



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
CAVE CREEK RANGER DISTRICT**
Sears Fire Public Safety Closure Order

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the area and on the roads 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 County, Arizona.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).
2. Being on the road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).
3. Being on the trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 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, roads, and trails within the boundary starting at the intersection of National Forest System Road (NFSR) 1058 and NFSR 205 (Horseshoe Dam Road), then following the west side of NFSR 205 north to Willow Springs Wash, then following the bottom of Willow Springs Wash west to Buck basin wash, then continuing west to the head of Buck Basin Wash and NFSR 1099, then following the south side of NFSR 1099 west to the powerlines, then following the powerlines south to NFSR 3207, then following the east side of NFSR 3207 to the east side of Camp Creek Wash, then following the east side of Camp Creek Wash to NFSR 1058, then following the west side of NFSR 1058 south back to the point of beginning at its intersection with NFSR 205.

NOTE: Along the perimeter, NFSRs 205, 1099, and 3207 are *open*. NFSR 1058 is *closed*. The "Maricopa Trail" is closed between the Cave Creek Ranger District Office and Bronco Trailhead.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety during firefighting and emergency operations.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on October 04, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2020 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.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. 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 the Cave Creek Ranger District Office, (480) 595-3300.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2020, at Phoenix, Arizona.



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