

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONGO NATIONAL FOREST
MESA RANGER DISTRICT**

SUNFLOWER FIRE PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this order, all within the Mesa, and Tonto Basin Ranger Districts of the Tonto National Forest, Arizona;

1. Possess or use any type of motorized vehicle on the roads in the area described. 36 CFR 261.54(a)
2. Camping in the area. 36 CFR 261.58(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 Counties of Maricopa Gila and, its employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.

AREA DESCRIBED

The preceding restrictions are established within the boundary of the specific area of the Tonto National Forest described below.

Beginning at the intersection of FR 201 and FR 25, proceeding north along FR 201 (inclusive) to the Mt. Peeley Trailhead, then due West to the Mazatzal Wilderness boundary, then following the wilderness boundary west and south to FR 393 then easterly along FR 393 to FR 627, then northerly along FR 627 to FR 201 and then along FR 201 to its intersection with FR 25.

PURPOSE

To provide for the public's health and safety in consideration of the wildland fire activity and residual hazards that exist because of the Sunflower Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

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1. A USFS Law Enforcement Officer will assist in implementation of the Order and to serve as liaison with Maricopa and 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at 8:00 AM on the day immediately after the date it is signed and will remain in effect until April 30, 2013 unless rescinded sooner.
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 1st day of October, 2012, at Phoenix, Arizona.

/s/ Neil Bosworth

NEIL BOSWORTH
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Tonto National Forest