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ORDER NO. 03-12-00-20-409

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

PROHIBITIONS

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

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, including charcoal and briquettes, outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service within a designated area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).**

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d).**

3. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(m).**

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three (3) feet of the device.

2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.

3. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

4. Persons engaged in legal hunting activity are allowed to discharge a firearm while taking wildlife.

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RESTRICTED AREA

All National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the exterior boundaries of the Tonto National Forest, as depicted on the attached map at Exhibit A.

PURPOSE

To reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires during periods of high fire danger and elevated fire weather conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect at 12:00 AM on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, and shall remain in effect until October 31, 2020, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.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. Exhibit B, "Definitions," is attached and incorporated into this Order.

4. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than $5000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, 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)).

5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Mesa Ranger District located in Mesa, AZ, telephone number 480 610-3300.

6. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Phoenix, AZ this 29 day of September, 2020.

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EXHIBIT B

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

DEFINITIONS:

DESIGNATED AREA: Developed recreation sites such as (campgrounds and picnic areas) that are maintained and administered by the Forest Service, shown on the current Forest visitor maps, and are equipped with a permanent fire structures.

FIRE STRUCTURE: A permanent metal or concrete structure, which is specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire that has been installed and maintained by the Forest Service or equivalent.

STOVE FIRE: A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove, which is outfitted with a chimney that is at least five (5) feet in length and is equipped with a spark arrestor consisting of a mesh screen with a screen opening of ¼ inch or less.

For further definitions or clarification of definitions, refer to 36 C.F.R. § 261.2.

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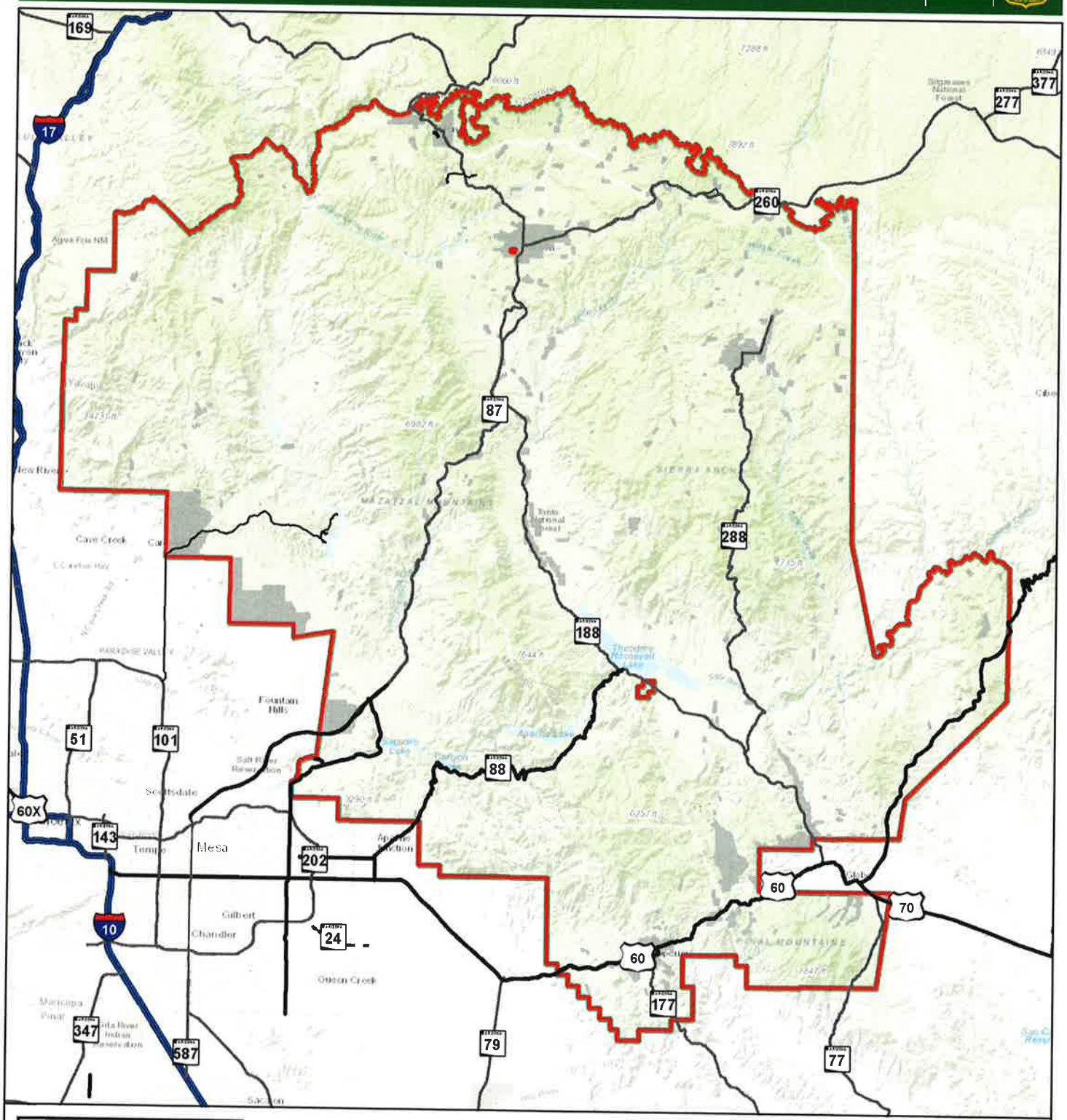

Stage I Fire Restrictions
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Road, trail, and area closure affects only National Forest System roads, trails and lands within the closure area on Tonto National Forest. The closure does not apply to any non-National Forest System roads, trails or lands within the closure boundary.

Legend

- Roads
- Restricted Area
- Non-Forest Service
- Tonto National Forest

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