

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
GILA NATIONAL FOREST

FIRE AREA CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the restricted area on the Silver City Ranger District, Gila National Forest, Grant County, New Mexico. The restricted area is described below and depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as **Exhibit A**.

1. Going into or being upon the restricted area. 36 CFR §261.52(e)

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit that authorizes actions specifically prohibited by this closure order.
2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED

The order applies to National Forest System lands, roads and trails north, east and southeast of Signal Peak, including a section of Meadow Creek. Beginning in Township 16 South, Range 13 West, northwest corner of Section 15, from the Signal Peak Lookout Tower following the Signal Fire perimeter boundary north to Section 10, heading to the northeast corner of Section 9 to southeast corner of Section 4 at junction FR 154 (Signal Peak Rd) and FR 4255G. The Order boundary continues east along FR 4255G in Section 3 and then south to Section 10. The Order boundary continues to follow the Signal Fire perimeter boundary from FR 4255G before the intersection or FR 4255H heading north to the southwest corner of Section 3 where it intersects FR 4255F. The Order boundary continues north from FR 4255F to the north corner of Section 3 until it intersects with FR 149 (Meadow Creek Rd). The Order boundary follows FR 149 to Section 2 then heads north to Township 15 South, Range 13 West, southeast corner of Section 34 at junction FR 149 and FR 89. The Order boundary continues east along FR 89 to Township 16 South, Range 13 West, northwest corner of Section 1. The Order boundary continues from the junction of FR 89 and the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) #74 continuing south along the trail from Section 1 to Section 12, in Township 16 South, Range 12 West, Section 7, to Township 16 South, Range 13 West, Section 13, and Section 14 to Black Peak. The Order boundary continues from Black Peak north on the Signal Peak Trail #742 to Signal Peak. The specific restricted areas are depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as **Exhibit A**.

National Forest Roads within the restricted area:

- Forest Road 154 (Signal Peak Road) at intersection of FR 4255G
- Forest Road 149 (Meadow Creek Road) at Township 16 South, Range 13 West, southeast corner of Section 4, approximately 2 miles from NM Hwy 15
- Forest Road 855A (Lockney Rd)

Trails within the restricted area under complete closure:

- Signal Peak Trail #742 from Black Peak to Signal Peak
- Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) #74 from Black Peak to the junction of FR 89

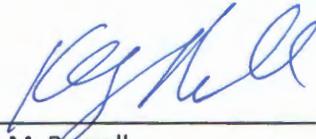
**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is for public safety and to protect the public from the hazards created by the Signal Wildland Fire.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

This Order becomes effective at 8:00 AM Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on Friday, May 23, 2014, and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2014.

Done at Silver City, New Mexico, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2014.



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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.