



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST AND NATIONAL GRASSLANDS
SANDIA RANGER DISTRICT**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a), 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 Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands, Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties within the State of New Mexico.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. **36 CFR 261.58(m)**

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. Tribal members of Sandia Pueblo using the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area for traditional activities.
3. Owners of private land within the Sandia Ranger District so long as the prohibited activity is conducted within the boundaries of the private land and so long as materials are not expelled outside of the boundaries of the private land.
4. 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 within the boundaries of the Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands, as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A).

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until March 30, 2025 or rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
2. Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individual or \$10,000.00 for organizations or 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 order prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 1st day of February, 2019.

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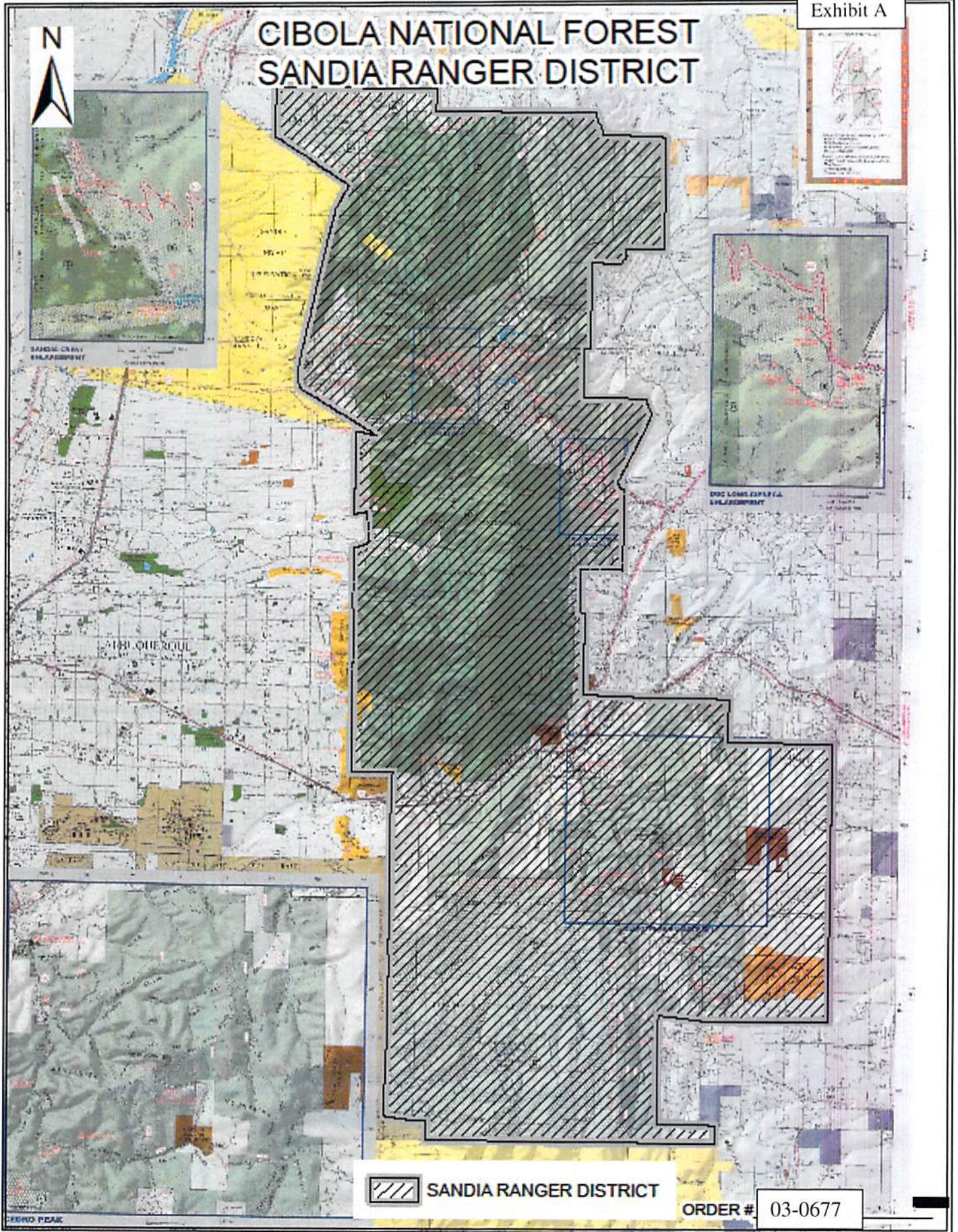
Exhibit A

CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST SANDIA RANGER DISTRICT



 SANDIA RANGER DISTRICT

ORDER # 03-0677

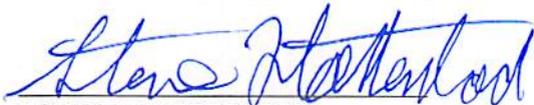


Assessment of Need (Justification), CRIS and Enforcement Plan

1. Background: The purpose of this order had been and is to prohibit the discharge of firearms on the Sandia Ranger District. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish hunting regulations state that in big game units 8 and 14, Cougar zones F and G, and Bear Zone 4 the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest is listed as bow hunting only. There are also 22,000 homes in the "East Mountains" adjacent to the Sandia Ranger district as well as 2,000,000 visitors to the Sandia Ranger district annually. This order is established to provide safety for forest visitors, surrounding homeowners, and assist in the implementation of the hunting regulations on the Sandia Ranger District. An Order is needed to be able to cite persons unwilling to comply with the special order.
2. Intent of Subpart B order: The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety.
3. NEPA Compliance: This Order falls under FSH 1909.15, 31.12, (1): "Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261 - Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety". This Order will not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and, therefore, is categorically excluded from documentation in an EIS or an EA. The only physical changes to the environment associated with this Order will be signs posted temporarily for the duration of the closure. No effects to extraordinary circumstances are anticipated.
4. Civil Rights Impact Statement: This Order does not constitute a "major action" as defined in FSH 1709.11, 31.1. It merely minimizes the dangers to human health and safety; as such, no one group is expected to be displaced or experience a disproportionate burden as a result of this Order.
5. Enforcement Plan: The following activities will occur in order to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>
Prepare proposed order	Responsible Staff, Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest
Review proposed order (Law Enforcement)	Dan Reed, Patrol Captain, Southwestern Region, USFS
Approve proposed order	Steven Hattenbach Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest and Grasslands
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	Volunteers, Forest Service FPOs, and all available staffs
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives/post to website/notify COIDC/copy to each receptionist/frontliners	PAO
Notices will be used at trailheads and access points advising of the closure for implementation.	Appropriate Staff Forest Protection Officers Cibola National Forest Employees and Volunteers

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:


FOREST SUPERVISOR


DATE