



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Cibola National Forest & Grasslands
Black Kettle Ranger District**

Temporary Area Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.50(a), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, in the Black Kettle Ranger District, Cibola National Forest & Grasslands, 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. 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. 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

All the National Forest System lands, roads, campgrounds, and trails located in Hemphill County, TX within the boundaries of the Lake Marvin Unit of the Black Kettle National Grassland of the Cibola National Forest, as depicted on Exhibit A.

PURPOSE

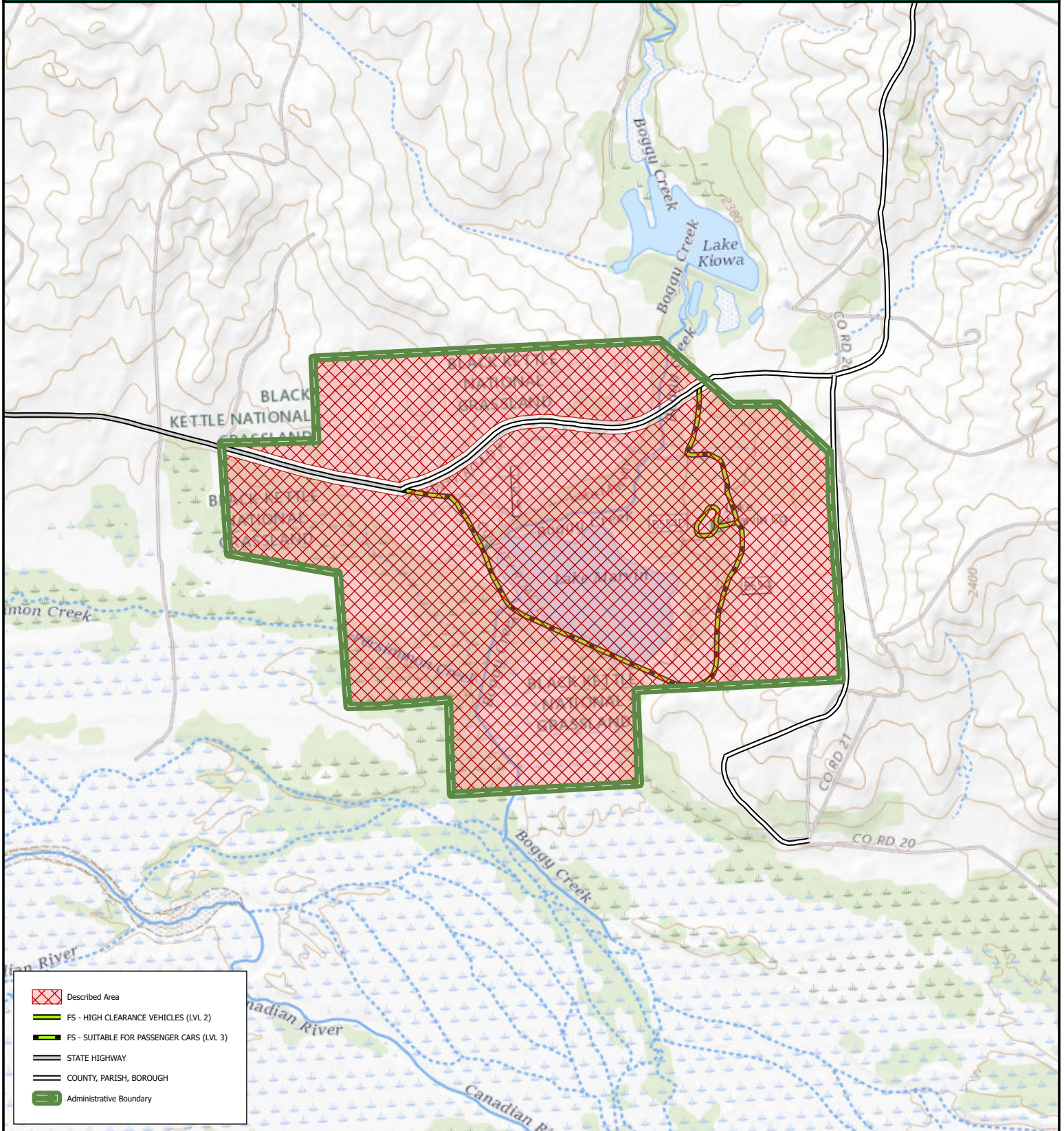
The purpose of this Order is to provide for public health and safety due to the conditions created from the Smokehouse Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from March 11, 2024 at 12:01 a.m. through December 31st, 2024, unless rescinded, whichever comes first.
2. A map identifying the Described Area/Roads/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/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 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 Kettle Ranger District in 580-497-2143, and Cibola National Forest & Grasslands Supervisor's Office in 505-346-3900, 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 March 11, 2024.

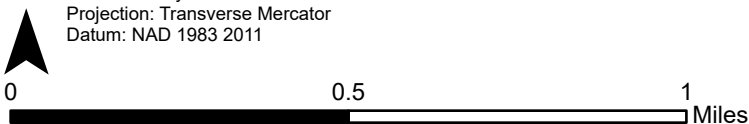
Forest Supervisor
Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands



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Coordinate System: NAD 1983 2011 UTM Zone 13N
Projection: Transverse Mercator
Datum: NAD 1983 2011

Date: 3/7/2024

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