



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
U.S. FOREST SERVICE  
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST  
TONTO BASIN, GLOBE AND MESA RANGER DISTRICTS**

***Black Fire Closure***

**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, roads, and trails in the Tonto Basin, Globe and Mesa Ranger Districts, Tonto National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the Described Area/Roads/Trails):

1. Using any motor vehicle or being on the Described Road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a)
2. Being on the Described Trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a)
3. Going into or being in the Described Area. 36 C.F. R. § 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. Local residents of the Roosevelt Lake View Mobile Home Park for access to their residence only, unless an evacuation order issued by local authorities is in place.
3. Local homeowners who require access for ingress and egress to private inholdings.

4. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
5. Employees and contractors of the Salt River Project in the performance of operations, maintenance and repair of Roosevelt Dam and associated Salt River Project infrastructure.

### **DESCRIBED AREA/ROADS/TRAILS**

The Described Area consists of all National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the Boundary starting at the intersection of State Route (SR) 88 and SR 188, then following southeast along the southwest side of SR 188 approximately 11 miles to the intersection with Pinto Creek, then following south along Pinto Creek approximately 7 miles to the intersection with Section boundary of Township 2N Range 13E Section 12 and 13, then following directly west approximately 4.5 miles to the intersection with the northeast corner of Township 2N Range 12E Section 13, then following directly south and west along the boundary of Township 2N Range 12E Section 13 and the southern boundary of Section 14 approximately 2.5 miles to the intersection with Campaign Trail #256, then following southwest along the southeast side of Campaign Trail #256 approximately 3.25 miles to the intersection with Fire Line Trail #118, then following west along the south side of Fire Line Trail #118 approximately 3.5 miles to the intersection with Reavis Ranch Trail #109, then following generally northwest along the southwest side of Reavis Ranch Trail #109 approximately 10 miles to the intersection with NFSR 212, then following west along the south side of NFSR 212 approximately 3 miles to the intersection with SR 88, then following northeast along the southeast side of SR 88 approximately 14 miles back to the point of beginning at the intersection with SR 188.

### **PURPOSE**

To provide public health and safety due to firefighting operations and fire danger associated with the uncontrolled Black Fire on the Tonto National Forest.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be effective on July 14, 2024 at 12:00 a.m., and shall remain in effect until September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted 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/tonto/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 11, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.

4. A violation of the above 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)).
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Tonto Basin Ranger District located in Roosevelt, Arizona, telephone number 602-225-5395, and at the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, Arizona, telephone number 602-225-5200.
6. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts or similar acts in the safe Described Roads and Trails.

Done at Phoenix, Arizona, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

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Tonto National Forest