

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

Crabtree and Davis Wash 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 on all National Forest System lands as described in this Order (the "Restricted Areas"), and as depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A1, and A2, all within the Tonto National Forest, within the state of Arizona.

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

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the Restricted Areas, who are authorized to be in the Restricted Areas by the US Forest Service, the state of Arizona, or Maricopa County, and their employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.
3. Residents using roads in the Restricted Areas to the extent necessary to access their private property.

RESTRICTED AREAS

Unless otherwise noted below, the Restricted Areas encompass all National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the following boundaries and as depicted in the attached maps:

Crabtree Wash: Beginning at the western edge of Crabtree Wash and Highway 88, then following the western edge of Crabtree Wash north to the southern shore of Apache Lake, then following the shoreline east for approximately 300 ft to the eastern edge of Crabtree Wash, then following southeast to the western edge of NFSR 79, then following south along the western edge of NFSR 79 to the northern edge of Highway 88, then following the northern edge of Highway 88 west, back to the western edge of Crabtree Wash. *See map at Exhibit A1.*

Davis Wash: Beginning at the northern edge of Highway 88 and a point approximately 200 feet west of the unnamed wash approximately 1.8 miles northeast of the Apache Lake Marina turn off (NFSR79) (within Township 3N, Range 11E, Section 22), then, maintaining a distance of 200 feet west of that wash, following north to the southern shore of Apache Lake, then following in a northeasterly direction along the southern shore of Apache Lake to the eastern edge of Davis Wash, then south along the eastern edge of Davis Wash to the northern edge of Highway 88, then following in a general westerly direction along Highway 88, back to the western edge of the unnamed wash, approximately 1.8 miles northeast of the Apache Lake Marina turn off. See map at Exhibit A2.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect National Forest visitor health and safety, as the Restricted Areas are highly susceptible to flash flooding due to elevated run off from the Woodbury Fire burned area.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect at 12:00 a.m. on September 30, 2020 and shall remain in effect until March 31, 2021, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. Maps identifying the Restricted Areas are attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A1, and A2.
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, Tonto Basin Ranger District Office in Roosevelt, AZ, 602-225-5395.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Dated this 29th day of September 2020, at Phoenix, Arizona.



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