

ORDER
STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS
GILA AND APACHE NATIONAL FORESTS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are **prohibited** on all National Forest System lands within the Gila National Forest and those portions of the Apache National Forest lying within New Mexico and administered by the Gila National Forest, in the counties of Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, and Sierra within the State of New Mexico (“the restricted area”). The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal or woodstove, **EXCEPT** within a Forest Service developed recreation or improved site on the attached list (Exhibit B) in a Forest Service provided grill or stove. 36 CFR §261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 35 CFR §261.52(d)
3. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR § 261.52(f)
4. Violating any state law concerning burning, fires, or which is for the purpose of preventing or restricting the spread of fire, including the Forest Conservation Act at 68-2-1 NMSA 1978 et seq., or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto. 36 CFR § 261. 52(k).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit that authorizes actions specifically prohibited by this order.
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Owners and lessees within the restricted area are exempt from prohibition 1 above only, provided such fires are within their residence.
4. The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is allowed, provided such devices meet the fire underwriter’s specifications for safety.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The restricted area includes all National Forest System lands within the boundaries as described and depicted in Exhibit A & Exhibit B, within the Gila and Apache National Forests, New Mexico.

PURPOSE:

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to extreme fire hazard conditions on Federal lands.

IMPLEMENTATION:

This Order becomes effective at 8:00 AM Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2014, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Silver City, New Mexico, this 21th day of April 2014.



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Gila National Forest

Violation of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. 16 USC §551, and 18 USC §§ 3571.

Exhibit B: Campgrounds and Picnic Areas Exempt from Campfire Restrictions

Black Range Ranger District (575)894-6677

- Wolf Hollow Campground

Quemado Ranger District (575)773-4678

Quemado Lake Area Only

- Juniper Campground
- Piñon Campground
- El Caso Campground

Glenwood Ranger District (575)539-2481

- Big Horn Campground
- Cottonwood Campground
- Pueblo Park Campground
- Catwalk

Wilderness Ranger District (575)536-2250

- Upper Scorpion Campground
- Lower Scorpion Campground
- Forks Campground
- Grapevine Campground
- Sapillo Campground

Lake Roberts Area

- Upper End Campground
- Mesa Campground
- Lake Roberts Picnic Area

Reserve Ranger District (575)533-6232

- Apache Creek Campground
- Aeroplane Mesa Campground
- Dipping Vat/Snow Lake Campground

Silver City Ranger District (575)388-8201

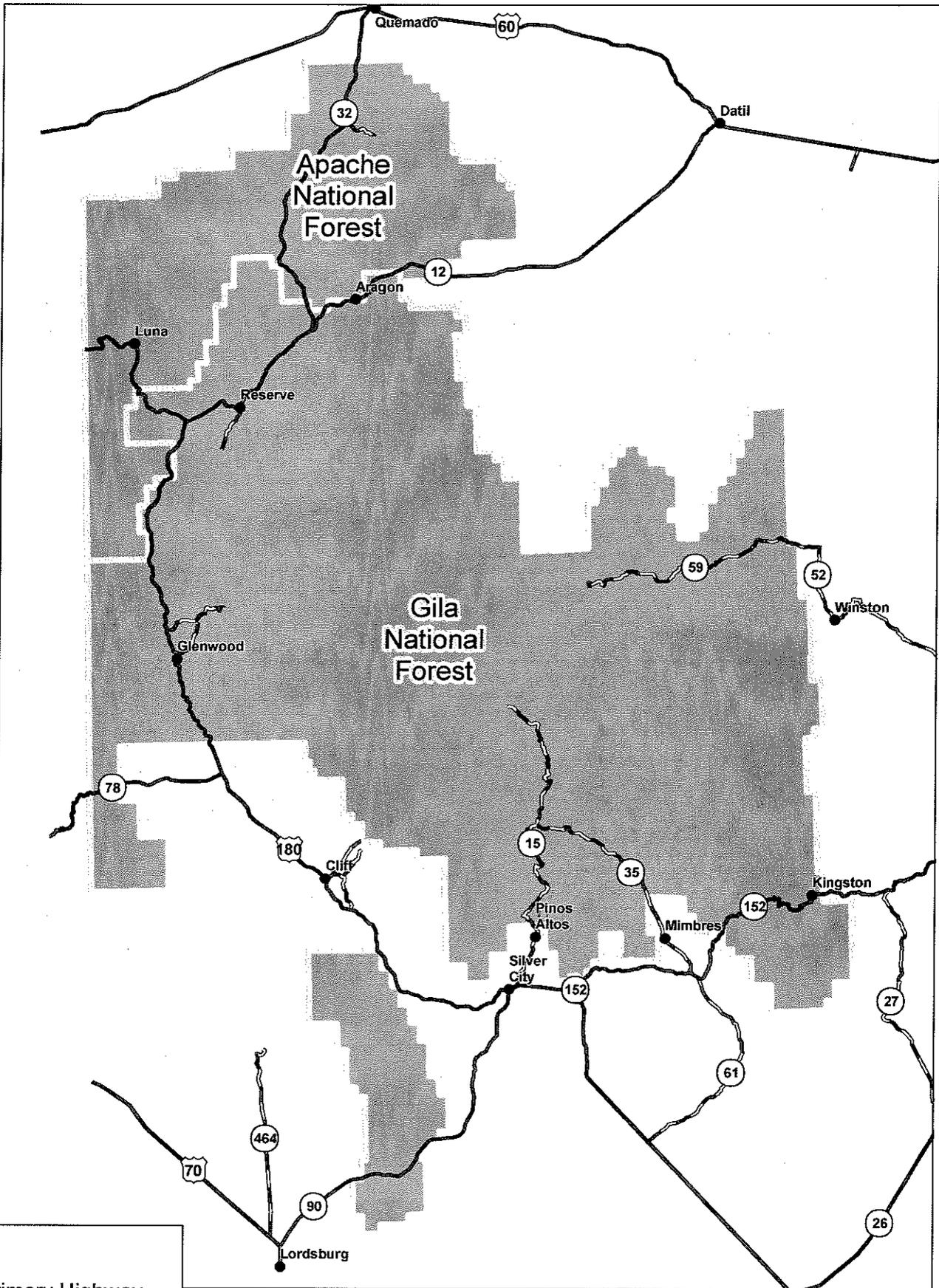
- Cherry Creek Campground
- McMillan Campground
- Iron Creek Campground
- Upper Gallinas Campground
- Lower Gallinas Campground
- Railroad Canyon Campground

NOTE: Campfires are only allowed in Forest Service provided metal campfire rings. Pre-established rock rings are **NOT** to be used.

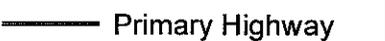
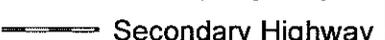
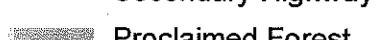


Gila & Apache National Forests

Order No. 06- 340
Exhibit A



Legend

-  Primary Highway
-  Secondary Highway
-  Proclaimed Forest