



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Spring Mountains National Recreation Area**

**Emergency Area Closure
(Extended)**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System (NFS) areas, roads and trails in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (Spring Mountains National Recreation Area Map).

1. Being in the area.
36 C. F. R. § 261.53 (e)

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Private residents in the area, to the extent necessary to access their private residences. This exemption does not apply to Forest Service recreation residences covered under a special use permit.
3. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
4. Owners or lessees of land in the area, to the extent necessary to access their lands.
5. This Order does not apply to private parcels, State Highways, or any other Non-Forest Service Property within the boundaries of the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

AREA DESCRIBED

All areas, roads, and trails, as shown on Exhibit A, that are National Forest System Lands.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is for public health and safety due to the historic flash-flooding that occurred on the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area. Ongoing efforts continue to assess areas for public health and safety.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 23rd, 2023 at 12:00 am until further notice.
2. A map identifying the Described Areas, Roads, and Trails 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/htnf/alerts-notice>.
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 Spring Mountains National Recreation Area at 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89130 (702) 872-5486, and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisor's Office at 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks NV 89431 (715) 331-6444, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the Described Areas, Roads, and Trails.

Order Number: # 04-17-23-16

Signed and Issued on this 23rd Day of August 2023.

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