

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
PAYSON RANGER DISTRICT

FOSSIL CREEK ROAD PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following act is prohibited on the road described in this order, within the Payson Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest, Gila County, Arizona:

1. Using a motor vehicle on the portions of National Forest System Road 708 described below. 36 CFR 261.54 (a)

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service 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, and authorized to be in the restricted area by the US Forest Service, the State of Arizona, or the County of Gila, including employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.

AREA DESCRIBED

National Forest System Road 708, known as the "Fossil Creek Road" 1/2 mile west of the entrance to the Upper Fossil Springs Trailhead and extending west and down canyon to immediately east of the Waterfall Trailhead (old Flume Trail Trailhead) as depicted in Attachment A.

PURPOSE

To provide for the public's health and safety during treacherous and unsafe road conditions resulting from winter storm activity.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Prohibitions contained in this order become effective on November 15, 2011 and will remain in effect until April 15, 2012. This order will expire on November 15, 2012, unless rescinded sooner.
2. 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.

3. This Order will be affected by appropriate signs and closure notices as required by *36 CFR 261.50*.
4. 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 18th day of November, 2011, at Phoenix, Arizona

/s/ Gene Blakenbaker
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