



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

*Pinto Valley Mine Blasting Closure*

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the areas and roads described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, the “Pinto Valley Mine Blasting Closure Area”, all within the Globe Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, Arizona:

1. Going into or being upon the area described in the Order. 36 CFR § 261.53(e)
2. Being on a road. 36 CFR § 261.54 (e)

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from 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 firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
3. Pinto Valley Mining Corp. (PVMC), FMI/Bohme Ranch employees, contractors and subcontractors during the performance of their official duties subject to the approval of the Pinto Valley Mine blasting coordinator.

**CLOSURE AREA**

The affected area is the maximum extent of a personnel exclusion zone (a 1500 ft. arc) from the blasting site which extends onto National Forest System land from the eastern edge of Pinto Valley Mine’s open pit located on private land. This exclusion zone includes segments of Forest Roads 287B for a distance of 0.4 miles, 2607 for a distance of 0.3 miles, 2600 for a distance of

1.2 miles, and 2608 for a distance of 0.4 miles. This area includes portions of Township 1 North, Range 14 East, Sections 20, 21, 28 and 29. This area is depicted in Exhibit A.

**PURPOSE**

PVMC regularly conducts blasting operations in their open pit mine on private land. PVMC has asked the Forest Service to close the area within the blasting radius to protect the public from harm and create a safe working environment for PVMC and its contractors. The closure order would be used to minimize risks and incidents associated with activities that surround blasting.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Prohibitions contained in this order become effective beginning 0800, June 05, 2020, and will remain in effect until 1700, June 04, 2022, unless terminated sooner.
2. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of these prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Dated this \_\_\_\_4th\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_June\_\_\_\_ 2020, at Phoenix, Arizona

NEIL BOSWORTH  
Forest Supervisor