Grapevine Group Site Closure Order for Public Health & Safety

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 map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Tonto Basin Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, the State of Arizona.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).

2. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(b).

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

As shown in Exhibit A, the Restricted Area consists of the following developed recreation sites within the Grapevine Group Camp site located off National Forest System Road (NFSR) 84: Grebe Loop, Mallard Loop, Teal Loop, Egret Loop, Cormorant Loop, Heron Loop, and Pintail Loop. All of these developed recreation sites are closed.

Note: Grapevine Boat Ramp will remain open, as well as the Coot and Goose loops.
PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public health and safety, due to no water at sites or restrooms.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect on December 31, 2021 at 06:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2022 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.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, navigate 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 Tonto Basin Ranger District located at 28079 N. AZ Hwy 188 Roosevelt, AZ 85545, telephone number (602) 225-5395, and at the Tonto National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Phoenix, AZ, telephone number (602) 225-5200.

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

Done at Phoenix, Arizona, this 30th day of December, 2021.

NEIL BOSWORTH  
Forest Supervisor  
Tonto National Forest