



TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
NEWS RELEASE

Tonto National Forest, 2324 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85006 www.fs.usda.gov/Tonto

For Immediate Release
August 29, 2011

Contact: Theresa Mendoza
480-610-3312

Tortilla Fire road closure lifted on Mesa Ranger District

Mesa, Ariz. (August 29, 2011) – Mesa Ranger District fire specialists are terminating the closure order for Forest Road 213 at 8 am Tuesday, Aug. 30. The closure was from the intersection of FR 213 at Highway 88 northwest for approximately 2.5 miles. This area is primarily used for hiking, Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) and hunting.

In order to provide for public and firefighter safety, the road was temporarily closed for management of the Tortilla fire, a 1,700-acre fire on the south side of Highway 88, near Fish Creek. The fire, which is burning in rough terrain and vegetation, is fifty percent contained and continues to be managed.

Due to current monsoon humidity, lightning-caused fires can be allowed to play their natural role in the forest ecosystem.

For further information, please call the Mesa Ranger District at 480-610-3300. Residents can also stay updated on prescribed fires at www.fs.usda.gov/Tonto. To report a wildland fire, the fire emergency number is 866-746-6516, or dial 9-1-1.