



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
GILA 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 depicted in the attached list and Map (“Restricted Areas”), hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A and B, all within the Gila National Forest and that portion of the Apache National Forest in Grant, Hidalgo, Catron and Sierra Counties, New Mexico:

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 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 an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREAS:

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

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Order will be effective on October 6, 2020 at 12:00 a.m., and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2020, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.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 and \$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 complete list of the Restricted Areas, by name, is attached and made a part of this Order as Exhibit A. A map identifying the Restricted Areas is attached and made a part of this Order as Exhibit B.
4. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Gila National Forest Supervisor's Office at 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, NM, telephone number (575) 388-8201 and at the following website:

USDA Forest Service Gila National Forest website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gila/>

Done at Silver City, New Mexico this 6th day of October 2020.


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