



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

Magdalena Mountain Area Closure

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 Magdalena Ranger District, Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area/Road"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area listed below. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e),
2. Being on the road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(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 official duty.
3. Langmuir and Magdalena Ridge Observatory Staff accessing their work site.

DESCRIBED AREA/ROAD

The following areas are closed to entry as shown on Exhibit A: T4S R3W Sections 04 & 05, Southeast of South Baldy trail, Northeast of Timber Peak/ Six-mile trail and West of Water Canyon.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety from post-accident hazards associated with a large piece of equipment overturned on a steep slope above a trail.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from May 25, 2024, at 12:00 a.m. through August 31, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. unless rescinded.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/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 Magdalena Ranger District in Magdalena, NM, (575) 854-2281, and Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands 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 Area.

Signed and issued on May 24, 2024.

Forest Supervisor

Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands