



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

AREA CLOSURE FOR HERMITS PEAK AND CALF CANYON  
POST-FIRE IMPACTS

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the Described Area):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. **36 C.F.R. §§ 261.52(e) and 261.53(e).**

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

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

**DESCRIBED AREA**

The Described Area is within all National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the boundary starting at the southwest Santa Fe National Forest (SFNF) boundary adjacent to the Village of Pecos boundary, then following New Mexico Route 63 in a northerly direction to Dalton Creek, then following Dalton Creek in a northwesterly direction to the Pecos and Espanola District boundaries, then following the Pecos District boundary in a northerly direction to the Pecos Wilderness boundary, then continuing in an easterly direction to the Pecos Wilderness boundary, then northerly direction to the Wilderness boundary to its junction with Beatty's Trail 25, then

following Trail 25 in a northerly direction to the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon burned area, then following the burned area north to its terminus with the Carson National Forest and SFNF boundaries and continuing northeasterly to the easterly boundary of the SFNF, then following the SFNF boundary in a southerly direction to its most southern boundary, then following SFNF boundary west; continuing to follow SFNF boundary in a northerly direction to its junction with the Village of Pecos northeastern boundary then following SFNF boundary west to its junction with New Mexico Route 63 as depicted on the attached map at Exhibit A.

## **PURPOSE**

To provide for public health and safety during wildfire suppression repair operations and in the event of post-fire emergencies, including debris flow and flash flooding, in the Described Area.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 9, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. through December 31, 2022, 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/detail/santafe/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprd3802009>.
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 Pecos Ranger Station in Pecos, NM, (505) 757-6121, the Las Vegas Ranger Station in Las Vegas, NM, (505) 425-3534, or the Santa Fe National Forest Supervisor's Office in Santa Fe, NM, (505) 438-5300, for more information about this Order.

6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on August 8, 2022.



Acting

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