Order Number: 06-304

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
GILA NATIONAL FOREST
RESERVE, WILDERNESS, BLACK RANGE, AND GLENWOOD
RANGER DISTRICTS
WHITEWATER-BALDY FIRE COMPLEX EMERGENCY AREA CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551, and 36 CFR § 261.53 (a), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this Order, and depicted on the attached map incorporated into this order as Exhibit A, the "restricted area," all within the Reserve, Wilderness, Black Range and Glenwood Ranger Districts, Catron and Grant Counties, Gila National Forest, New Mexico.

1. Going into or being upon the restricted area as described in this order, 36 CFR 261.52(e)

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261. 50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order
2. Owners or lessees of land in the area for the sole purpose of access to their private land.
3. Residents in the area for the sole purpose of access to their residence
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of official duty
5. Individuals traveling on Forest Road (FR) 28 from the junction with FR141 north to the junction with FR 30, FR30, and FR 150 from junction with FR 30 south to NM 59.

AREA DESCRIBED:

Roads closed

- Bursum Road (State Highway 159) is closed from Whitewater Mesa east
- Forest Road 141 from Reserve to the junction with FR 28 (to Negrito Fire Base)

AREA CLOSED:

All National Forest System lands (NFSL), roads, and trails within the proclaimed boundary of the Gila National Forest (Exhibit A) contained within the Wilderness, Reserve, Black Range and Glenwood Ranger Districts of the Gila National Forest within the following areas:

- *The entire western side of the Gila Wilderness bounded from the northwest corner of the Wilderness (near the end of the Catwalk National Recreation Trail) south and then east along the Wilderness boundary on the Glenwood and Wilderness Ranger Districts around the Wilderness boundary on the west side of NM 15, around the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, private land and Visitors Center, to the East Fork of the Gila River, thence north along the East Fork to the eastern Gila Wilderness Boundary, thence following the Gila Wilderness boundary north and west back to the northwest corner of the Gila Wilderness near the Catwalk National Recreation Trail.*
- *On Glenwood, Black Range, and Reserve Ranger Districts all NFSL lands outside the Gila Wilderness bounded by Whitewater Creek northwest along the Powerhouse Trail #810 to the Powerhouse Road #722, thence west on Bursum Road (NM 159) to the section line between sections 31 and 32 (T 10 S, R 19 West) at approximately Slaughterhouse Spring, thence north along the section line 8.75 miles to Frying Pan Canyon (Trail #504), thence east on Frying Pan Canyon Trail #504 to Forest Road (FR) 4224 thence south on Forest Road 4224 to Forest Road 626 (Sign Camp/Devil's Park Road), thence northeast along FR 626 to FR 141, thence east along FR141 to junction with FR 28, thence northeast along FR 28 to the junction with FR 30, thence east and south along FR 30 to the junction with FR 150, thence south on FR 150 to the junction with FR 686 (to Beaver Creek), thence west along FR 686 to the Gila Wilderness Boundary,*

THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS NATIONAL MONUMENT, AND THE GILA VISITORS CENTER REMAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC VISITATION.

PURPOSE:

1. The purpose of this order is for public safety.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Forest Order 06-304 will go into effect promptly at 6:00 am on Monday, May 28, 2012 and will remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise rescinded, until 12:01 am on December 31, 2012.
2. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order
4. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000.00 for individuals and $10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than

six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3885, Title 18 USC 3571, Title 18 USC 3581].

Done at Silver City, New Mexico this 27th day of May, 2012.

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Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than $5000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both; 16 USC § 551, and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.

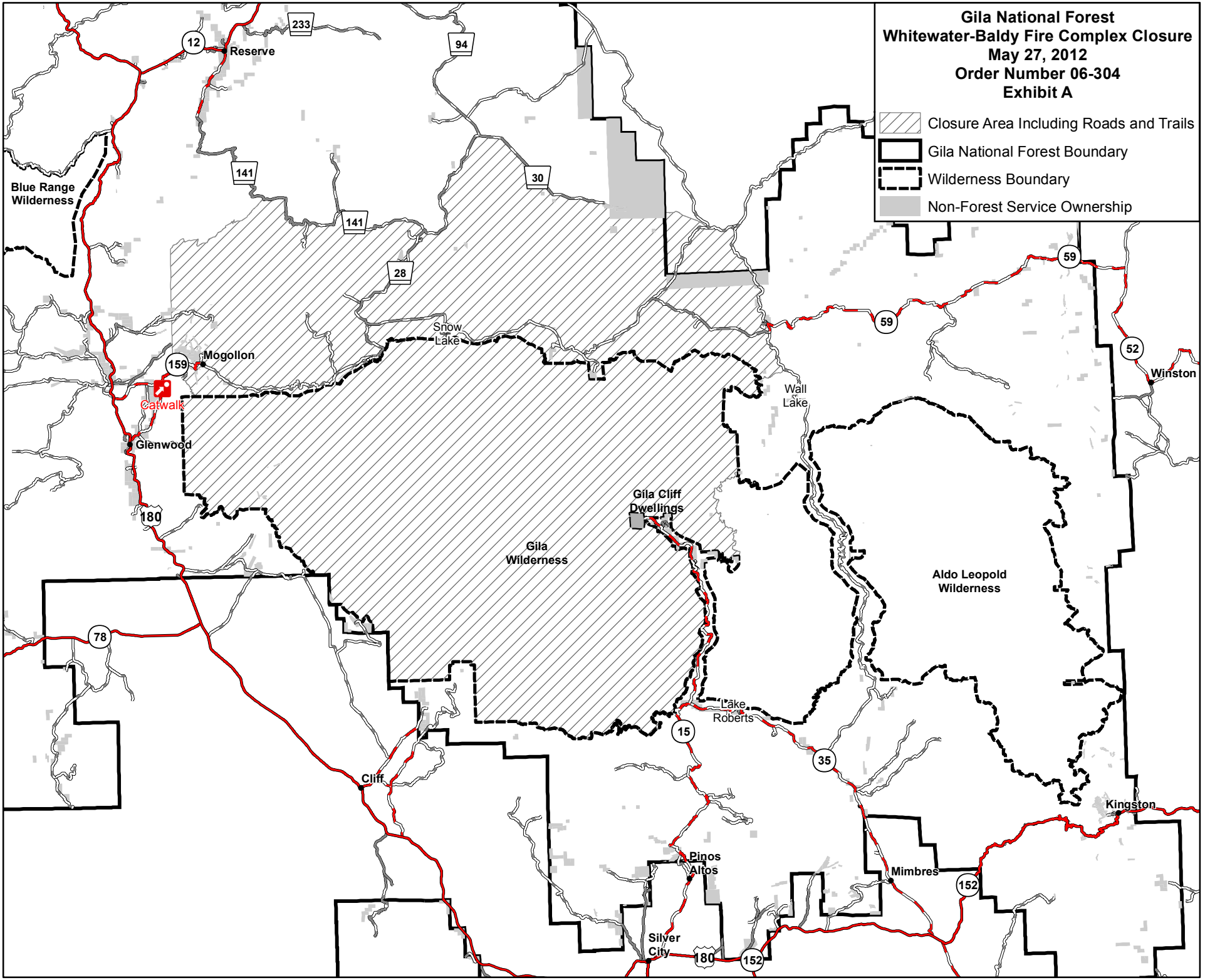
Gila National Forest
Whitewater-Baldy Fire Complex Closure
May 27, 2012
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Exhibit A
Closure Area Including Roads and Trails
Gila National Forest Boundary
Wilderness Boundary
Non-Forest Service Ownership
Blue Range Wilderness
Reserve
Mogollon
Catwalk
Glenwood
Snow Lake
Wall Lake
Gila Cliff Dwellings
Gila Wilderness
Aldo Leopold Wilderness
Winston
Lake Roberts
Cliff
Pinos Altos
Silver City
Mimbres
Kingston
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