



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS**

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited in the areas described in this Order and as depicted on the attached map and list (“Restricted Areas”), hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A and B, within the Tonto National Forest, the State of Arizona.

1. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(b).**

DEFINITIONS:

“Developed recreation site” means an area which has been improved or developed for recreation, as defined in 36 C.F.R. § 261.2.

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.

RESTRICTED AREAS:

- See Exhibit A for a map of where the Restricted Areas are located.
- See Exhibit B for a complete list of Restricted Areas (developed recreation sites).

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order, which reflects federal and state guidance to limit the spread of COVID- 19, is to protect public health and safety.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be effective on September 11, 2020, at 06:00 a.m., and will remain in effect until September 10 , 2021, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. 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)).
3. A map identifying the Restricted Areas is attached and made a part of this Order as Exhibit A. A complete list of the Restricted Areas, by name, is attached and made a part of this Order as Exhibit B.
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, Arizona, (602) 225-5200, Mesa Ranger District Office in Mesa, AZ, 480-610-3300.
5. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Dated this _____10th_____day of September, 2020 at Phoenix, Arizona.

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Forest Supervisor