



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

**Temporary Area Closure for Unauthorized Livestock Gathering
Operations**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails in the Alpine 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 to protect public health and safety. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. Being upon any road within the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).
3. Being upon any trail within the Described Area. 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.

DESCRIBED AREA

The Described Area consists of all NFS lands, roads, and trails within the boundary beginning at the intersection of National Forest System Road (FR) 249 and US-180/191 then following FR 249 west 4 miles to its intersection with a fence line, then following the fence line in a north easterly direction for 5.5 miles to its intersection with US-180/191, then following US-180/191 south 3 miles to the point of beginning.

NOTE: Roads comprising the Described Area boundary and US-180/191 right-of-way remain open for travel.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety during operations to gather unauthorized/unbranded livestock in the Described Area.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from May 14, 2024, at 5:00 pm through June 30, 2024, at 5:00 pm, unless rescinded.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-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 Alpine Ranger District in Alpine, 928-339-5000, and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Supervisor's Office in Springerville, Arizona, 928-333-6263, 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 May 14, 2024.

Robert Lever
Forest Supervisor
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests

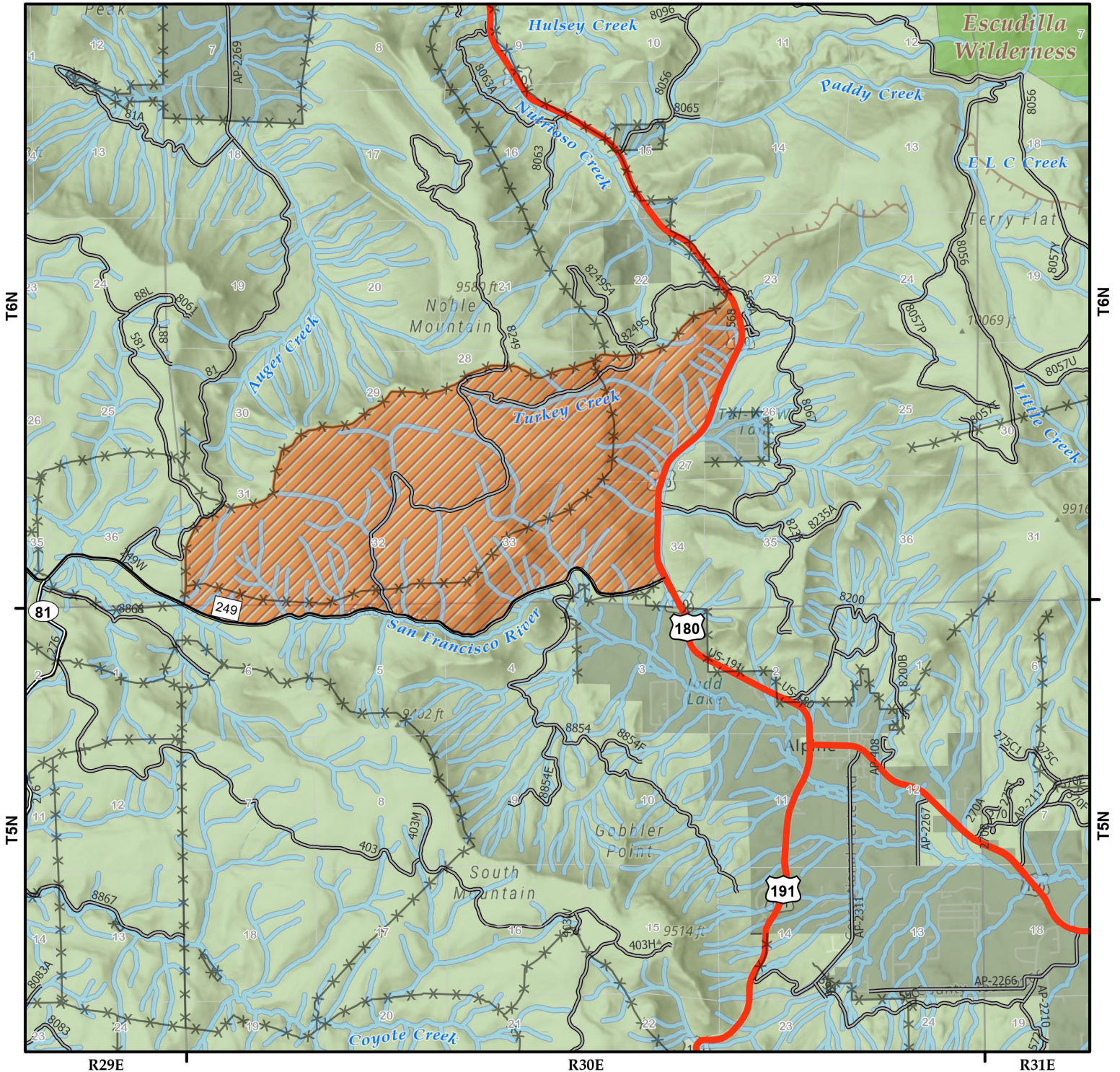


Noble Mountain Closure Order

03-01-01-24-10

Exhibit: A

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests | Alpine RD



Forest Order Information

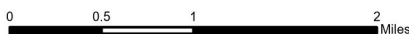
Order Number: 03-01-01-24-10
Start Date: 5/14/2024
End Date: 6/30/2024

Disclaimer

The USDA Forest Service makes no warranty, expressed or implied regarding the data displayed on this map, and reserves the right to correct, update, modify, or replace this information without notification.

Legend

-  Described Area
-  Barrier
-  Fence



ARIZONA

Apache County

