



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
U.S. FOREST SERVICE  
SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST  
PECOS-LAS VEGAS RANGER DISTRICT**

**HERMITS PEAK FIRE AREA CLOSURE**

**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, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Pecos-Las Vegas Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, Mora and San Miguel Counties, New Mexico.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53(3).**

**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, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

**RESTRICTED AREA**

The Restricted Area is within Township 17 North, Range 14 East, Sections 1-4 and 10-15; Township 18 North, Range 14 East, Sections 1-4, 8-17, 20-29, and 33-36; Township 17 North, Range 15 East, Sections 5-7; Township 18 North, Range 15 East, Sections 17-20, and 29-32, specifically all National Forest lands and trails within the boundary starting at Forest Road 263 entering Forest Boundary, following Forest Road 263 in a westernly direction to the intersection of Forest Road 263 and Forest Road 263B, then following Forest Road 263B in a northerly direction to the terminus of Forest 263B, then following Blue Bell Ridge Trail 212 in a northerly direction to its intersection with Blue Bell Trail 10, then following Blue Bell Trail 10 in a northerly direction to its junction with Beaver Creek Trail 247, then following Beaver Creek Trail 247 in a westernly direction to its intersection with Lone Pine Mesa Trail 214, then following Lone Pine Mesa Trail 214 in an easternly direction to its intersection with Lone Pine Trailhead at the Pecos Wilderness Boundary, then following the Pecos Wilderness Boundary in a general southernly and easternly, direction to its intersection with Santa Fe National Forest

Boundary, then following Santa Fe National Forest Boundary in a southerly direction, back to the point of beginning at its intersection with the Forest Road 263, as depicted in Exhibit A of this Order.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety due to extreme fire danger in the Restricted Area.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be effective on April 7, 2022, at 6:00 a.m., and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2022, or until rescinded, 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 Pecos-Las Vegas Ranger District located in Pecos, New Mexico, telephone number Pecos 505-757-6121, and at the Santa Fe National Forest Supervisor's Office in Santa Fe, New Mexico, telephone number 505 438-5300.
5. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

**DEBBIE CRESS**  
Forest Supervisor  
Santa Fe National Forest



Santa Fe National Forest  
 Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District  
 Hermits Peak Fire Closure Map

 Restricted Area

Scale 1:64,000

