

United States Forest Service
Tonto National Forest

PUBLIC SAFETY RESTRICTIONS FOR USE OF FIREARMS

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this Order, and as described in Exhibit A (the “restricted area”) and depicted on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits B, C, and D, within the Tonto National Forest, Gila, Maricopa, and Pinal Counties, Arizona:

1. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. 36 CFR 261.58(m)

Exceptions: a) Persons engaged in the taking of game animals pursuant to federal, state, or tribal laws and regulations; and b) persons engaged in self-defense or defense of another as defined in Arizona Revised Statutes, ARS 13-401, ARS 13-3107, and ARS 17-301.01.

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED

The restricted area includes all National Forest System lands and waters, roads and trails within the boundaries as described in Exhibit A, and depicted on the attached maps, Exhibits B, C, and D.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is the protection of National Forest visitors and employees in areas of high recreation use and forest-urban interface, where the indiscriminate discharge of a firearm is likely to pose a substantial risk to public safety.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective immediately upon execution of the Order and will remain in effect for five years from the date of execution, unless terminated sooner.
2. These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at 36 CFR 261, Subpart A.

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3. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].

Done this 24th day of November, 2008, at Phoenix, Arizona.

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EXHIBIT A – AREA DESCRIPTIONS

Description of Area, Cave Creek Ranger District, as depicted on Exhibit B:

Beginning at the Cave Creek Road and Bartlett Dam Road intersection, then following the National Forest/Private Property boundary northeast to the Community of Tonto Hills then following the National Forest/Private property boundary north of Tonto Hills, northwest approximately one mile to the Forest Boundary located on the section line between sections 9 and 10 then north approximately 1.6 miles to the northwest corner of section 3, then west one mile to the southwest corner of section 33, then north one mile to the northwest corner of section 33, then east to a point located 0.5 miles west of FR 24, then north to a point located 0.5 miles west of FR 24 and 0.5 miles north of Bronco Trailhead, then east one mile to a point located 0.5 miles east of FR 24, then south staying 0.5 miles east of FR 24 to Camp Creek Wash, then southeast following Camp Creek Wash to FR 1058, then FR1058 northeast to FR 205, then FR 205 northeast to Horseshoe Lake Boat Ramp, then southeast to Horseshoe Dam, then southeast along the Verde River to the upper reaches of Bartlett Lake located near the center of section 29, then east to a point located 0.5 miles east of the high water line of Bartlett Lake, then staying 0.5 miles east of the high water line of Bartlett Lake south to a point located 0.5 miles east of Bartlett Dam, then staying 0.5 miles east of the Verde River, following the Verde River south to a point located 0.5 miles east of the Verde River on the Forest Boundary with the Fort McDowell Reservation, then one mile west to a point 0.5 miles west of the Verde River on the Forest Boundary with the Fort McDowell Reservation, then north to the Rio Verde Drive/Dynamite Road, then west along the southern boundary of the Cave Creek Ranger District for approximately 15 miles to the southwest corner of section 34 south of Wildcat Hill, then north along the Forest Boundary to Bartlett Dam Road, then west along Bartlett Dam Road for approximately one mile to the intersection with Cave Creek Road.

Excluding the following described interior area:

Beginning at the Horseshoe Dam/Bartlett Dam Road Intersection, then southeast along Bartlett Dam Road to a point 0.5 miles west of the Verde River, then staying 0.5 miles west of the Verde River south to a point located 0.5 miles west of the Verde River in Camp Creek Wash on FR 413, then northwest on FR 413 to FR 404, then northwest on FR 404 to Bartlett Dam Road.

Description of Area, Mesa Ranger District, as depicted on Exhibit C:

Beginning at the Highway 87 and Bush Highway (FR 204) intersection, then following the Bush Highway south to Water Users, then east .3 miles, then north to BM 7630, then east to the eastern boundary of section 33, then south to the southeast corner of section 33, then southwest .5 miles, then west .2 miles to the eastern boundary of section 5, then due south 3 miles to Dome Mountain and the intersection of T 1 N and T 2 N, then due east 4 miles to the intersection of section 24 and section 19, then due north 2.5 miles to the

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northwest corner of section 7, then east 1.2 miles to the Superstition Wilderness boundary, following the Superstition Wilderness boundary, and including FR 213, for approximately 27 miles to the eastern boundary of the Superstition Wilderness, then south approximately 20 miles along the Superstition Wilderness boundary, then west approximately 27 miles following the Superstition Wilderness boundary to the western boundary of section 28 and the eastern boundary of section 29, then north 1 mile to the southwest corner of section 21, then west 2 miles to the southwest corner of section 19, then north approximately 4 miles following the Forest boundary to the southwest corner of section 31, then west 7.5 miles following the Forest boundary to the southwest corner of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ corner of section 35, then north along the Forest boundary 2 miles to the northwest corner of the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ corner, then west 4.5 miles following the Forest boundary to the southwest corner of section 19, then north following the CAP canal approximately .5 miles to the western edge of section 19, then north .5 miles to the intersection of the Bush Highway and the Salt River, then northeast following the Salt River for approximately 9 miles to the eastern edge of section 6 just south of Blue Point, then due north approximately 5 miles to the intersection of Highway 87, then northeast approximately .5 miles along Highway 87 to the intersection of Highway 87 and the Bush Highway.

Beginning at the Highway 87 and Bush Highway (FR 204) intersection, follow Highway 87 north 4 miles to the FR 143 junction, then east on FR 143 4 miles to the 4 Peaks Wilderness boundary then south following the Wilderness boundary 8 miles to the Lower Salt River, then west following the Lower Salt River to the junction of the Bush Highway, then north to the intersection of Highway 87 and the Bush Highway (FR 204).

Description of Area, Globe Ranger District, as depicted on Exhibit D:

That portion of section 1, Township 1 South, Range 15 East, and sections 5, 6, and 7, township 1 South, Range 16 East, south of FR 328, the Pipeline Road, and west of SR 77, as indicated on the map.