

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST

#### STAGE III FOREST CLOSURE

# **PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands as described in this Order (the "Restricted Area") and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Santa Fe National Forest, Rio Arriba, Los Alamos, Sandoval, Santa Fe, San Miguel and Mora counties within the State of New Mexico.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e), 261.53(e).

#### **EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the provisions in 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 fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty as approved by the District Ranger.
- 3. Residents using roads in the Restricted Area to the extent necessary to access their private property.

## **RESTRICTED AREA**

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the boundary of the Santa Fe National Forest within the following counties: Rio Arriba, Los Alamos, Sandoval, Santa Fe, San Miguel and Mora counties within the State of New Mexico.

# **PURPOSE**

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to extreme fire danger.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- 1. This Order will be in effect at 8:00 AM on May 19, 2022, and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2022, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.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 the prohibition in this Order is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, 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 Coyote Ranger District 575-638-5526 located in Coyote, NM. Cuba Ranger District 575-289-3264 located in Cuba, NM. Jemez Ranger District 575-839-3535 located in Jemez Springs, NM. Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District 505-757-6121 located in Pecos, NM. and Espanola Ranger District 505-753-7331 located in Espanola, NM and at the Santa Fe National Forest Supervisor's Office in Santa Fe, NM, telephone number 505-438-5300.
- 5. All existing Stage II Restrictions under Order No. <u>10-510</u>, remain in effect.

Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico this Tuesday, May 17th, 2022.

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