

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
TONTONATIONAL FOREST PAYSON RANGER  
DISTRICT**

*TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE*

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), the following act is prohibited on the road described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, all within the Payson Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, Arizona:

**PROHIBITIONS**

1. Using a motor vehicle on the portion of National Forest System Road 708, as described below and depicted in Exhibit A, **36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a)**.

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

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

**ROAD DESCRIBED**

National Forest System Road (NFSR) 708, known as the “Fossil Creek Road,” starting at a point 1/2 mile west of the entrance to the Upper Fossil Springs Trailhead, and continuing west and down-canyon for approximately 5 miles, ending at a point immediately east of the Waterfall Trailhead (Old Flume Trail Trailhead), as depicted in Exhibit A.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public’s health and safety during periods of unsafe road conditions resulting from unstable road surfaces.

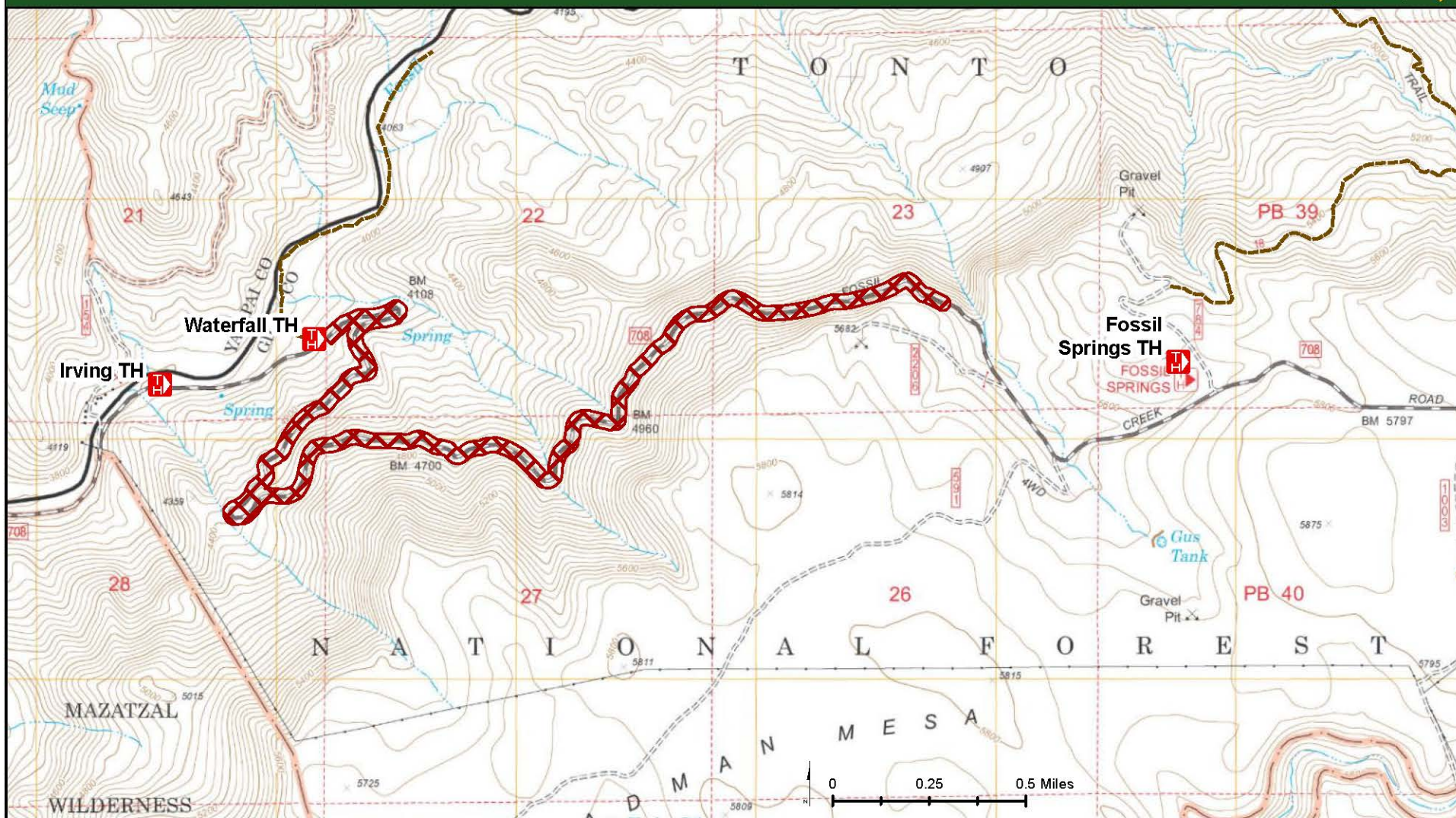
1. This Order will be in effect on **May 7, 2019**, at 9 a.m., and shall remain in effect until **May 6, 2021**, or until rescinded, whichever occurs earlier.
2. A map identifying the road closure is attached and made a part of this Order.

3. Violation of these prohibitions in this Order is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at Payson Ranger District, telephone number 928 474-7900.
5. This Order supersedes any previous order prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Dated this seventh day of May 2019, at Phoenix, Arizona.



NEIL BOSWORTH  
Forest Supervisor



## Fossil Creek Road Closure Exhibit A Order # 03-12-04-19-348

Road, trail, and area closure affects only National Forest System roads, trails and lands within the closure area on Tonto National Forest. The closure does not apply to any non-National Forest System roads, trails or lands within the closure boundary.

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### Legend

-  Trailhead
-  Trail
-  Road Closure