

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE  
TONGO NATIONAL FOREST  
MESA RANGER DISTRICT**

**SUNFLOWER FIRE 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, Cave Creek, Tonto Basin and Mesa Ranger Districts 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 a road 36 CFR 261.54(e)
3. Being on a trail 36 CFR 261.55(a)

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

1. Residents or 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 by the US Forest Service, the State of Arizona, or the Counties of Maricopa Gila and, 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:

Beginning at the intersection of State Route (SR) 87 and the Barnhardt Road, [Forest Rd (FR) 419] (inclusive), thence proceeding westerly along FR 419 to the terminus (Barnhardt Trailhead); thence westerly along Forest Trail (FT) 43 (inclusive) to Forest Trail 23 (inclusive); thence westerly along Forest Trail 89 (inclusive) to FR 479 (inclusive); thence southerly and westerly along FR 479 to the East shore of the Verde River; thence southerly and easterly along the East shore of the Verde River and Bartlett Lake to FR 393 thence easterly on FR 393 (inclusive) to FR 3456; thence easterly along FR 3456 (inclusive) to SR 87; thence northerly along the west side of SR 87 to the intersection of SR 87 and the Barnhardt Road. SR 87 will remain open to through traffic.

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**PURPOSE**

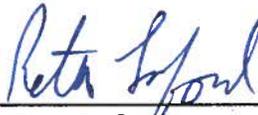
To provide for the public's health and safety in consideration of the wildland fire activity that occurred associated with the Sunflower Fire, Tonto National Forests.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. A USFS Law Enforcement Officer will assist in implementation of the Order and to serve as liaison with Gila County Sheriff's Departments.
2. This Order will be affected by appropriate signs and closure notices as required by 36 CFR 261.50.
3. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective at 8:00 AM on May 15, 2012 and will remain in effect until rescinded.
4. Violation 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, at Phoenix, Arizona.

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