

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER  
APACHE NATIONAL FOREST**

**POLE KNOLL-- AREA CLOSURE ORDER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551, and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on all National Forest System Lands (NFSL), roads, and trails described in this Order, within the proclaimed boundary of the Apache National Forest, Apache County, within the State of Arizona (“the restricted area”). The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

1. Going into or being upon the area as described in the Order. 36 CFR 261.52(e)
2. Being on the roads as described in the Order. 36 CFR 261.54(e)
3. Being on the trails as described in the Order. 36 CFR 261.55(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 official duty;
3. Persons traveling on designated State, County, and Municipal roads located within the Closure Area, unless the agency with jurisdiction has closed the road; **all National Forest System Roads are closed.**
4. Persons within Rolfe C. Hoyer Campground using roads, trails, improvements, amphitheater, and campsites located within the campground.

**AREA DESCRIBED:**

**All National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails within the boundary described below and as further depicted on the attached map (Exhibit A) are Closed.** Included in this closure are NFS lands and facilities as they currently exist within a portion of the administrative boundaries of the Springerville Ranger District of the Apache National Forest.

**North Closure Boundary:** Beginning at the junction of Arizona State Highway (SH) 260 and NFSR #112, traveling in an easterly direction along the southerly right-of-way (ROW) boundary associated with SH 260 to the junction with SH 373.

**East Closure Boundary:** From the junction of SH 260 and SH 373, traveling in a southerly direction along the westerly ROW boundary associated with SH 373 to an intersection with the proclaimed Forest Boundary (located within the NW¼, Section 1, Township 7 North, Range 27 East, G&SRM). From said intersection traveling in a southerly direction along the proclaimed Forest Boundary, to an intersection with the West Fork of the Little Colorado River (Near the NFST #95 Trailhead within the SW¼, Section 14, Township 7 North, Range 27 East, G&SRM).

**South Closure Boundary:** From the intersection of the proclaimed Forest Boundary and the West Fork of the Little Colorado River (Near the NFST #95 Trailhead within the SW¼, Section 14, Township 7 North, Range 27 East, G&SRM ) traveling in a southwesterly direction along the West Fork of the Little Colorado River to the intersection with the easterly edge of the ROW associated with SH 273 (at the Sheep's Crossing Bridge). From the intersection of the West Fork of the Little Colorado River and SH 273 (at the Sheep's Crossing Bridge), traveling in a northerly direction along the easterly edge of the ROW associated with SH 273 to the intersection with NFSR #112.

**West Closure Boundary:** From the junction of SH 273 and NFSR #112 traveling in a northerly direction along NFSR #112 to the junction with SH 260 and the point of beginning.

**Areas EXCLUDED from closure include locations (depicted on the attached Exhibit A) commonly referred to as:**

**Areas**

**Rolfe C. Hoyer Campground**, including the following: all roads, trails, improvements, amphitheater, and campsites located within the campground,

**PURPOSE:**

To reduce fire risk, prevent human caused wildfires, protect property, and protect public health and safety during periods of high or extreme fire danger.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This Forest Order will go into effect promptly at 12:01 am on Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and will remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise rescinded, until 12:01 am on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

2. 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 Springerville, Arizona this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

*/s/ Jim Zornes*

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# APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS

Springerville Ranger District  
Pole Knoll Area Closure  
Order Number: 01-12-539

