



Order Number 03-09-00-21-280

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST
STAGE III FOREST CLOSURE**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the area described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”), and as depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibits A & B, all within the within the boundaries of the Prescott National Forest, Coconino and Yavapai Counties, Arizona (AZ):

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(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.
3. Residents or businesses using roads in the Restricted Area to the extent necessary to access their private property.

RESTRICTED AREA

All National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the exterior boundaries of the Prescott National Forest, as shown on the attached maps at Exhibits A & B.

The entire Forest is closed, except for the following areas and roads:

○ **OPEN Areas:**

- Lynx Lake – Road access to Lynx Lake remains open. Access to day-use recreation facilities on the North Shore of Lynx lake will be open through Forest Road 611. Forest Road 611 will remain open between County Road 57 (Walker Road) and North Shore day-use recreation facilities. Forest Road 623 will remain open between County Road 57 (Walker Road) and South Shore day-use recreation facilities. FS Trail – 311, which circumnavigates the Lynx Lake allowing access to the shoreline, will remain open. FS Trail 311 is directly accessible from North Shore and South Shore day-use facilities.
- Granite Basin Lake –Forest Road 374 will remain open from County Road 10 (Iron Springs Road to Granite Basin Lake. Road 374 provides direct access to day-use picnic areas and boat launch. Access to the shoreline around the lake will remain open for recreation.
- Goldwater Lake – Forest Road 9713E will remain open from County Road 56 (Senator Highway). Forest Road 9713E provides direct public access to City of Prescott parking recreation facilities on the east side of Goldwater Lake. The majority of Goldwater Lake is on City of Prescott property, and access to parts of Goldwater Lake on City of Prescott lands is not restricted by this order. The section of Upper Goldwater Lake that is located on Forest Service lands is the southwestern quarter of the lake. Public hiking access to the lake will be permitted to the shoreline of parts of the lake where it intersects Forest Service lands.

PURPOSE

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to extreme fire danger.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on Friday, June 25, 2021, at 8:00 A.M., and shall remain in effect until September 1, 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 Prescott National Forest Supervisor's Office located in Chino Valley, AZ, telephone number 928-777-2200.
5. All existing Stage II Restrictions under Order No. 03-09-00-21-278, remain in effect.

Done at Prescott, Arizona this 24th day of June, 2021

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Prescott National Forest

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