PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), the following acts are prohibited on the road described in this Order and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Reserve Ranger District, Gila National Forest, Catron County within the State of New Mexico.

1. Being on the road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(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 fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

ROAD DESCRIBED

National Forest System Road 4031C, west of the San Francisco River from the intersection of Higgins Flat Road. The road closure is located in Township 6 South, Range 19 West, Section 14, as depicted in Exhibit A.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources and prevent continued illegal fuelwood cutting and user created motorized use within the Frisco Box Roadless area and to facilitate restoration of the area.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect on January 13, 2021, at 12:00 a.m., and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2022, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the road closure is attached and made a part of this Order as Exhibit A. A digital version of the Order map may be accessed at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/gila/alerts-notices.

3. Any violation of the prohibitions in this Order is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, or 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 Reserve Ranger District, (575) 533-6231.

5. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Silver City, New Mexico this 13th day of January, 2021.

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