



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

**3-Mile Wash Recreation Area
Occupancy and Use Prohibitions**

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

1. Camping. **36 C.F.R. §§ 261.58(e)**
2. Being in the Described Area after sundown or before sunrise.
36 C.F.R. §§ 261.58(l)

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Any Federal, State, or Local officer, or member of any organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with Forest Service Permit, form 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).

DESCRIBED AREA

The Described area consists of the entirety of the 3-Mile Wash Recreation Area and associated road access at the Apache Lake shoreline, starting at the entrance to 3-Mile Wash Recreation Area, Reference Point 33° 39.168' N x -111° 10.940' W, and State Route (SR) 88, then following generally north along the west side of SR-88 approximately 0.25 miles to the ridge at Reference Point 33° 39.317' N x -111° 11.016' W, then following the ridge generally west approximately 0.1 miles to the east shoreline of Apache Lake, then following the east shoreline of Apache lake for approximately 0.07 miles to the

unnamed wash, then following the unnamed wash east and southeast for approximately 0.07 miles to SR-88 at Reference Point 33° 39.217' N x -111° 11.062' W, then following along the northeast side of SR-88 generally southeast for approximately 0.15 miles to the point of beginning at SR-88 and the entrance road to 3-Mile Wash.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety due to potential flash flooding with enhanced risks during nighttime hours and prevent user conflicts and resource degradation with the lack of developed facilities and infrastructure.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from October 01, 2025, at 6:00am, through September 30, 2030, at 6:00pm, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described 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/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 Tonto Basin Ranger District in Roosevelt, AZ, (602) 225-5395, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the Described Area.

Signed and issued on September 30, 2025.

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