



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
GILA NATIONAL FOREST
GLENWOOD RANGER DISTRICT

CATWALK RECREATION AREA TEMPORARY HEALTH AND SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and Title 36 CFR §261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the area as described in this Order (the “restricted area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A within the Glenwood Ranger District, Gila National Forest, Catron County within the State of New Mexico.

1. Entering into or being upon the restricted area, which is closed for public health and safety. **36 CFR §261.53(e)**
2. Being on the road. **36 CFR §261.54(e)**
3. Being on a trail. **36 CFR §261.55(a)**

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 an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA:

All National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the boundaries described below and as depicted on the attached Exhibit A:

The restricted area includes National Forest System lands and roads within the Whitewater Creek drainage. The restricted area encompasses a corridor 300 feet on both sides of the stream, including the Whitewater Picnic Area, parking lot, amphitheater area, Universal Trail, CCC steps, Whitewater Creek and the Catwalk National Recreation Trail (#207). The closure area is located in Township 11 South, Range 19 West, Sections 4, 5, and 6.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to protect the public’s health and safety due to flooding and high water events.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed, and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2019 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same act covered by this Order.

4. This order can be enforced by any commissioned law enforcement officer.
5. General information about this closure will be provided by the Forest Service.

Done at Silver City, New Mexico this 11th day of March, 2019.



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