

Order Number:# 03-12-01-24-29



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

**Riverside Fire Road Closures 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 Cave Creek Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the Described Area and Roads):

1. Using any motor vehicle on the Described Road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a).
2. Going into or being up the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(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. Employees and contractors of the Salt River Project in the performance of operations, maintenance and repair of Bartlett Dam and associated Salt River Project infrastructure.

DESCRIBED ROADS

NFS Road 19 (commonly referred to as Bartlett Dam Road), starting at the end of pavement near the Bartlett Lake Marina entrance at Reference Point 33° 50.249' N x -111° 38.476' W, then following south along NFS Road 19 for approximately 3.25 miles to its terminus at the Verde River.

NFS Road 162 (commonly referred to as Riverside Loop) from its intersection with Forest Road 19 (described above) for its entirety (approximately 1 mile).

The segments of the Described Roads are within Township 5 North Range 7 East Sections 4 and 8; and Township 6 North Range 7 East Sections 28 and 3.

DESCRIBED AREA

All NFS lands within the Riverside Campground, as shown in Exhibit A, which are within and immediately adjacent to NFS Road 162 ("Riverside Loop Road") as described above.

The Described Area is within Township 5 North, Range 7 East Section 4

PURPOSE

To provide for public health and safety and allow for a safe working area for fire crews responding to the Riverside Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from June 19th, 2024, at 03:00p.m. through August 1st, 2024, at 10:00p.m. unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Roads and 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/tonto/alerts-notice>
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order a(e 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 11, 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 Cave Ranger District in Scottsdale, AZ, (480) 595-3300, 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 Areas and Roads.

Signed and issued on June 24, 2024

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