

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
GILA NATIONAL FOREST  
RESERVE, WILDERNESS, AND GLENWOOD  
RANGER DISTRICTS

WHITEWATER AND BALDY FIRE 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

AREA DESCRIBED:

Roads closed

- Forest Road (FR) 28 from the junction of FR 142 (Snow Lake Road) and Catron County Road C-021 are closed to Willow Creek
- Forest Road (FR) 507 is closed
- FR 155 from the end of Grant County Road 2-24 to the wilderness boundary is closed
- Gilita Campground (28E)

Trails closed:

- Forest Trail (FT) 814 is closed
- FT 151 is closed from Willow Creek Trailhead to White Creek Cabin and from White Creek Cabin southeast to the junction with Forest Trail 28
- Mineral Creek Trail (FT 201) is closed
- Deloche Trail (FT 179)
- Gilita Creek Trail (FT 157) from the trailhead near Willow Creek, easterly to the Middle Fork Gila River, just below Snow Lake

**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 and Glenwood Ranger Districts of the Gila National Forest within the following described areas:

- Within the boundaries of the Gila Wilderness on Glenwood and Wilderness Ranger Districts west and north of a line described as: Forest Trail 151 from Willow Creek Trailhead southerly to White Creek Cabin, Forest Trail 155 from White Creek Cabin southerly to the junction with Forest Trail 158, Forest Trail 158 from the junction with Forest Trail 155 southwest to Mogollon Creek and junction with Forest Trail 301, Forest Trail 301 westerly along Mogollon Creek to the junction with Forest Trail 153, Trail 153 southerly to the 74 Mountain Trailhead and the Wilderness Boundary. [Note: Trails 153, 155, 158 and 301 are open for public use but the areas north and west of these trails is closed]
- On the Glenwood and Reserve Ranger Districts, the area on the south side of Bursum Road and FR 28 to the Wilderness Boundary between Deloche Trail (FT 179) and Gilita Trail (FT 157).
- On the Glenwood Ranger District, the area north of Bursum Road at the head of Mineral Creek bounded by Log Canyon Trail (FT 808) northeast to Mineral Creek Trail (FT201) thence west to Red Canyon Trail (FT198) northeast to Copper Creek Road (FR119) thence easterly to Bearallow Mountain to the junction with FR 153, thence southeast along FR 153 to the Bursum Road. [NOTE: Log Cabin Trail (FT808), Red Canyon Trail (FT 198) and the Copper Creek Road (FR 119) are open for public use but not the area to the south and east of these trails and road]

***THE CATWALK NATIONAL RECREATION AREA TRAIL IS CLOSED***

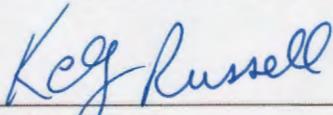
**PURPOSE:**

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

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

This Forest Order 06-308 will go into effect promptly at 6:00am on Saturday, July14, 2012 and will remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise rescinded, until 12:01 am on December 31, 2012. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this Order. Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order

Done at Silver City, New Mexico this 12th day of July, 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