

**Order Number: # 03-12-06-24-11**



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

**Overnight Camping Closure for Bermuda Flat Recreation Site**

**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 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"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)
2. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof. 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 occupying the Described Area for day use only – between the hours of 6:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m.
2. Any Federal, State, or Local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. 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).

**DESCRIBED AREA**

As shown in Exhibit A, the Described Area consists of all NFS lands within the Bermuda Flat developed recreation site, starting at the entrance to the site located at 33° 44' 33.313" N x -111° 13' 34.65" W, then following southeast along the northeast side of State Route (SR)-188 to milepost 250, then traveling east to the shoreline of the Bermuda Flat recreation site, then traveling northwest, encompassing the entire shoreline to a point adjacent to SR-188 and milepost 252, then traveling southwest to the junction with SR-188 at milepost 252, then traveling southeast along the northeast side of SR-188 back to the point of beginning, at the entrance to Bermuda Flat recreation site.

The Described Area also includes all NFS Roads within the Bermuda Flat recreation area site, 763, 662, 662A, 662B, 762, and 762A.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety due to unsafe conditions affected by rising lake levels and protection of natural resources from degradation with no shoreline camping available.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be in effect on March 27, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. through November 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., 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/tonto/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 Tonto Basin Ranger District located at 28079 N. AZ Hwy 188 Roosevelt, AZ 85545, telephone number (602) 225-5395, and the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, Arizona, telephone number (602) 225-5200, 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 27, 2024

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