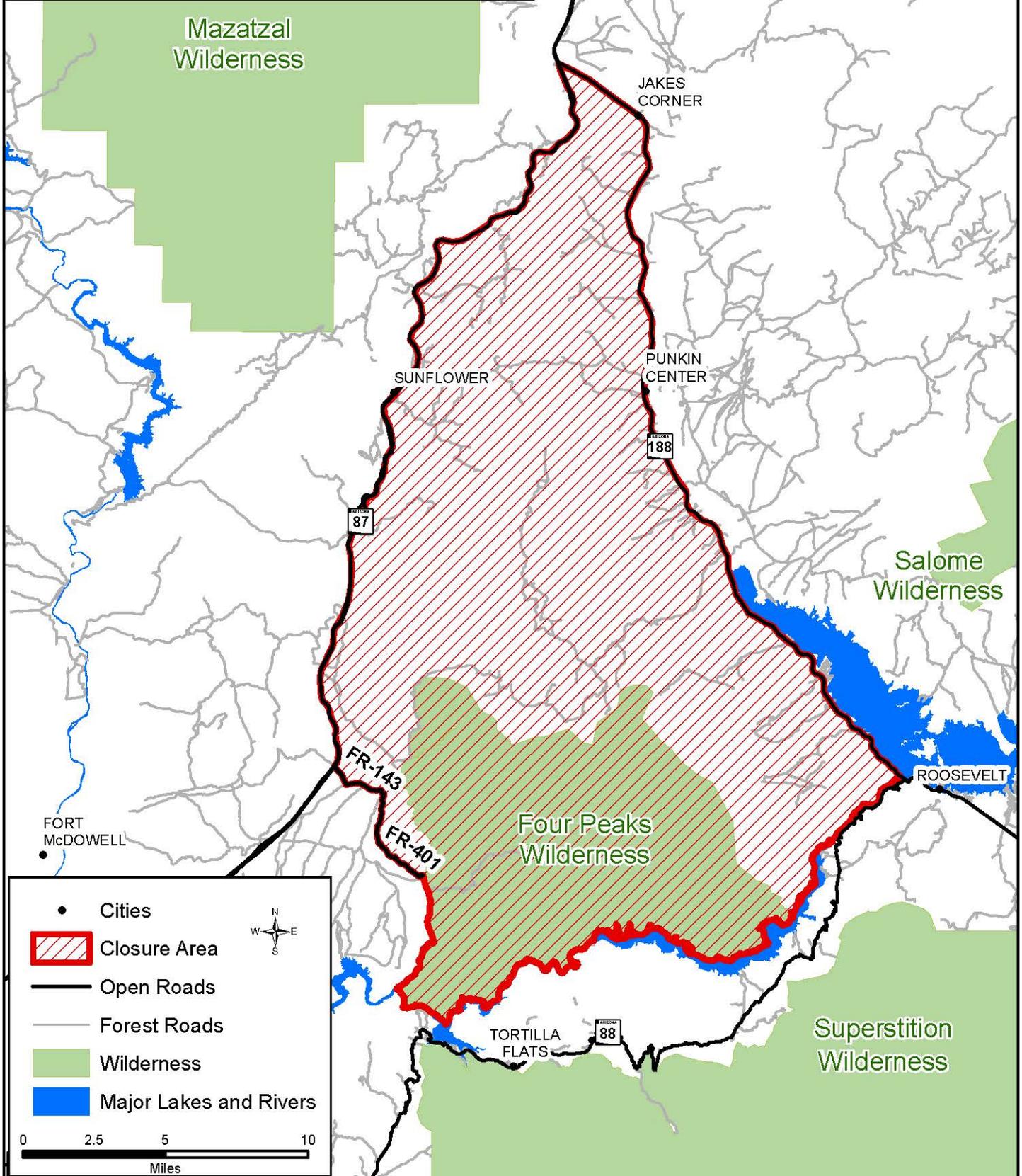
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## Closure Area

### Exhibit A

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### Exhibit B

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