**Order Number R03-001**

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
# FOREST SERVICE
# SOUTHWESTERN REGION
# REGIONAL CLOSURE ORDER

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited in the area as described in this Order and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "restricted area"), within the Southwestern Region National Forests and National Grasslands in the states of New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, and Oklahoma.

## PROHIBITIONS:

1. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework, or other pyrotechnic device. **36 CFR § 261.52(f)**
2. Using an explosive; an explosive is defined as any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion. **36 CFR § 261.52(b)**
3. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either: (1) Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100–1a; or (2) Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335b and J350a. **36 CFR § 261.52(j)**

## EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit or authorization exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any person engaged in the use of black powder or other muzzleloader propellant, and the use of its associated ignition source, for legal hunting or recreational shooting with a muzzleloader.

## RESTRICTED AREA:

The restricted area includes the following National Forests and Grasslands:

NEW MEXICO
Carson National Forest
Cibola National Forest
Gila National Forest
Lincoln National Forest
Santa Fe National Forest
Kiowa National Grassland

ARIZONA
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
Coconino National Forest Service
Coronado National Forest
Kaibab National Forest
Prescott National Forest
Tonto National Forest

OKLAHOMA/TEXAS
Black Kettle & McClellan Creek Grasslands
Rita Blanca National Grassland

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Order is for the protection of public health and safety.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This Order will be in effect on the date signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until June 3, 2015, whichever event occurs first.
2. 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. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico this 3 day of June, 2013.

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