



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Tonto National Forest
Cave Creek Ranger District**

**Cave Creek Ranger District
Bartlett Lake Post Fire Flash Flood Public Safety 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 and roads in the Tonto National Forest, Cave Creek Ranger District, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the Described Area and Roads):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. Being on a Road within 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.
3. Employees and contractors of the Salt River Project performing approved facilities operation, maintenance and resource survey work coordinated through the Salt River Project's Fire Management Officer.

DESCRIBED AREA AND ROADS

All National Forest System (NFS) lands, within 100 feet of the Bartlett Reservoir shoreline starting from Sheep Creek inlet on the Northeast edged of the reservoir and extending directly west across the reservoir/Verde river inlet and moving south along the shoreline and including closure at Bartlett Flat, Yellow Cliffs Boat Launch and SB Cove then continuing south on the shoreline including closure at Rattlesnake Day Use Area then continuing south excluding the Jojoba Boat Launch and Bartlett Marina then continuing closure to the damn and around the southern edge of the reservoir and back along the shoreline to Sheep Creek inlet.

Described Roads NFSR 459 from the intersection of NFSR 19 (Bartlett Dam Road) continuing north to the roadway end accessing Bartlett Flats is closed. NFSR 459A from the intersection of NFSR 459 continuing east to Rattlesnake Day Use Area is closed. NFSR 459C from the intersection of NFSR 459 continuing south to the access areas of Yellow Cliffs Boat Launch and SB Cove is closed.

Note: National Forest System Recreation Areas closed through this order include Bartlett Flat, Yellow Cliffs Boat Launch, SB Cove and Rattlesnake Day Use Area.

NFS Road 19 (Bartlett Dam Road) remains open to the end of pavement at the Bartlett Lake Marina.

Bartlett Lake Marina and Jojoba Boat Launch areas remain open.

PURPOSE

To provide for public health and safety due to increased flash flood potential, and to allow for natural resource protection and burn recovery, within the recent fire incident areas of the Horse, Wildcat, Riverside and Boulder View wildland fire burn scars.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 9, 2024, at 06:00pm through August 31, 2024, at 10:00am, 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/tonto/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 Cave Ranger District in Scottsdale, AZ, (480) 595-3300, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same of similar acts in the same Described Areas and Roads.

Signed and issued on August 9, 2024.

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