

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONGO NATIONAL FOREST
PAYSON RANGER DISTRICT

FOSSIL CREEK ROAD PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited February 1, 2012 – April 15, 2013 on the areas, roads, and trails described in this order, which are within the Payson Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest:

1. Using a motor vehicle on the road. 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, 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

National Forest System Road 708, known as the “Fossil Creek Road”, beginning 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 because of the treacherous and unsafe road conditions resulting from geologic instability on rock walls resulting in frequent rock falls and slides into the road. Also, to provide for the public’s and employee’s health and safety in consideration of traffic gridlock along the Fossil Creek Corridor.

Note: access to this area remains open from FR 708, Coconino National Forest.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. 1.
This order will become effective on February 15, 2012 and will remain in effect until April 15, 2013 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. This order will supersede and rescind Order Number 12-11-016
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 14th day of FEB., 2012, at PHOENIX, Arizona



Forest Supervisor
Tonto National Forest

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