Order Number: # 03-01-07-24-02



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

Temporary Area Closure, Show Low Lake Nesting Area

PROHIBITIONS

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

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area which is closed for the protection of a threatened, endangered, rare, unique, or vanishing species of bird. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(a).

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

As shown in Exhibit A, all NFS lands within the boundary beginning at the Show Low Lake eastern shoreline in T9N, R22E, at the Section 10/15 boundary, then following easterly along the Section 10/15 boundary for 150 meters; then southerly for 425 meters to the power line; then southwesterly along power line to the Show Low Lake eastern shoreline; then northerly along the shoreline, back to the point of beginning at the T9N, R22E northerly Section 10/15 boundary.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect a bald eagle nesting site in an area of high

recreation use.

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. This Order shall be in effect from February 8, 2024 at 5:00 PM, through June 30, 2024 unless rescinded.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 https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/asnf/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 prohibition 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 Lakeside Ranger District Office in Lakeside, AZ at 928-368-2100 and the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Supervisor's Office in Springerville, AZ at 928-333-6280 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

Robert Lever Forest Supervisor Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests



Show Low Lake Bald Eagle Closure Order 03-01-07-24-02, Exhibit A

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