

Order Number: # 03-12-02-24-03



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

**Oak Flat Campground Temporary Area and Road Closure for
Traditional and Cultural Ceremonies**

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 Globe Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area/Road"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(g).
2. Being on the Described Road. 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. Members of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and their guests.
2. 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).
3. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA/ROAD

The Described Area is generally known as "Oak Flat Campground" and consists of all NFS lands within the boundary beginning at the intersection of NFS Road (NFSR) 469 and NFSR 2438, then following the southern edge of NFSR 469 west to the intersection of Oak Flat Wash, then following east along the southern edge of Oak Flat wash to the

intersection with NFSR 2438, then following southeast along the western edge of NFSR 2438 to the intersection with NFSR 3153, then continuing to follow the southern edge of NFSR 2438 east for approximately 0.6 miles to where the road turns north, then following the eastern edge of 2438, back to the point of beginning at its intersection with NFSR 469. NFSR 2438 is closed in its entirety.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect the privacy of traditional and cultural ceremonies of the San Carlos Apache Tribe.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from February 14, 2024 at 6:00pm through February 19, 2023 at 6:00am, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area/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/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 Globe Ranger District in Globe, Arizona (928) 402-6200 and the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, Arizona, (602) 225-5200, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in and on the same "Described Area/Road."

Signed and issued on January 16, 2024.

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