

United States Forest Service  
Tonto National Forest

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS FOR LAKES, RESERVOIRS, AND RIVERS

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the lakes, reservoirs, and rivers as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "restricted area), within the Tonto National Forest, Gila, Maricopa, and Pinal Counties, Arizona:

1. Camping or being upon any body of water for more than fourteen (14) days in a thirty-day period. 36 CFR 261.58(a), (k) and (p)
2. Using a Forest Service courtesy dock except for boating ingress, egress, loading, unloading, and temporary docking, and in any event not to exceed one hour duration. 36 CFR 261.58(b)
3. Possessing or operating a motorboat in violation of the following state laws regulating the use of watercraft. 36 CFR 261.58(n)

Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 5, Chapter 3, "Boating and Water Sports" in its entirety.

4. Possessing or operating a motorboat on the Salt or Verde Rivers. 36 CFR 261.58(n)  
Exception: Boats using electric motors with thrust of 60 lbs or less are allowed ONLY in the following areas: 1) On the Verde River from Horseshoe Dam downstream to FR 3257 crossing near the KA Ranch and from the FR 160 crossing near Box Bar Ranch downstream to the Forest boundary. 2) On the Salt River downstream from the confluence with the Verde River to Granite Reef Dam. (Numerous Sensitive species closures also must be adhered to along both rivers, please be aware of all closure orders).

5. Possessing or operating a motorboat while towing any parasailing or parascending device. 36 CFR 261.58(n)

Exception: Boats may tow parasailing/parascending devices ONLY on Roosevelt Lake and ONLY on weekdays that are not holidays: **parasailing/parascending completely PROHIBITED on weekends and holidays from Feb 01, to September 30).**

6. Storing or leaving a boat or raft anywhere OTHER THAN at a marina or other area designated for such by the Forest Service. 36 CFR 261.58(p)
7. Storing or leaving a boat or raft after 10:00 PM and before 6:00 AM at any developed recreation site designated for day-use only. 36 CFR 261.58(p)

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8. Landing of aircraft, or dropping or picking up any material, supplies, or person by means of an aircraft, including a helicopter, on any body of water except Roosevelt Lake 36 CFR 261.58(y)

**SUPPLEMENTAL DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this order, the term "motorboat" is defined as (include definition and keep cite) ARS 5-301.

Additionally, any motor vehicle that can be operated on land and water will be considered a motorboat for purposes of these restrictions.

**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 an official duty.

**AREA DESCRIBED**

The restricted area includes all waters within the exterior boundaries of the Tonto National Forest capable of supporting watercraft. These waters, generally identified as lakes, reservoirs, and rivers, are depicted in Exhibit A.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is the protection of National Forest visitors and employees in areas of watercraft use associated with National Forest recreation and to avoid user conflicts that may pose a substantial risk to public safety.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective immediately upon execution of the Order and will remain in effect until October 15, 2014. This order supersedes and terminates special order 12-08-233.

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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 16 day of October, 2012, at Phoenix, Arizona.



/s/ Neil Bosworth

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Order No. 12-08-233R  
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Exhibit A

