Order Number: 09-09-03-25-07



U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Prescott National Forest Bradshaw Ranger District

NFS Road 9271A and Doce Pit Area Temporary Closure for Public Health and Safety

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands and road in the Bradshaw Ranger District, Prescott National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area and Road"):

- 1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
- 2. Being on the Road within the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
- 2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. Use of Road 9271A by members of the Seven Spear Ranch for purposes of management and control of cattle grazing operations within the Burnt Ranch and Cold Springs allotments, to the extent said activities are consistent with all issued authorizations.
- 4. Use of Road 9271A and adjacent areas by individuals working under contract number 129702240015 for the purposes of hazardous fuels reduction.

DESCRIBED AREA

National Forest System (NFS) Road 9271A (Does Pit Road), starting at the intersection with Iron Springs Road, then following southwest from the intersection with Iron Springs Road then north until its terminus just south of Ramsgate. Additionally, the described area includes all NFS lands surrounding and within 0.5 miles of NFS Road 9271A, located within Township 14 North, Range 3 West, Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, and 30, and Township 14 North, Range 4 West, Sections 1 and 12, Gila and Salt River Baseline Meridian.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide safe working conditions for Forest Service contractors and personnel conducting hazardous fuels reduction operations.

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. This Order shall be in effect from April 25, 2025, at 06:00 PM through June 30, 2025, unless rescinded.
- A map identifying the Described Area and Road is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/prescott/alerts-notices
- 3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
- 4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. § 3559, 3571, and 3581.
- 5. Contact the Bradshaw Ranger District in Prescott, at (928) 443-8000, and Prescott National Forest Supervisor's Office in Chino Valley, at (928) 777-2200, for more information about this Order.
- 6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Area and Road.

Signed and issued on April 23, 2025.

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