



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Gila National Forest
Quemado Ranger District**

Antone Fire Area Closure

PROHIBITIONS

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

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area which is closed for public health and safety. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).
2. Being upon any National Forest System trail within the Described Area. 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. 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 AND TRAIL

The Described Area lies within all or portions of Township 2 South, Range 15 West, Sections 34, 35, 36; Township 3 South, Range 15 West, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Township 4 South, Range 15 West, Sections 25, 26, 27; Township 3 South, Range 14 West, Sections 19, and 30. The Described Area consist of all National Forest lands within the boundary starting at the intersection of Catron County (CAT) Road A095 and National Forest System Road ("NFSR") 13 west 7.2 miles to the intersection of NFSR 13 and NFSR 93 north for 12 miles to the junction with NFSR 93 and CAT Road A095, south 7.3 miles back to the junction of CAT Road

A095 and NFSR 13. This includes a portion of the Continental Divide Trail (CDT) and Valla Tio Vince Campground, as shown specifically in Exhibit A.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety during fire implementation within the Antone fire area.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be able to be implemented from June 10, 2024, at 6:00 am until rescinded.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/alerts/gila/alerts-notice>.
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 Quemado Ranger District in Quemado, New Mexico, (575) 773-4678, and Gila National Forest Supervisor's Office in Silver City, New Mexico, (575) 388-8201, 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 June 10, 2024

Forest Supervisor
Gila National Forest