



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
U.S. FOREST SERVICE  
PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST  
VERDE RANGER DISTRICT**

***SPECIAL CAMPING CLOSURE FOR THE HWY 260 CORRIDOR AND SALT MINE  
ROADS AREAS***

**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 areas described in this Order (the “Restricted Areas”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Verde Ranger District, Prescott National Forest, Yavapai County, Arizona.

1. Camping. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e).**

**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 firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

**RESTRICTED AREAS**

Restricted Area 1 includes all National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails within one and half miles terminating at the Forest Boundary (Verde River) east of Highway 260, Salt Mine Road, and NFS Road 574, beginning at the intersection of Highway 260 and Prairie Lane in Cottonwood, AZ, then following southeast to Salt Mine road, then following Salt Mine Road west and south to its junction with NFS Road 574, then following NFS Road 574 south to a point 1 mile south of its intersection with NFS Road 334 in Camp Verde, AZ, then following east to the Beasley Flats Day Use Area at the Verde River (Verde District Boundary).

Restricted Area 2 includes all NFS lands, roads, and trails within 4.5 miles west of Highway 260, beginning at West Mingus Avenue in Cottonwood, AZ, following southeast to Interstate 17.

Restricted Area 3 includes all NFS lands, roads, and trails within 3.0 miles west of Highway 260, beginning at the intersection of Highway 60 and Interstate 17, then following southeast to Salt Mine road, then following Salt Mine Road southeast to its intersection with NFS Road 574, then following NFS Road 574 south to a point 1 mile south of the intersection of NFS Road 574 with FR334 in Camp Verde, AZ.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to mitigate natural resource degradation, including negative impacts to soil and water quality, stemming from overuse of the Restricted Areas by the public, as well as to protect public health and safety from forest user conflicts and sanitation issues.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be effective on January 7, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., and shall remain in effect until January 6, 2023, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted Areas 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 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)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Verde Ranger District located in Camp Verde, Arizona, telephone number (928) 567-4121, and at the National Forest Supervisor's Office in Chino Valley, Arizona, telephone number (928) 777-2200.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Chino Valley, AZ, this 4th day of January, 2021.

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**Dale Deiter**

Forest Supervisor  
Prescott National Forest