Order Number: 03-10-02-24-11



U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Santa Fe National Forest Cuba Ranger District

TEMPORARY AREA AND ROADS CLOSURE FOR THE TANQUES WILDFIRE

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 and roads in the Cuba Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area and Road"):

- 1. Going into or being upon an area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53 (e).
- 2. Using any motor vehicle on the roads(s) described below. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(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.
- 3. Landowners crossing National Forest System lands in order to access their private property.

DESCRIBED AREA AND ROADS:

 The described roads include FR313 from the junction of FR313 and FR517 to the junction of FR313 and FR515. FR515 from the junction of FR515 and FR313 to the junction of FR515 and FR514J. FR514J from the junction of FR514J and FR515 to FR514. FR514 from the junction of FR514J and FR514 to the junction of FR514 and FR517. FR517 from the junction of FR517 and FR514 to the junction of FR517 and FR313.

All National Forest Services lands within the described area which starts at the
junction of Forest Roads 513 and 515. It follows FR 513 northwest to the junction of
FR 517. It follows FR 517 south to the junction of FR 514, then follows FR 514 east to
the junction with FR 514J. It follows FR 514J east to the junction of FR 515, then
follows FR 515 back to the junction with FR 313.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect the public's health and safety during the firefighting operations for the Tanques Wildfire.

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. This Order shall be in effect from July 26, 2024, at 8 a.m. through August 31, 2024, at 12 a.m., unless rescinded.
- 2. A map identifying the Described Area and Road 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/santafe/alerts-notices
- 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 Cuba Ranger District Office in Cuba, NM, (575) 289-3264, or the Santa Fe National Forest Supervisor's Office in Santa Fe, (505) 438-5300, for more information about this Order.

Signed and issued on the 26th day of July 2024.

Shaun Sanchez Forest Supervisor

Santa Fe National Forest