

Order Number: # 03-12-04-24-00



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

Poco Pino Restoration Area 5
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 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”):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)
2. Being on the Described Trails. 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.
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 and Trails.
4. Forest Service issued Special-Use Permit to Pine Strawberry Fuel Reduction, Inc. Recreational Event for 2024 Pine Trail Run event staff and participants.

DESCRIBED AREA and TRAILS

The Described Area is within Township 12 North Range 9 East Sections 30 and PB52. It consists of all National Forest System (NFS) lands and trails starting at the end of Manzanita Trail Road in Pine Community and at the National Forest Service Boundary, then north 0.35 mile to Reference Point (34° 24' 03.55" N x -111° 26' 28.00" W), then east 1 mile to Reference Point (34° 24' 03.49" N x -111° 25' 23.99" W) at the District boundary, then south 0.80 mile along the district boundary to Reference Point (34° 23' 27.47"N x -111° 25' 45.38" W), then west 0.65 mile to Reference Point (34° 23' 26.98" N x -111° 26' 27.85" W) at the Pine Community and National Forest Service Boundary, and then north 0.35 mile back to Manzanita Trail Road.

Described Area Boundary trails NFS Trail # 29 (Good Enough Trail) and a segment of NFS Trail # 26 (Pine Canyon) at the junction of NFS Trail # 29 will be closed.

PURPOSE

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.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from April 19, 2024, at 6:00am through July 18, 2024 at 6:00pm, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described areas 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/on the same Described Area and Trail.

Signed and issued on April ____, 2024.

Neil Bosworth
Forest Supervisor
Tonto National Forest