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**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests
Black Mesa Ranger District**

WINTER MOTOR VEHICLE CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System Roads (NFSR), trails, or lands in the Black Mesa Ranger District, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area/Roads"):

1. Using any motor vehicle on any NFS Road within the Described Area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a).**
2. Using any motor vehicle on any NFS Trail within the Described Area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.55(b).**

EXEMPTIONS

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

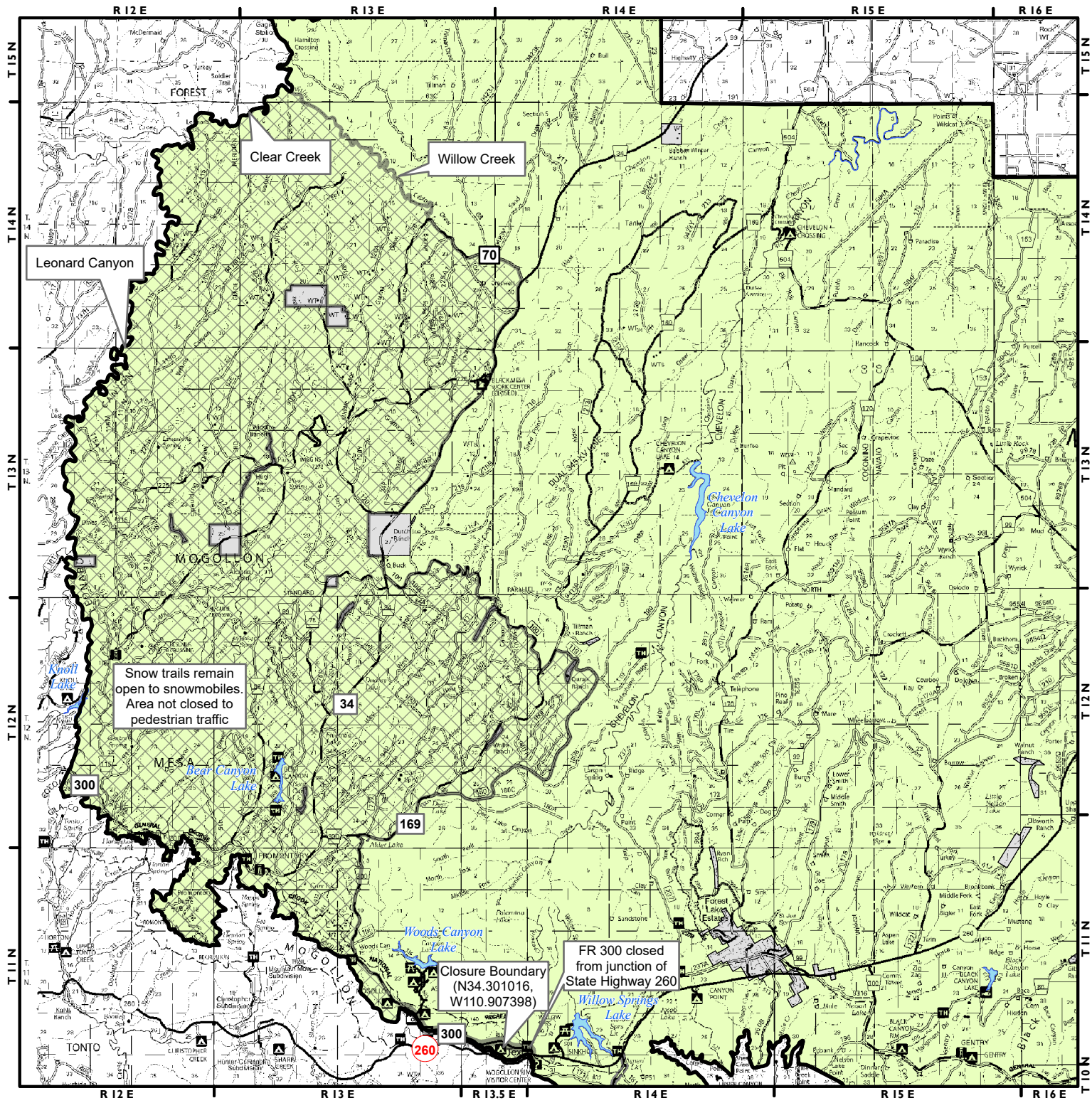
1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons utilizing a tracked over-snow vehicle (snowmobile).



Winter Motor Vehicle Use Restriction for Public Safety

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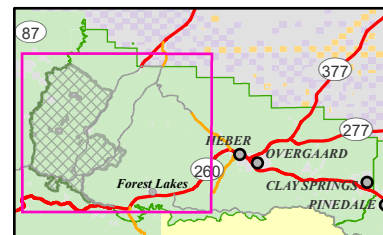
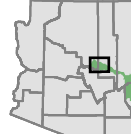


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- Forest Road
- Described Area
- Land Ownership**
- Forest Service
- Other Ownership
- Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Boundary

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As shown in the map at Exhibit A, the Described Area encompasses all National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the boundary beginning at the steel gate at NFSR 300, approximately 1/8 mile north of State Highway 260, then following west to the edge of the Mogollon Rim which serves as the Tonto and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests' boundary (N34.301016/W110.907398), then following the Tonto and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests' boundary in a northwesterly direction to the steel gate at the Coconino and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests' boundary, then following in a northerly direction along Leonard Canyon to the confluence of Leonard Canyon and Clear Creek Canyon, then following Clear Creek Canyon in a northerly direction along the Coconino and Apache-Sitgreaves Forest's boundary to the confluence of Willow Creek and Clear Creek Canyon, then following Willow Creek in a southeasterly direction to its intersection with NFSR 70, then following NFSR 70 in a southeasterly direction to its intersection with NFSR 34, then following NFSR 34 in a southwesterly direction to its intersection with NFSR 100, then following NFSR 100 east and southeast to its intersection with NFSR 169, then following NFSR 169 northeast to its intersection with NFSR 119, then following NFSR 119 east and south to its intersection with NFSR 180, then following NFSR 180 southwest to its intersection with NFSR 169, then following NFSR 169 southwest to its intersection with NFSR 300, then following NFSR 300 in a southeasterly direction back to the point of beginning at the steel gate on NFSR 300.

All perimeter roads comprising the Described Area boundary are closed to motor vehicle use, unless entitled to an exemption listed above.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources and public safety during periods of wet and hazardous winter weather conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from January 6, 2024, at 8:00 AM through April 15, 2024, at 8:00AM, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to fs.usda.gov/alerts/asnf/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

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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 Black Mesa Ranger District, (928) 535-7300, and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Supervisor's Office, (928) 333-4301, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on January 6, 2024.

Robert Lever
Forest Supervisor
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest