



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS  
SPRINGVILLE RANGER DISTRICT**

**OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS**

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) the following acts are prohibited within the areas of the Springerville Ranger District of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in the State of Arizona as described in this Order and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit B. Also attached, and hereby made part of this Order, are Definitions (Exhibit A) of terms used in support of the restrictions.

1. Possessing or storing any food or refuse other than as specified in the Order.  
**36 CFR 261.58 (cc).**

**UNDER THIS ORDER IT IS REQUIRED THAT:**

- A. All food and refuse must be stored in a wildlife resistant manner between sunset and sunrise unless attended by at least one adult person physically present within 100 feet of the items. These items include any human, pet, livestock food (except baled or cubed hay without additives), and garbage.
- B. All toiletries (shampoo, lotion, etc.) must be stored in a wildlife resistant manner between sunset and sunrise unless attended by at least one adult person physically present within 100 feet of the items.
- C. To the extent practical all food residue must be cleaned or burned off grills personally-owned or provided by the Forest Service. Food particles must be disposed in bear-resistant garbage receptacles.
- D. Food is not to be kept or eaten in sleeping areas unless sleeping area is within an enclosed recreational vehicle or rigid-walled camping trailer.
- E. No bird, squirrel, or other wildlife feeding of any kind is allowed in any campgrounds within the boundaries of the Big Lake Recreation Area.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer placing baits to capture animals for research or management purposes as part of their official duties.

**RESTRICTED AREA:**

These restrictions apply to all National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the Big Lake Recreation Area, Springerville Ranger District, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest as shown on the attached map (**Exhibit B**).

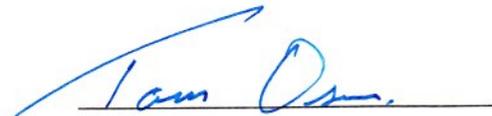
**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety by minimizing adverse interactions between bears and humans.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2017 or rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals or \$10,000.00 for organizations or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous order prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Springerville, Arizona this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015.



TOM OSEN  
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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests

**Exhibit A**  
**Occupancy and Use Order No. 01-15-576**  
**Special Order—Food Storage and Sanitation**  
**Definitions**

1. “Food and Refuse” means any substance, solid or liquid (excluding water, baled hay, or hay cubes without additives) or refuse, which is or may be eaten or otherwise taken into the body to sustain health or life, provide energy, or promote growth of any person or animal. Also includes items such as soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, canned foods, pet foods, processed livestock feed and grains, bird food, personal hygiene products, and empty food and beverage containers.
2. “Acceptably stored” means:
  - a. Stored in a closed vehicle where the storage compartment is constructed of solid, non-pliable material that, when secured, will have no openings, hinges, lids, or coverings that would allow a bear to gain entry by breaking, bending, tearing, biting, or pulling with its claws (any windows in the vehicle must be closed), or
  - b. Suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points and four feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole, or
  - c. Stored within a hard-sided residence, building, or storage container subject to the terms and conditions of a special-use authorization or operating plan, or
  - d. Stored by other methods approved in a permit issued by the forest supervisor responsible for the area where the method is proposed for use or
  - e. Stored in a bear resistant container. Bear-resistant container: A securable container constructed of solid material capable of withstanding 200 foot-pounds of energy applied by direct impact. The container, when secured and under stress, will not have any openings greater than one quarter inch that would allow a bear to gain entry by biting or pulling with its claws.
3. “Acceptably possessed” means:
  - a. Possessed or attended during daytime by a person(s) at least 18 years of age that is physically present within 100 feet and direct sight of the accessible food, or
4. “Camping/sleeping area” means National Forest System Lands temporarily used for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently fixed structure or lands temporarily occupied by unattended camping equipment.
5. “Sunrise - Sunset” means ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, Arizona Time.
6. “Sunset - Sunrise” means ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise, Arizona Time.

