



UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE  
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST  
GLOBE RANGER DISTRICT

OAK FLAT CAMPGROUND SPECIAL EVENT CLOSURE FOR TRADITIONAL  
CULTURAL USE BY THE SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a), the following act is prohibited on National Forest System lands in the “restricted area” as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, all within the Globe Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Pinal County, Arizona:

1. Entering or being upon Oak Flat Campground as described below. **36 CFR 261.53(g)**

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Tribal members arriving, attending or departing from the area pursuant to the protected ceremonies or associated activities.

**RESTRICTED AREA**

Oak Flat Campground, Globe Ranger District, located four (4) miles east of Superior, Arizona on National Forest System Road 469 off U.S. Highway 60. This developed campground has 16 camp units with picnic tables, grills and two (2) accessible vault toilets.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to provide San Carlos Apache Tribal members with uninhibited access to sacred sites for individual and group prayer and traditional ceremonies and rituals. This temporary area closure will help provide for privacy of tribal and cultural activities.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. The prohibitions in this order will be effective from September 29, 2014 through October 13, 2014 unless rescinded sooner. This order supersedes and terminates Order 12-14-059.
2. These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.
3. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Done this first day of October, 2014 in Phoenix, Arizona.

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