

**ORDER**  
**STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS**  
**GILA AND APACHE NATIONAL FORESTS**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are **prohibited** on all National Forest System lands within the Gila National Forest and those portions of the Apache National Forest lying within New Mexico and administered by the Gila National Forest, in the counties of Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, and Sierra within the State of New Mexico ("the restricted area"). 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 woodstove, **EXCEPT** within a Forest Service developed recreation or improved site on the attached list (Exhibit B) in a Forest Service provided grill or stove. 36 CFR §261.52(a).
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. 35 CFR §261.52(d)
3. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR § 261.52(f)
4. Violating any state law concerning burning, fires, or which is for the purpose of preventing or restricting the spread of fire. Forest Conservation Act 68-2-1 through 68-2-25 NMSA 1978 or any provision of rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto. 36 CFR § 261. 52(k).

**EXEMPTIONS:**

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

5. Persons with a Forest Service permit that authorizes actions specifically prohibited by this order.
6. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
7. Owners and lessees within the restricted area are exempt from prohibition 1 above, provided such fires are within their residence.
8. The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is allowed, provided such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety.

**AREA DESCRIBED:**

The restricted area includes all National Forest System lands within the boundaries as described and depicted in Exhibit A, within the Gila and Apache National Forests, New Mexico.

**PURPOSE:**

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to extreme fire hazard conditions on Federal lands.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

This Order becomes effective at 12:01 AM Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2013, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Silver City, New Mexico, this 16th day of May 2013.



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Violation 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 §§ 3571.

**Exhibit B: Campgrounds and Picnic Areas Exempt from Campfire Restriction**

**Black Range Ranger District (575) 894-6677**

Kingston Campground  
Wolf Hollow Campground

**Quemado Ranger District (575) 773-4678**

**Quemado Lake Area Only:**  
Juniper Campground  
Piñon Campground  
El Caso Campground

**Glenwood Ranger District (575) 539-2481**

Bighorn Campground  
Cottonwood Campground  
Pueblo Park Campground

**Wilderness Ranger District (575) 536-2250**

Upper Scorpion Campground  
Lower Scorpion Campground  
Forks Campground  
Grapevine Campground  
Sapillo Campground  
**Lake Roberts Area:**  
Upper End Campground  
Mesa Campground  
Lake Roberts Picnic Area

**Reserve Ranger District (575) 533-6232**

Apache Creek Campground  
Aeroplane Mesa Campground  
Dipping Vat/Snow Lake Campground  
South Fork Campground

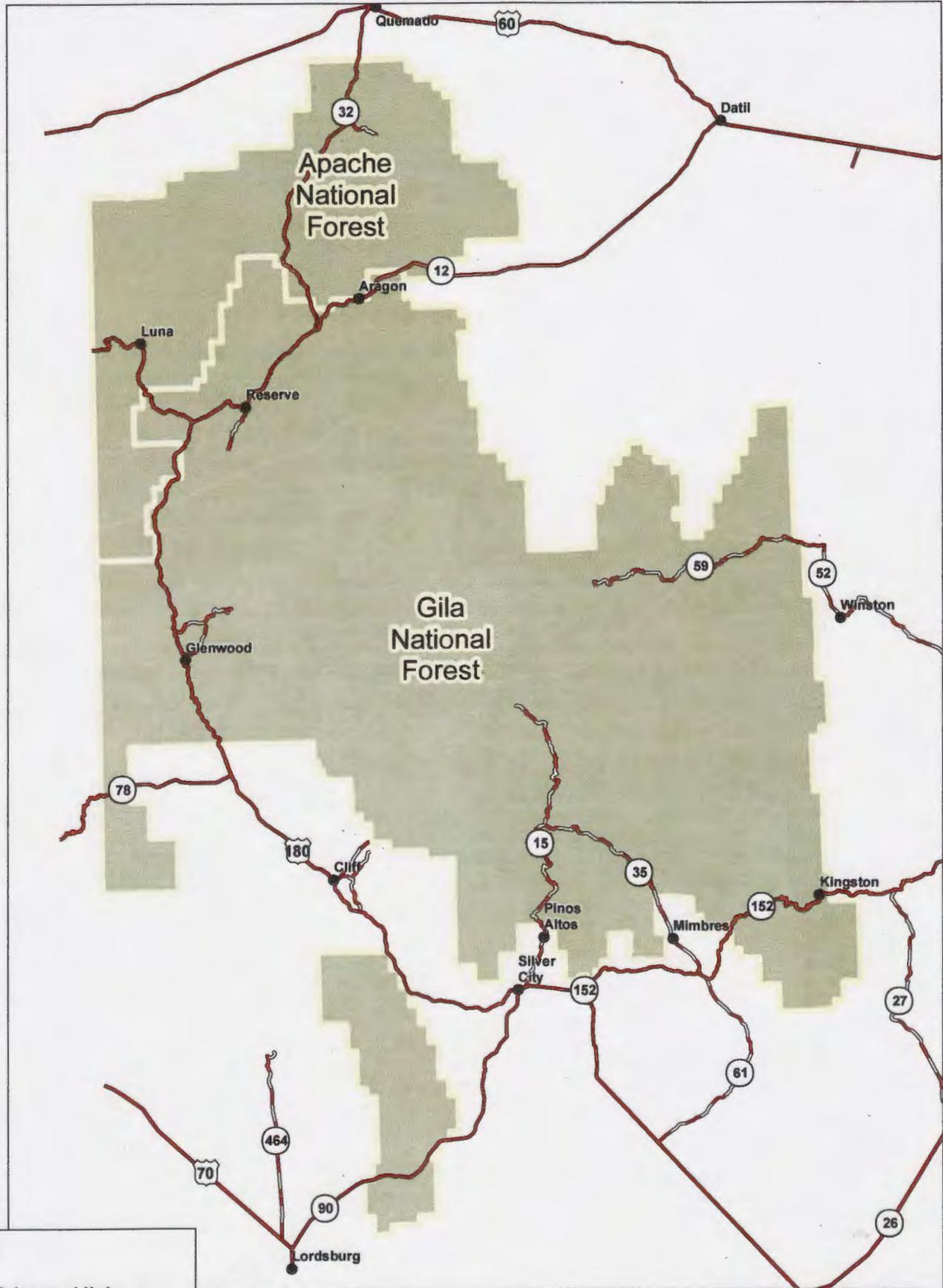
**Silver City Ranger District (575) 388-8201**

Little Walnut Picnic Areas  
Cherry Creek Campground  
McMillan Campground  
Iron Creek Campground

**Upper Gallinas Campground**  
**Lower Gallinas Campground**  
**Railroad Canyon Campground**

# Gila & Apache National Forests

Order No. 06- 315  
Exhibit A



## Legend

-  Primary Highway
-  Secondary Highway
-  Proclaimed Forest