Order Number: 03-0471

ORDER
STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS
Cibola National Forest and Grasslands

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest and Grasslands (the "restricted area"), in the Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties within the state of New Mexico. The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove, except within a Forest Service developed recreation site or Forest Service improved site; 36 CFR § 261.52(a). Exception: The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices are allowed provided such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material; 36 CFR § 261.52(d).
3. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of fire work or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR 261.52.(f)

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 prohibited act or omission.
2. Any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Resident owners and lessees of land and holders of Forest Service recreation special use authorizations within the restricted area are exempt from Restriction No. 1 above only, provided such fires are within a permanent structure.

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to the increasing dry weather conditions, ERCs reaching the 90th percentile and the higher frequency of red flag warning days.

This Order becomes effective at 8:00 AM, April 22, 2013, and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2013, whichever occurs first.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 18 day of April, 2013

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Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than $5,000 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.

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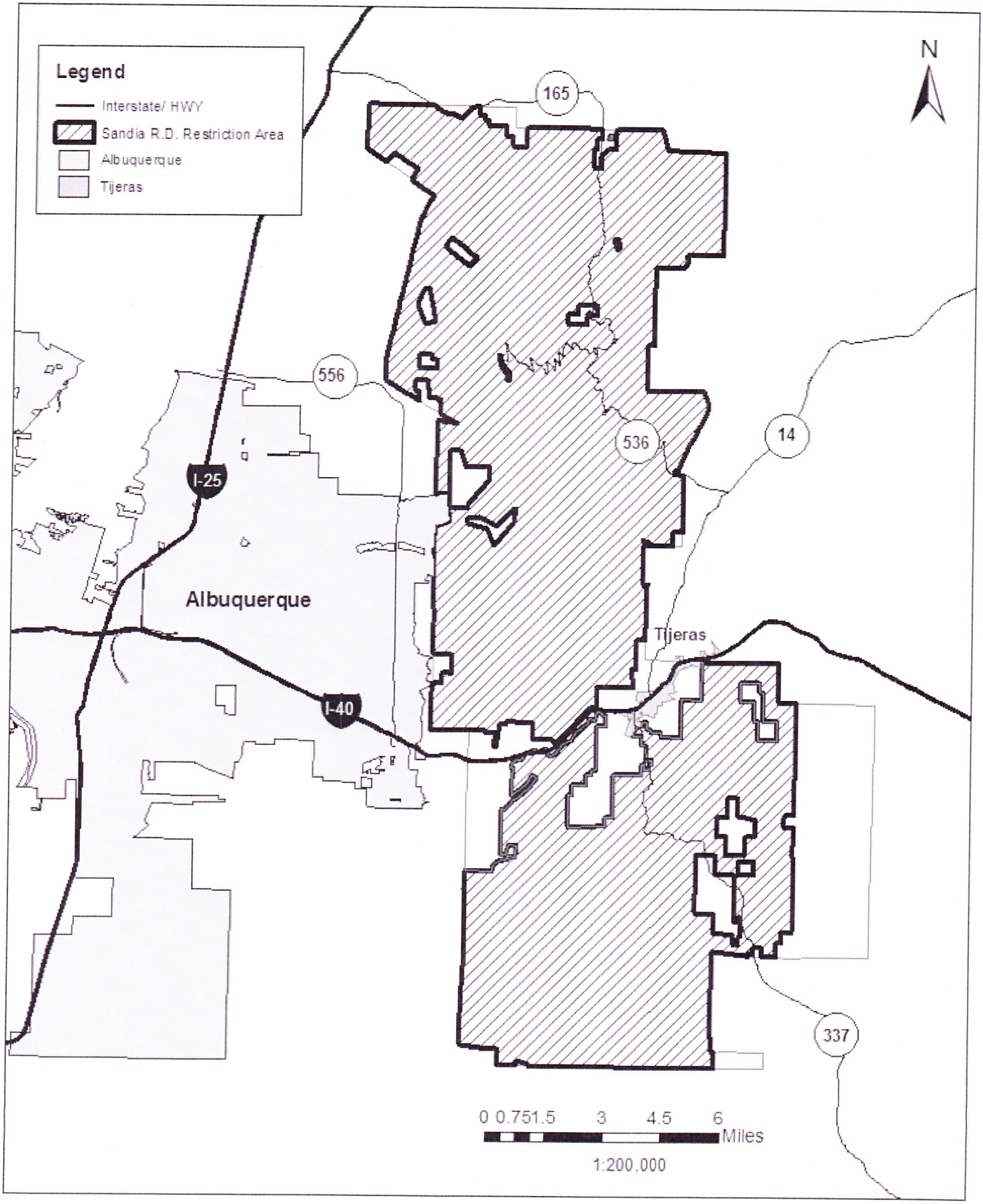
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Fire Restriction Area