

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE  
TONGO NATIONAL FOREST  
PAYSON RANGER DISTRICT

HORTON SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this order, all within the Payson Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest, Arizona:

1. Going into or being upon the area described in the Order. 36 CFR 261.53 (e)
2. Being on the trail. 36 CFR 261.55 (a)
3. Being on a road. 36 CFR 261.54 (e)

**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 an official duty.
3. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area, who are authorized to be in the restricted area by the US Forest Service, the State of Arizona, the County of Gila, its employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.

**AREA DESCRIBED**

The following restrictions are established within the specific areas of the Tonto National Forest, within portions of the following: Township 11N, Range 12E, Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 16 in the State of Arizona, contained within the boundary lines described as follows and depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated in this order.

Beginning at the northeast corner of the Upper Tonto Creek Campground and following the Horton Springs Trail #285 (included in closure order) for approximately two miles; then thence cross county in a northerly direction for approximately three quarters of a mile to a 345 KV Arizona Public Service (APS) transmission line access road (FS 3675); then following the power line road in a southwesterly direction for approximately three quarters of a mile before bearing northwesterly to the Tonto Creek Estates private property boundary; then following the private property boundary to the banks of Tonto Creek and

following the eastern bank of Tonto Creek to the Upper Tonto Creek Campground entrance road and up the Horton Creek drainage to the Horton Springs Trail.

**PURPOSE**

To provide for public health and safety during management activities associated with the Horton Fire.

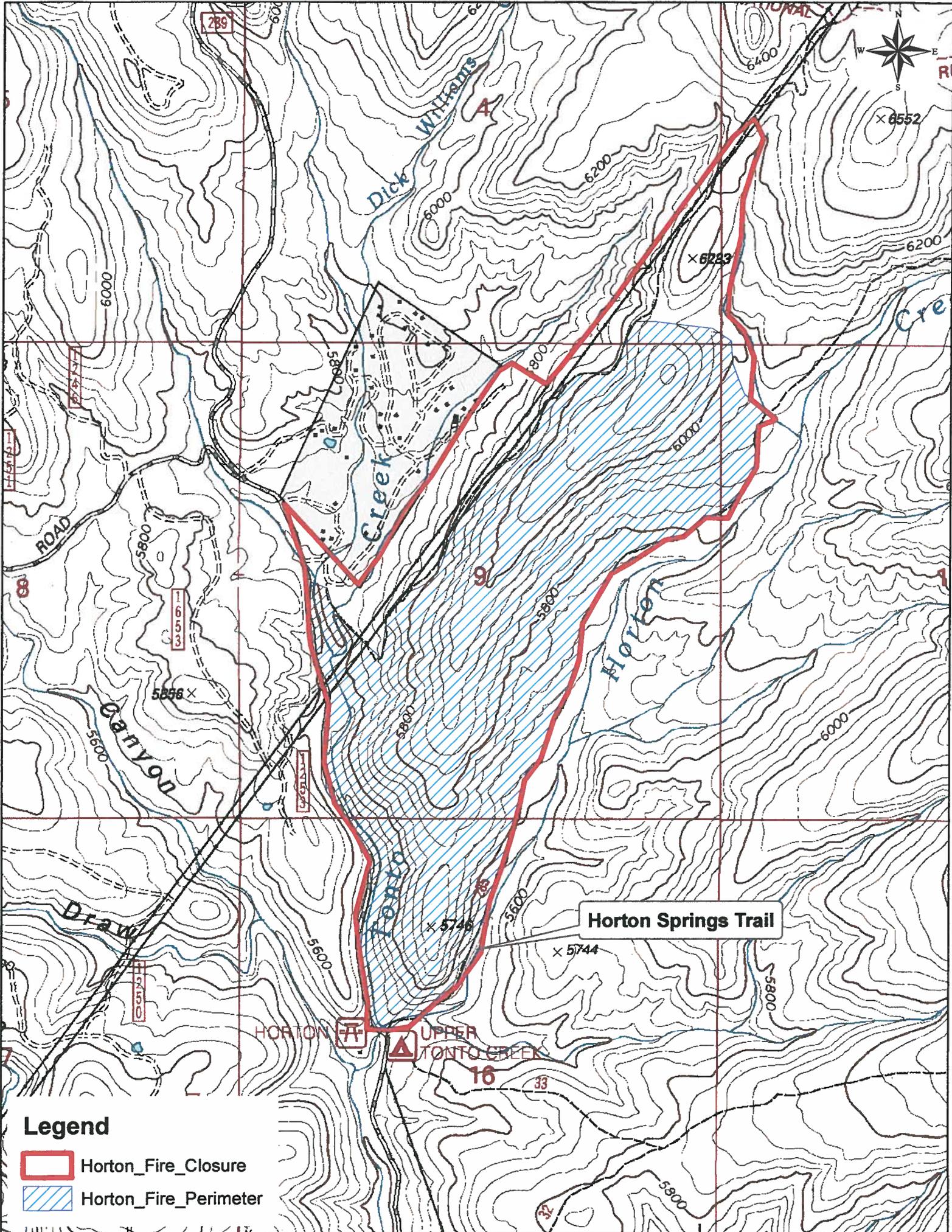
**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. A Forest Service law enforcement officer will be assigned to the incident to assist in implementation of the Order and to serve as liaison with the Gila County Sheriff's Department.
2. This Order will be effected by appropriate signs and closure notices as required by *36 CFR 261.50*.
3. Violations of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [*16 USC 551, 18 USC 3571(b) (6), 18 USC 3581(b) (7)*].

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, at Phoenix, Arizona



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**Legend**

-  Horton\_Fire\_Closure
-  Horton\_Fire\_Perimeter