

Order Number: # 03-12-03-24-26



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

**Adams 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 is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails in the Mesa Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the Described Area and Trails):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area which is being closed for public health and safety. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. Being on any trail in 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 AND TRAILS

The Described Area is within Township 3 North, Range 7 East, Sections 1-4 and 12; Township 3 North, Range 8 East, Sections 5-7 and 18; Township 4 North, Range 7 East,

Sections 25-27 and 34-36; and Township 4 North, Range 8 East, Sections 29-32, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona. It consists of all NFS land and trails starting at the intersection of National Forest System Road (NFSR) 1847 and State Route (SR) 87, then following southwest along the northwest side of SR 87 approximately 1.75 miles to the junction with the Non-Forest Service Ownership (also known as Goldfield Estates), then following north and east along the Non-Forest Service Ownership approximately 4 miles to the National Forest Boundary with the Fort McDowell Reservation, then following north along the National Forest Boundary with the Fort McDowell Reservation approximately 2 miles to the junction with Sycamore Creek Wash, then following east along the south side of Sycamore Creek Wash, along the ridgeline for approximately 4 miles to the junction with NFSR 403, then following generally south along the west side of NFSR 403 approximately 2.25 miles to the intersection with NFSR 1847, then following southwest along the northwest side of NFSR 1847 approximately 1.5 miles back to the point of beginning at the intersection of NFSR 1847 and SR 87.

Note: Roads which bound the Described Area (SR 87, NFSR 1847, and NFSR 403) remain open.

NFSR 1847C is an administrative road which is not open to the public.

PURPOSE

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

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from Monday, June 17, 2024, at 3:30pm through July 31, 2024, 5:00am, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area 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 Mesa Ranger District in Mesa, AZ, (480) 610-3300, and Tonto National

Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, AZ, (602) 225-5200, for more information about this Order.

6. This Order supersedes Order # 03-12-03-24-23, dated Monday, June 03, 2024.

Signed and issued on June 17, 2024.

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