UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Order – Occupancy and Use Restrictions

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the area described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Tonto National Forest, State of Arizona.

1. Possessing or storing any refuse for the purpose of target shooting with a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(cc).

Refuse includes any material used as targets except:
   a. Cardboard, and/or cardboard targets with reusable frames (not including wooden pallets), which are removed from the site after shooting;
   b. Paper, and/or paper targets with reusable frames (not including wooden pallets), which are removed from the site after shooting;
   c. Reactive targets that are designed to move and/or bounce along the ground when hit that are made of non-metallic materials; and are removed from the site after shooting;
   d. Self-healing targets which are removed after shooting;
   e. Metal targets specifically designed for firearms that are designed to swing, spin, or knock-down which are removed after shooting;
   f. Biodegradable clay targets (clay pigeons).

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.

RESTRICTED AREA
The Restricted Area consists of all National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the confines of the exterior boundaries of the Tonto National Forest, as depicted in Exhibit A of this Order.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety from potentially dangerous and/or hazardous materials and to protect natural resources from degradation.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be effective on September 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM, and shall remain in effect until September 27, 2023 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of the Order map for the Tonto National Forest, go to https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notices.

3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than $5,000 for individuals and $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 Ranger District Offices and at the Tonto National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Phoenix, Arizona, telephone number 602-225-5200.

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

Done at Phoenix, Arizona, this 28th day of September, 2021.

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Forest Supervisor
Tonto National Forest