

Order No. 03-12-00-24-22



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Tonto National Forest
Tonto Basin & Mesa Ranger Districts**

**Spring Fire Emergency Area Closure
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 in the Tonto Basin & Mesa Ranger Districts, Tonto National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area and Road"):

1. Going into or being up the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)
2. Being on the Described 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 an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA AND ROAD

All National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails, starting from the intersection with State Route (SR) 87 (commonly referred to as Beeline Hwy) and NFS Road 143

(commonly referred to Four Peaks Road) then following east on NFS Road 143 and along the north side to the intersection with SR-188, then following north along the west side of SR-188 to the intersection with NFS Road 491, then following west on NFS Road 491, along the south side to the intersection with NFS Road 524, then following on NFS Road 524 west along the south side to where it becomes Motorized Trail (MT) 524, then following on MT-524 along the south side to the intersection with NFS Road 22 (commonly referred to as Bushnell Tank Road), then following northwest on NFS Road 22 along the south side to the intersection with SR-87, then following south along the east side of SR-87 to the point of beginning at the intersection of NFS Road 143 and SR-87.

Note: NFS Roads 22, 524, 491, 143 and MT-524, being utilized as portions of the Described Area boundary are closed.

SR-87 (Beeline Hwy) and SR-188 remain open.

PURPOSE

To provide public health and safety due to firefighting operations and fire danger associated with the uncontrolled Spring Fire on the Tonto National Forest.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from June 02, 2024, at 6:00pm through July 15, 2024, at 6:00am, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area and Road 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 Mesa Ranger District in Scottsdale, AZ, (480) 610-3300, Tonto Basin Ranger District in Roosevelt, AZ, (602) 225-5395, 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 the same Described Area and Road.

Signed and issued on June 2, 2024.

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