



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST  
GLOBE, TONTO BASIN AND MESA RANGER DISTRICTS**

***Bush Post Fire Flooding Public Safety Closure Order***

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the area described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, all within the Tonto National Forest, Maricopa and Gila Counties, Arizona.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. §261.53(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.

**RESTRICTED AREA**

All National Forest System lands contained within the following area except Cholla Campground and boat launch, and NFSR 491 and the transfer station approximately .3 miles west of SR 188, and Vineyard Picnic Site. Beginning at the intersection of SR 87 and SR 188, proceeding southeast along the south side of SR 188 for approximately 3 miles to the intersection with National Forest System Road (NFSR) 184, proceeding north along the east side of NSR 184 until the intersection with FR 1387, then southeast along the south side of FR1387 until the intersection with Tonto Creek, then proceeding south along the east side of Tonto Creek and outside the boundaries of any private property until the inflow to Roosevelt Lake, then along the southern shoreline of the Lake to the north side of Theodore Roosevelt Dam, then following the north shoreline of the Salt River, Apache, Canyon and Saguaro Lakes to the Saguaro Del Norte Recreation Site, then along the north and west side of the recreation sit to the upper exit road to Bush Hwy, then north along east side of the Bush Highway until the intersection with SR 87, then southwest along the north side of SR87 until the junction with Fort McDowell Indian Reservation boundary, then north along the reservation boundary NFSR1096, then east and north

along the north and west side of NFSR1096 to the intersection with NFSR160, then following the north side of NFSR 160 to the junction with Sycamore Creek, then along the west side of the creek until the junction with NFSR3456, then east along the north side of 3456 until the junction with SR 87, then north along the west side of SR 87 to the starting point at the intersection with AZ state Hwy 188.

Note: The Tonto Creek crossing and roads at NFSR 71, (NFSR (Bar X Road) and NFSR 60 (A Cross Road) are open unless closed by Gila County.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to close the Restricted Area for the protection of public health and safety during the time that the area is at increased risk of post-fire flood events that could cause significant injury or death.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be in effect at 0600 on July 31, 2020 and shall remain in effect until March 15, 2021 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, or at Mesa Ranger District Office, 480-610-3300. Or at Tonto Basin RD office 602-225-5395

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

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Forest Supervisor