

Order Number: # 03-12-04-24-12



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

**Poco Pino Restoration Area 6 Temporary Closure Order 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, roads and trails in the Payson Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area, Roads, and Trails"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area which is closed for public health and safety. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)
2. Being on the Described Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e)
3. Being on the Described Trails. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(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.
3. Forest Service volunteers and partners operating under a signed volunteer agreement or partnership performing official project work (i.e. sign installation, trash pickup) in the Described Area, Roads, and Trails.

DESCRIBED AREA, ROADS, and TRAILS

The Described Area is within Township 11.5 North, Range 9 East, Sections 27, 28, PB 41, PB 42, and PB 43. It consists of all National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails within the bounds starting at the southernmost corner of the Pine Community where it meets NFS lands and State Route (SR) 87, then following southeast for approximately 1.5 miles along the west side of SR-87 until the western terminus of NFS Road 64, just north of mile marker 265 on SR-87, then following southwest for approximately 0.90 miles to Reference Point (34° 21' 03.55" N x -111° 26' 09.58" W) located on Motorized Trail (MT) 1657, then following northwest for approximately 1.65 miles to the NFS boundary with Pine (34° 22' 15.74" N x -111° 27' 06.13" W), then following east for approximately 0.30 miles along the NFS boundary with Pine back to the point of beginning at SR-87 and the southern boundary of Pine with NFS land.

Note: MT-1657 will be closed starting from Reference Point (34° 21' 03.55" N x -111° 26' 09.58" W), then following north/northwest to the junction of MT-258.

The entirety of NFS Road 1006, MT-3757, and MT-258 within the Described Area will be closed.

NFS Trail 16 (Oak Springs/AZT) will be closed starting at reference point (34°22' 14.38" N x -111° 27' 05.06" W), then following east to the junction with SR-87.

SR-87 will remain open.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect National Forest System resources and public health and safety of volunteer participants and Forest Service partners during a large scale clean-up and restoration project within the Described Area, Roads, and Trails.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from April 25, 2024 at 6:00pm through June 6, 2024 at 6:00pm, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area, Roads, and 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/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 Payson Ranger District in Payson, AZ, (928) 474-7900, 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 and on the same Described Area, Roads, and Trails.

Signed and issued on April _____, 2024.

Neil Bosworth
Forest Supervisor
Tonto National Forest