



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
TONGO NATIONAL FOREST
TONGO BASIN AND MESA RANGER DISTRICTS
*Bush Post Fire Flooding 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 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 and Gila Counties, Arizona.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. Being upon the trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).
3. Being on the road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 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 contained within the boundary beginning at the intersection of Arizona State Route (SR) 87 and SR 188, following southeast along the west side of SR 188 for approximately 13.5 miles to its intersection with National Forest System Road (NFSR) 409, then following west along the west side of NFSR 409 until its intersection with National Forest System Trail (NFST) 66, then following south along the west side of NFST 66 until its intersection with NFSR 422, then following south along the west side of NFSR 422 to NFSR 648, then following south along the west side of NFSR 648 to the Four Peaks Wilderness boundary at Lone Pine Trailhead, then following southeast along the west side of NFST 130 for approximately 1 mile to the junction with NFST 123 and the Wilderness Boundary, then following south along the Wilderness boundary to the north shoreline of the Salt River, then following west along the north shoreline of the Salt River, Apache, Canyon and Saguaro Lakes to the Saguaro Del Norte Recreation Site, then following along the north and west side of the

recreation site to the upper exit road to Bush Hwy, then following north along the east side of the Bush Highway until its intersection with SR 87, then following southwest along the north side of SR 87 until the junction with Fort McDowell Indian Reservation boundary, then following north along the reservation boundary with NFSR1096, then following east and north along the north and west side of NFSR1096 to its intersection with NFSR160, then following the north side of NFSR 160 to its junction with Sycamore Creek, then following along the west side of the creek until the junction with NFSR 3456, then following east along the north side of 3456 until the junction with SR 87, then following north along the west side of SR 87, back to the point of beginning at its intersection with SR 188.

NOTE: NFSR 409, 422 and 648 are open. NRSR 143 is open from SR 188 to NFSR 422. NFST 66 is open from NFSR 409 to NFSR 422.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety during the time that the Restricted Area is at increased risk of post-fire flood events that could cause significant injury or death.

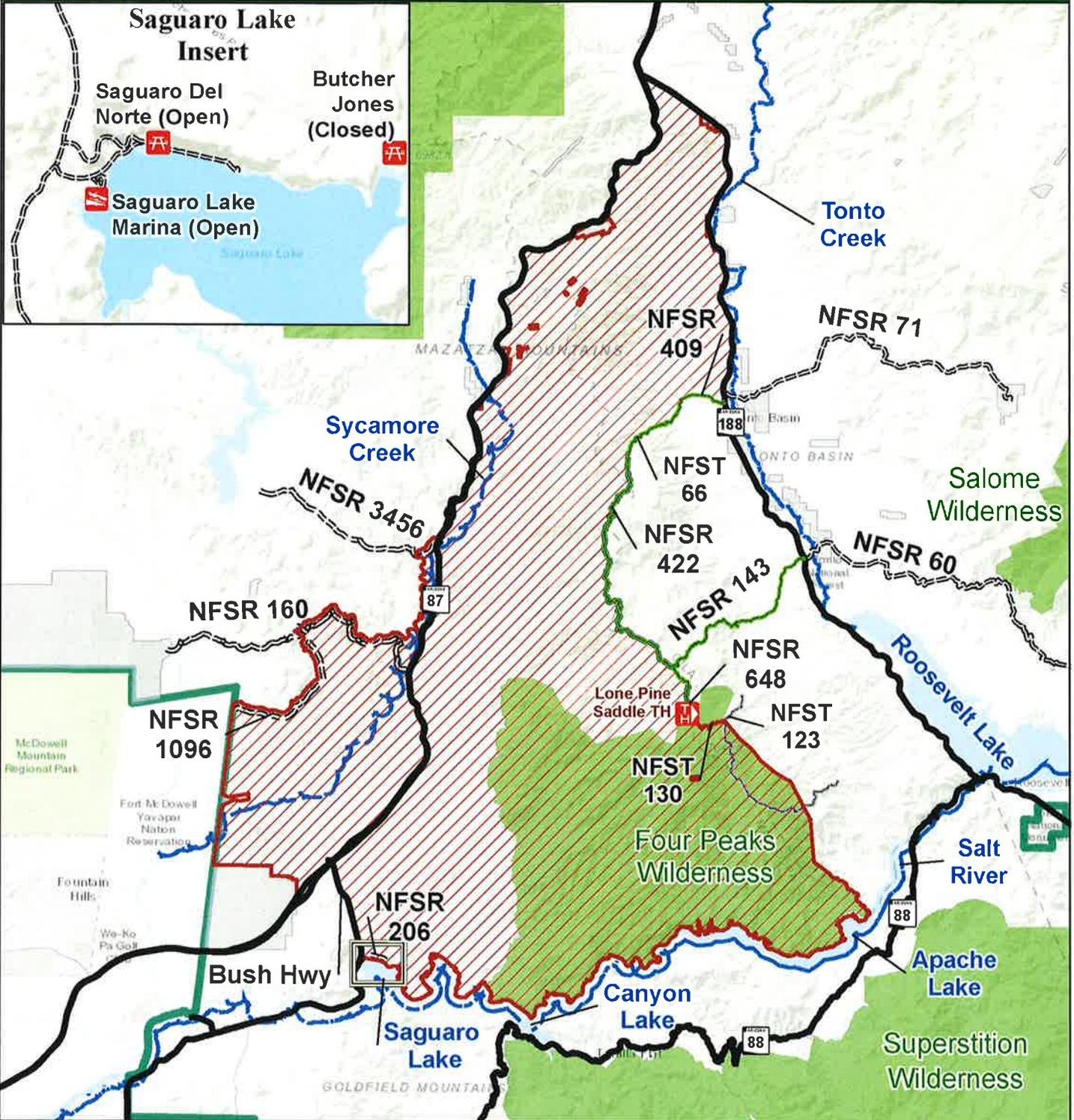
IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on October 9, 2020, at 4:00 a.m., and shall remain in effect until March 15, 2021 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 Mesa Ranger District Office, (480) 610-3300, or at the Tonto Basin Ranger District Office, (602) 225-5395.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2020, at Phoenix, Arizona



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Acting Forest Supervisor



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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.

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