

**Order Number: # 03-12-06-24-06**



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service  
Tonto National Forest  
Tonto Basin Ranger District**

**Temporary Road and Area 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, waters, and roads, in the Tonto Basin Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area and Roads"):

1. Using any motor vehicle. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a).
2. Being on the roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).
3. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
4. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof in the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(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.

## **DESCRIBED AREA AND ROADS**

All NFS lands, waters, and roads within the boundary beginning at the intersection of State Route (SR) 88 and SR 188, then following SR 88 southwest along the northwest side to the intersection with National Forest System Road (NFSR) 79B, also referred to as Apache Lake Marina Road, then following NFSR 79B north until its terminus at the Apache Lake boat ramps, then following Apache Lake north then west along the south shoreline to the furthest portion west of Apache Lake to Horse Mesa Dam, then following the shoreline north from Horse Mesa Dam, then east along the north shoreline past the Theodore Roosevelt Dam to the Roosevelt Lake Bridge, then following the Roosevelt Lake Bridge (SR 188) southeast along the southwest side back to the point of beginning at its intersection with SR 88.

The entirety of Apache Lake is included in the Described Area, including to marina members, as well as Burnt Corral Campground.

The following roads are also closed:

- NFSR 1334, beginning at its intersection with NFSR 79B, then following west until its terminus;
- NFSR 655 beginning at the intersection with SR 88, then following southeast until its terminus;
- NFSR 1734, beginning at the intersection with SR 88, then following east then north then west back to the intersection with SR 88;
- NFSR 49, beginning at the intersection with SR 88, following northeast until the intersection with NFSR 3406; and
- NFSR 51, starting at intersection with SR 88, then following northeast until its terminus.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety due to potential flash flooding in the Described Area/Roads.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order shall be in effect from February 06, 2024, at 3:00pm through February 12, 2024, at 6:00am, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area and Roads 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/tonto/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 Tonto Basin Ranger District in Roosevelt, AZ, (602)-225-5395, and Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, AZ, (602) 225-5200, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the Described Area and Roads.

Signed and issued on February 6, 2024

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