

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE  
PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST  
VERDE RANGER DISTRICT

SPECIAL CLOSURE FOR THE HWY 260 CORRIDOR AND SALT MINE ROAD AREAS

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited in the areas as described in this Order (the "Restricted Areas") and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Verde Ranger District, Prescott National Forest, Yavapai County, Arizona:

1. Camping - **36 CFR 261.58(e)**

**DEFINITIONS**

1. Camping: means the temporary use of National Forest System lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently-fixed structure.

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically exempting them from the effects of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

**RESTRICTED AREAS**

Area 1 includes Forest Systems Lands east of Highway 260 beginning at Prairie Lane in Cottonwood, AZ southeast to Salt Mine road, then east of Salt Mine Road to junction with FR574, then east to a point 1 mile south of intersection with FR334 in Camp Verde, Arizona, to the Verde River (this is the Verde Ranger District boundary).

Area 2 includes All Forest Systems Lands within 4.5 miles west of Highway 260 beginning at West Mingus Avenue in Cottonwood, Arizona, southeast to Interstate 17.

Area 3 includes Forest Systems Lands within 3.0 miles west of Highway 260 beginning at the intersection of Interstate 17 southeast to Salt Mine road, then southeast to the intersection with FR574, then to a point 1 mile south of the intersection with FR334 in Camp Verde, Arizona.

**PURPOSE**

The purposes of this Order are as follows: (1) to support public health and safety due to violent crimes and sanitation issues, (2) to conserve and protect natural resources, and lands belonging to the United States.

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**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective at 0000 hours on January 07, 2019, and will remain in effect until 0000 hours January 06, 2021, unless terminated sooner.
2. These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at 36 CFR 261 Subpart A.
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. See 16 USC 551, 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581.

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018, at Prescott, Arizona.



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