

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST
OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following act is prohibited on all National Forest System lands as described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”), and as depicted on the attached map and list, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A and B, all within the Prescott National Forest, within the state of Arizona.

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 the provisions of 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 fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREAS

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

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will be effective on May 1, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., and shall remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. on May 24, 2021, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.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 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)).
3. A map identifying the Restricted Areas is attached and made a part of this Order as Exhibit A. A complete list of the Restricted Areas, by name, is attached and made a part of this Order as Exhibit B.
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Prescott National Forest Supervisor's Office in Prescott, Arizona, (928) 225-5200, the Bradshaw Ranger District Office in Prescott, Arizona, (928) 443-8000, or at the Verde Ranger District Office, Camp Verde, Arizona (928) 567-4121.
5. This Order supersedes Order No. 03-09-00-21-274, dated March 11, 2021.

Dated this 28th day of April 2021, at Prescott, Arizona.

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Forest Supervisor