

EXHIBIT C:

03-05-03-21-028

September 13, 2021

Assessment of Need: This order is being prepared to restrict use of National Forest System Roads due to abandoned mine remediation construction activities in the Upper Harshaw Creek area. This order is to provide for:

- 1) Public health and safety of Forest Service personnel, volunteers, and/or contracted workers during the ongoing remediation of the Upper Harshaw Creek abandoned mine sites.
- 2) To provide for resource protection.

Scope of the Order: Estimated to be until approximately March 01, 2022. This order will stay in effect until rescinded when the remediation activities have concluded.

How interested or potentially affected persons will be informed: Closure Orders will be posted at the Nogales and Sierra Vista Ranger District Offices, on recreational kiosks in the area, Coronado National Forest Supervisors Office, and the Coronado National Forest Website. Additionally, the Forest Service will coordinate with affected state agencies such as Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office and Arizona Game and Fish Department.

NEPA compliance: This Order is being issued pursuant to a Categorical Exclusion 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1). The following Categorical Exclusions are found at 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1):

- ***Categories of Actions for Which a Project or Case File and Decision Memo Are Not Required.***
A supporting record and a decision memo are not required, but at the discretion of the responsible official, may be prepared for the following categories:
Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR part 261 – Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety.

This order will not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. The Order is necessary to provide for public safety, resource protection, and remediation/restoration activities for the duration of the project.

Civil Rights Impact Statement: This Order does not constitute a “major action” as defined in FSH 1709.11, 31.1, Exhibit 01. It merely closes access roads within the Sierra Vista Ranger District equally to all motorized vehicle use; as such, no one group is expected to be displaced or experience a disproportionate burden as a result of this Order.

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