

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
GLOBE RANGER DISTRICT**

Forest Road 223 and Forest Road 644 closure order for public safety

PROHIBITIONS

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

1. Using any motor vehicle on the road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the provisions of 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.
2. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

ROADS DESCRIBED

The following National Forest System Roads are closed to motorized vehicles due to the Redmond Fire, as depicted on the map attached as Exhibit A:

National Forest System Road (NFSR) 223, starting from the junction of NFSR 219, and proceeding in a northwesterly direction for approximately 3.5 miles to the private property boundary.

NFSR 644, starting from the junction of NFSR 223, and proceeding in a northerly direction for approximately 5 miles to the end of the road.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect firefighter and public health and safety, as the closed roads are near the Redmond Fire and firefighters, tankers and large vehicles are using the roads and dropping retardant in the area.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect at 06:00 a.m. on September 07, 2019 and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2019, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the road closures is attached and made a part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals or \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. 3581(b)(7)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, Arizona, (602) 225-5200, Globe Ranger District Office in Globe, AZ, (928) 402-6200.

Dated this 5th day of September 2019, at Phoenix, Arizona.

/s/ Neil Bosworth

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