

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER
APACHE NATIONAL FOREST**

WALLOW FIRE—MOTORIZED USE CLOSURE ORDER

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551, and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the area, including roads, and motorized trails within the area, described in this Order, and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area”), within the Apache National Forest, Springerville, Alpine, and Clifton Ranger Districts, Apache and Greenlee Counties, Arizona.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Being on the road. 36 CFR 261.54 (e)
2. Being on a (motorized) trail. 36 CFR 261.55 (a)
3. Possessing or using a vehicle off designated roads. 36 CFR 261.56

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of official duty.
3. Persons traveling on designated State, County, and Municipal roads located within the Closure Area, unless the agency with jurisdiction has closed the road.
4. Persons traveling on a National Forest System road or motorized trail designated and posted on the ground with a white arrow.
5. Persons parking a motorized vehicle within 30 feet of a road or motorized trail, which has been designated and posted on the ground with a white arrow, for the purpose of camping or other day use recreation.
6. Persons possessing a valid Game Management Unit 1 or 27 hunting tag/permit, as issued by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, traveling on or parking a motorized vehicle within 30 feet of a National Forest System Road designated and posted on the ground with a white arrow, vertical number, or horizontal number for the purpose of hunting, except in those areas designated as unsafe for entry within the Wallow Fire perimeter.
7. Persons retrieving a legally harvested big game animal by motorized means, except in those areas designated as unsafe for entry within the Wallow Fire perimeter.

AREA and ROUTES DESCRIBED:

All National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Wallow Fire perimeter, which occur within the State of Arizona (Exhibit A) are CLOSED to motorized cross-country use. Included in this closure are lands located within the administrative boundaries of the Springerville, Alpine, and Clifton Ranger Districts of the Apache National Forest.

All National Forest System (NFS) roads, and motorized trails within the Wallow Fire perimeter, which occur within the State of Arizona (Exhibit A) **are CLOSED**. Included in this closure are roads and motorized trails located within the administrative boundaries of Springerville, Alpine, and Clifton Ranger Districts of the Apache National Forest.

PURPOSE:

To reduce fire risk, protect property, and provide for public health and safety during management of the Wallow Wildfire located within the boundaries associated with the Alpine, Springerville, and Clifton Ranger Districts of the Apache National Forest.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Amendment to Forest Order 01-11-533 supersedes the initial Order and will go into effect promptly at 12:01 pm on Thursday August 25th, 2011 and will remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise rescinded, until 12:01 am on December 31, 2011.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals, and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3885, Title 18 USC 3571, Title 18 USC 3581].

Done at Springerville, Arizona this 25th day of August, 2011.

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APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS

Springerville and Alpine Ranger Districts

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Exhibit: A

