



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
U.S. FOREST SERVICE  
SOUTHWESTERN REGION**

**OCCUPANCY AND USE**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the area described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) and as depicted on the attached map, within the Southwestern Region National Forests in the state of New Mexico and the National Grasslands in the states of Texas, and Oklahoma.

1. Possessing, storing, or transporting a cannabis plant, any part of a cannabis plant, or any substance derived from a cannabis plant. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(t).**

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer in the performance of an official duty.

**RESTRICTED AREA**

The Restricted Area includes all National Forest System lands in the following National Forests and Grasslands, as depicted in Exhibit A of this Order:

**NEW MEXICO**

Carson National Forest  
Cibola National Forest  
Gila National Forest  
Lincoln National Forest  
Santa Fe National Forest  
Kiowa National Grasslands

**OKLAHOMA/TEXAS**

Black Kettle & McClellan National Grasslands  
Rita Blanca National Grasslands

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources and public health and safety.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be effective on June \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, at \_\_\_\_\_, and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2026, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. Any violation of this prohibition 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 (6) months, or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581(b)(7)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Southwestern Regional office, telephone number 505-842-3292.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2021.

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Regional Forester  
Southwestern Region