

United States Forest Service
Tonto National Forest

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS FOR PAYSON AREA CAMPGROUNDS

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the areas and roads as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area”), all within the Payson Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, Arizona:

1. Entering or being upon the restricted area. 36 CFR 261.53e
2. Being on roads in the restricted area. 36 CFR 261.54e
3. Being on trails in the restricted area. 36 CFR 261.55a

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a U.S. 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. Residence owners and lessees of land, and holders of Forest Service special use authorizations within the restricted area may use Forest Systems Road as ingress and regress from their property.

RESTRICTED AREA DESCRIBED

The following areas are CLOSED AT ALL TIMES:

All National Forest System lands, roads trails within the exterior boundaries as described as follows: All lands encompassed by the Ponderosa Campground, Sharp Creek Campground, Christopher Creek Campground, Lower Tonto Creek walk-in Campground, and Upper Tonto Creek Campground.

All National Forest System lands within: From the junction of State Highway 260 and Forest Designated Road (FDR) 405A, south, southwest along FDR 405A, FDR 893 (approximately 0.5 miles) to Forest System Trail 37. South on Trail 37 to the Hell’s Gate Wilderness boundary. East, northeast along the Hell’s Gate Wilderness boundary to FDR 405. North along FDR 405 to State Highway 260. State Highway 260 south back to FDR 405A including the construction by-pass.

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The following area is CLOSED every night FROM 6:00 PM TO 6:00 AM:

The area within ½ mile east and west of Tonto Creek Road From Highway 260 to the Horton Bridge, within ½ mile West of Tonto Creek Road from the Horton Bridge to the Tonto Creek Fish Hatchery, within ½ mile East of Horton Trail (Trail 285) and within ½ mile north and south of the Highline Trail (Trail 31) from Horton Spring to the Tonto Creek Fish Hatchery are closed from 6:00PM to 6:00AM.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is the protection of National Forest visitors and employees from possible Bear encounters. This effort is a joint venture with Arizona Game and Fish.

IMPLEMENTATION

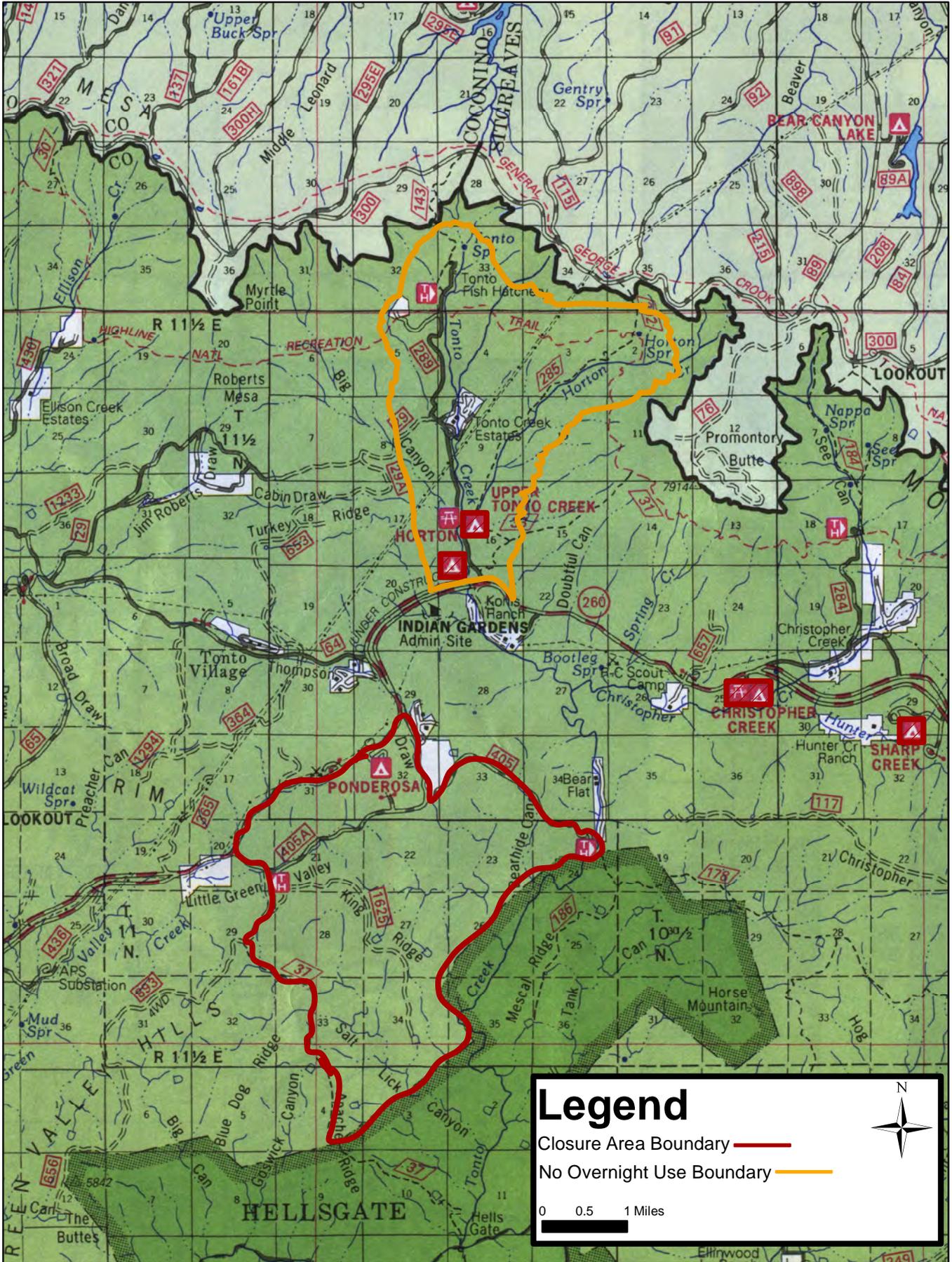
1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective immediately upon execution of the Order and will remain in effect until September 04, 2012, unless terminated sooner. This order also supersedes and rescinds special order 12-12-031.
2. These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at 36 CFR 261, Subpart A.
3. 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 3559, 3571 and 3581].

Done this 13th__ day of ___July_____, 2012, at Phoenix, Arizona.

/s/ Neil Bosworth

Neil Bosworth
Forest Supervisor
Tonto National Forest

Order No. 12-12-031R



Legend

Closure Area Boundary ———

No Overnight Use Boundary ———

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