Order Number: 12-12-025

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
PLEASANT VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT

BULL FLATS FIRE PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this order within the Tonto National Forest, Gila and Arizona;

1. Going into or being upon the area described in the Order. 36 CFR 261.53(e)

2. Being on a road within the restricted area. 36 CFR 261.54(e)

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 County of 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 Forest Road (FR512) and FR 33, southerly along the Eastern edge of FR 512 to FR 358, then easterly along the northern edge of FR 358 to the forest boundary, then northerly along the forest boundary to a point directly east of the junction of FR 34 and FR 188, thence westerly to the junction of FR 34 and FR 188, thence northerly along FR 34 (inclusive) to FR 33, thence along the southern edge of FR 33 to the eastern edge of FR 512.

FR 512 and FR 33 will remain open for travel during this closure.

PURPOSE

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

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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.

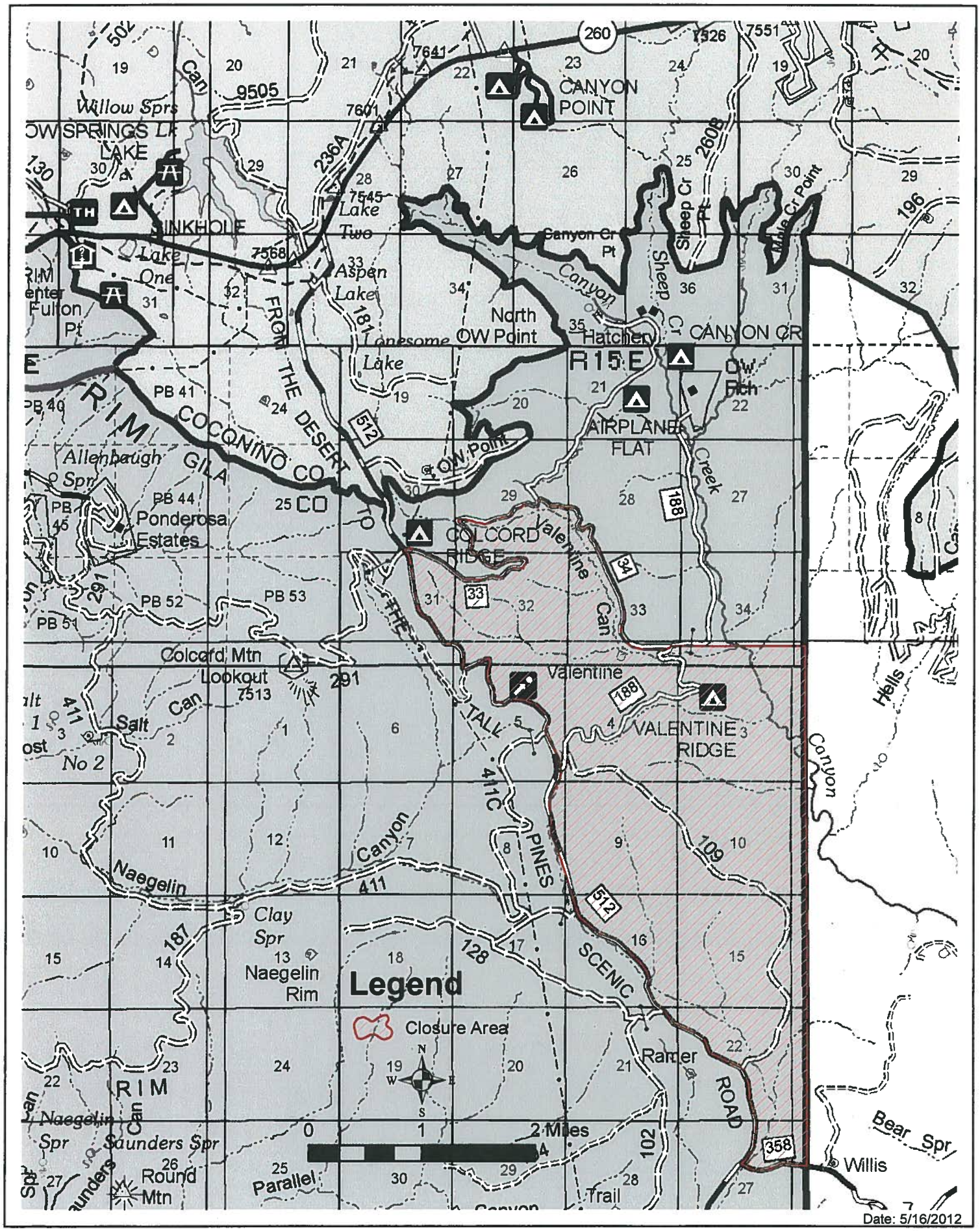
2. This Order will be affected by appropriate signs and closure notices as required by 36 CFR 261.50.

3. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective at 17:00 AM on May 16, 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 16th day of May, 2012, at Phoenix, Arizona.

/s/

Reta Laford
Acting Forest Supervisor
Tonto National Forest

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