



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Cibola National Forest
Mountainair Ranger District**

Upper Red Canyon Campground and Red Canyon/Spruce Spring Trailheads

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following are prohibited in/on the National Forest System (NFS) areas and roads in the Mountainair Ranger District, Cibola National Forest and Grasslands, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Areas/Roads"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Areas, which consist of the developed recreation sites described below. 261.53(e), 261.58(b).
2. Using a motor vehicle on the Described Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(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 official duty.
3. Landowners accessing their private property.

DESCRIBED AREAS/ROADS

The following developed recreation sites are closed to entry: Upper Red Campground, Red Canyon Trailhead and Spruce Spring Trailhead.

The following NFS Roads are also closed: NFS Road 253 beginning at its entry point into Upper Red Canyon Campground and continuing to its termination point at Red Canyon Trailhead and Spruce Spring Trailhead, Section 34, Township 5N, Range 5E.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety from hazard trees which have fallen over the winter or pose a risk of falling due to Tussock Moth infestation within the campground and trailheads.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from April 30, 2024, at 12:00 a.m. through December 31, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Areas/Roads 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/cibola/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 Mountainair Ranger District in Mountainair, NM, (505) 847-2990, and Cibola National Forest Supervisor's Office in Albuquerque, NM, (505) 346-3900, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in/on the same Described Areas/Roads.

Signed and issued on May 3, 2024.

Forest Supervisor

Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands