

EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER
APACHE NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551, and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the area in this Order, and depicted on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A through G (the "restricted area"), within the Apache National Forest, Springerville and Alpine Districts, Apache and Greenlee Counties, Arizona.

PROHIBITION:

1. Going into or being upon the area as described in Exhibit B (Escudilla Closure Area). 36 CFR § 261.53(e).
2. Camping in or upon the areas as described in Exhibits A, C, D, E, F, or G. 36 CFR §261.58 (a).

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Owners or lessees of land in the area.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of official duty.
4. Persons traveling on designated State, County, and Municipal roads located within the Closure Area, unless the agency with jurisdiction has closed the road.
5. Persons parking a motorized vehicle within 30 feet of a road or motorized trail, which has been designated and posted on the ground with a white arrow, for the purpose of camping or other day use recreation.

AREA DESCRIBED:

All National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails within Exhibit B (Escudilla Closure Area) are designated as unsafe for entry and are CLOSED.

All National Forest System (NFS) lands and roads shown in Exhibit A, C, D, E, F, and G are designated as unsafe and are CLOSED to dispersed camping and CLOSED to motorized travel unless roads are designated open with white arrows.

Included in these closures are NFS lands as they currently exist within the administrative boundaries of the Springerville and Alpine Ranger Districts of the Apache National Forest.

Included in this closure are the following areas:

Auger Creek Closure Area as depicted on attached Exhibit A,

Escudilla Closure Area: The Proclaimed Escudilla Wilderness Area as depicted on attached Exhibit B,

Fish Creek Closure Area: as depicted on attached Exhibit C,

Middle Mountain Closure Area: as depicted on attached Exhibit D,

Milligan Valley Closure Area: as depicted on attached Exhibit E,

Prime Canyon Closure Area: as depicted on attached Exhibit F,

West Fork Closure Area: as depicted on attached Exhibit G.

Also included in this closure are the following campgrounds/recreation areas:

Aspen C.G., Deer Creek C.G., Diamond Rock C.G., Horse Springs C.G., Raccoon C.G., South Fork C.G., and the West Fork Dispersed C.G.

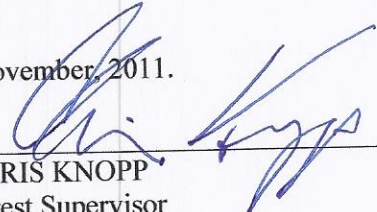
PURPOSE:

To provide for public health and safety following the Wallow Wildfire located within the boundaries associated with the Alpine and Springerville Ranger Districts of the Apache National Forest.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- 1) This Amendment to Forest Order 01-11-527 supersedes previous amendments and will go into effect promptly at 12:01 pm on Thursday November 3rd, 2011 and will remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise rescinded, until 12:01 am on December 31, 2011.
- 2) Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals, and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3885, Title 18 USC 3571, Title 18 USC 3581].

Done at Springerville, Arizona this 3rd day of November, 2011.



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