TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), the following act is prohibited on the road described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, all within the Payson Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, Arizona:

PROHIBITIONS

1. Using a motor vehicle. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty; and

2. Persons with a Forest Service Permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

ROAD DESCRIBED

National Forest System Road 708, known as the “Fossil Creek Road,” starting at a point 1/2 mile west of the entrance to the Upper Fossil Springs Trailhead, and continuing west and down-canyon for approximately 5 miles, ending at a point immediately east of the Waterfall Trailhead (Old Flume Trail Trailhead), as depicted in Exhibit A.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public’s health and safety during periods of unsafe road conditions resulting from unstable road surfaces.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect on May 7, 2021, at 9 a.m., and shall remain in effect until May 6, 2023, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.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.
3. Any violation of this prohibition 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. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581).

4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at Payson Ranger District, telephone number 928 474-7900.

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

Dated this 4th day of May 2021, at Phoenix, Arizona.

NEIL BOSWORTH
Forest Supervisor