

**Order Number: 03-12-02-25-20**



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

**Oak Flat Campground Temporary Area and Trail Closure  
for Traditional and Cultural Ceremonies**

**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 Globe Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area/Trails"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(g).
2. Being on the Described Trail. 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. Members of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and their guests.
2. Persons with Forest Service form 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).
3. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

**DESCRIBED AREA/TRAILS**

All National Forest System lands, roads, and trails, within Township 1 South, Range 13 East, Sections 28, 29, and 33, starting at the intersection of National Forest System (NFS) Road 469 and Motorized Trail (MT) 2438, then following east and southeast along the

south and west side of MT-2438 approximately 0.5 miles to the intersection with MT-U2438B, then following southwest along the MT-U2438B approximately 0.5 miles to the intersection with the western portion of MT-2438, then following generally northeast then northwest along MT-2438 approximately 0.45 miles to the junction with Oak Flat Wash, then following northwest along the southwestern edge of Oak Flat Wash approximately 0.35 miles to the junction with NFS Road 315, then following generally east along the south side of NFS Road 315 approximately 0.15 miles to the intersection with NFS Road 469, then following generally east along the south side of NFS Road 469 approximately 0.15 miles back to the point of beginning at the intersection of NFS Road 469 and MT-2438.

Routes along the boundary that remain open:

- NFS Road 315,
- NFS Road 469,
- Eastern portion of MT-2438.

Routes that are closed include:

- MT-U2438B starting from the intersection with the western portion of MT-2438 to the intersection with the eastern portion of MT-2438,
- The portion of MT-2438 starting from the intersection with MT-U2438B following generally northeast and northwest to the junction with Oak Flat Wash.

Note: Oak Flat Campground is closed.

## **PURPOSE**

To protect the privacy of traditional and cultural ceremonies of the San Carlos Apache Tribe.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order shall be in effect from September 09, 2025, at 6:00pm through September 23, 2025, at 6:00am, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area/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/r03/tonto/alerts>
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 Globe Ranger District in Globe, Arizona (928) 402-6200, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in and on the same "Described Area/Trails."

Signed and issued on September 8, 2025.

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