



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST**

Special Restrictions for Off-Road Motor Vehicle Use

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Tonto National Forest in, Maricopa, Gila, Yavapai, and Pinal Counties, Arizona and as depicted on the Map attached hereto as Exhibit A.

1. Possessing or using a vehicle off any National Forest System Road. 36 CFR §261.56.

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect 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.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is:

1. The protection of National Forest visitors and employees from increased fire danger due to vehicles operating off-road.
2. The protection of resources from damage due to vehicles operating off-road.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective from May 15, 2020 at 6:00 AM and will remain in effect until May 14, 2022 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made 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.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Dated this _____ 13th _____ day of May, 2020, at Phoenix, Arizona.

Neil Bosworth
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Tonto National Forest