



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests
Black Mesa Ranger District**

Pius Fire Emergency Area 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) roads, trails, and lands in the Black Mesa Ranger District, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, 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 for the protection of public health and safety. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).**
2. Being on the roads in the Described Area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.54(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/ROADS

As shown in the map at Exhibit A, the Described Area encompasses all National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within all areas South of National Forest System Road (NFSR) #225, West of NFSR #34, North of NFSR #300, and East of NFSR #115, including Bear Canyon Lake and Campground.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public's and fire-fighter's health and safety during Pius Fire Operations.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from Friday, July 12, 2024 at 0800 through August 15, 2024 at 0800, unless rescinded.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/alerts/asnf/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 Black Mesa Ranger District, (928) 535-7300, and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Supervisor's Office in Springerville, (928) 333-4301, 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 this 12th day of July, 2024.

ROBERT LEVER
Forest Supervisor
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest



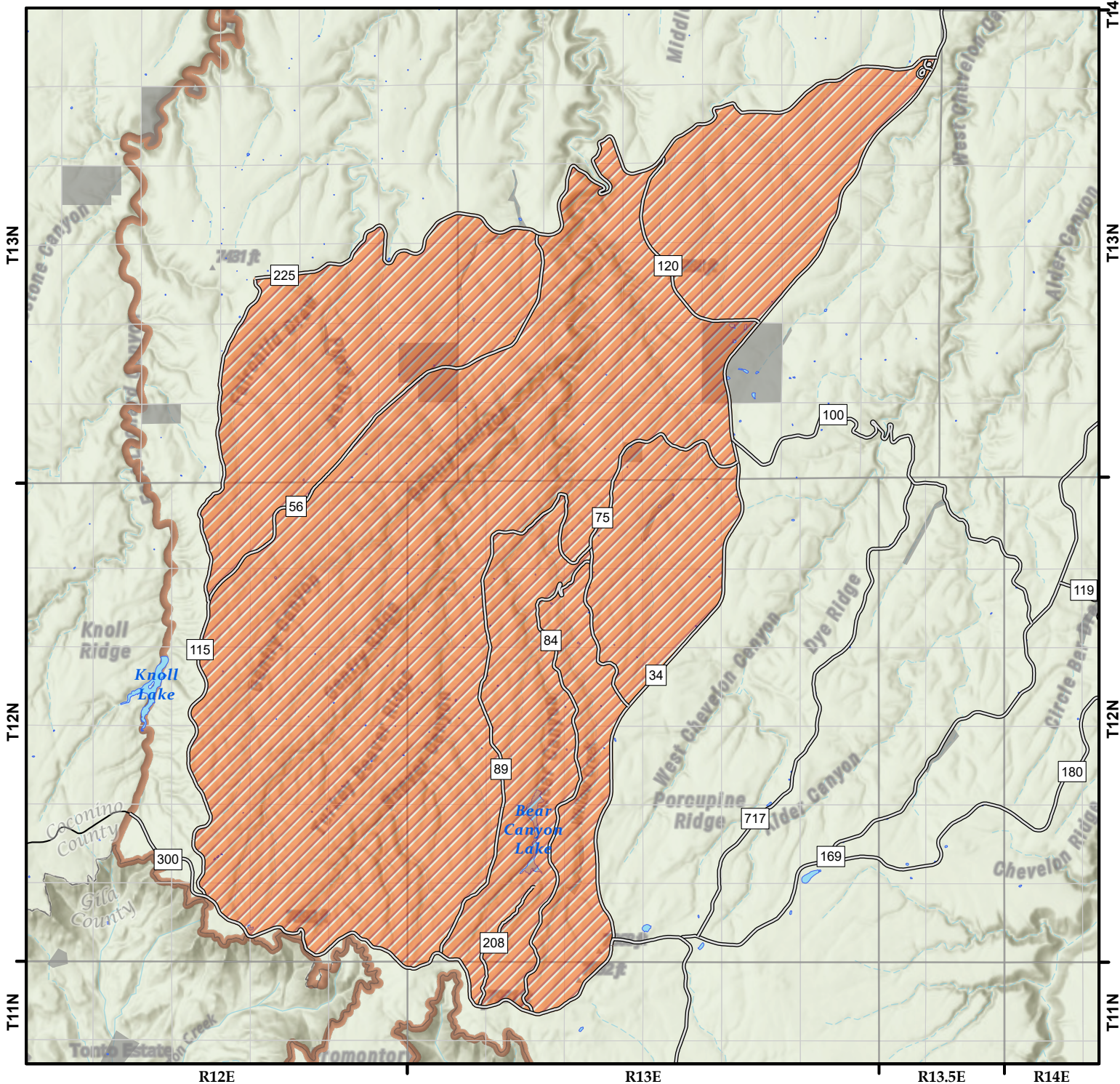
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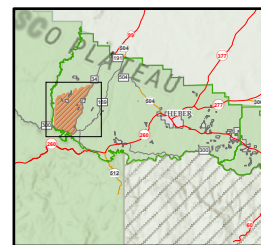
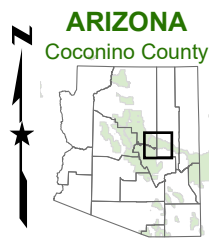
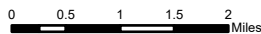
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Legend

-  Described Area
-  Apache-Sitgreaves NF
-  Non-FS/Private



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