



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST**

STAGE III FOREST CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the area described in this Order (the "Restricted Area") and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, all within the Tonto National Forest, Maricopa, Pinal, Yavapai and Gila Counties, Arizona.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
3. Residents or businesses using roads in the Restricted Area to the extent necessary to access their private property.
4. Persons with a valid Rec.gov permit for the Fossil Creek Developed Recreation Area are only allowed access to the portions of the Fossil Creek Developed Recreation Area on the Tonto National Forest.

RESTRICTED AREA

All National Forest System lands contained within the boundary of the Tonto National Forest as depicted in Exhibit A, except areas listed specifically below as "open."

The entire Forest is closed, except for the following areas and roads:

○ **OPEN Areas:**

- Roosevelt Lake - Beginning at the intersection of State Route (SR) 188 and Forest Route (FR) 84 Grapevine Road, then north along FR 84 to the east side of Grapevine Boat Ramp at the waterline of Roosevelt Lake. Then following the waterline east to the confluence of the Salt River. Then continuing along the Roosevelt Lake waterline northwest to the confluence of Tonto Creek. Then up Tonto Creek to FR 60 then southwest to SR 188 and southeast along SR 188 back to the intersection of FR 84. Note – Bermuda Flat, Cholla Bay and Bachelor Cove Shoreline Areas are closed.
- Bartlett Reservoir - Beginning at Bartlett Dam along the waterline south and then east and then north up to the confluence of the Verde River. Then following the western waterline south down to the Yellow Cliffs Boat Ramp and SB Cove Day Use Areas which are open, then south down the waterline to the Rattlesnake Day Use Area which is open. Then south along the waterline to the Jojoba boat launch which is open, then up FR 19A to FR 19, then south to FR 185 and Bartlett Marina, which is open. Then back down to the waterline of Bartlett Reservoir and then south along waterline back to Bartlett Dam.
- Canyon Lake – Starting at Mormon Flat Dam south along Mormon Flat Dam access road to SR 88 then east along SR 88 to Tortilla Creek Drainage then following drainage northwest to Canyon Lake waterline then along waterline to the base of Horse Mesa Dam then along waterline back to Mormon Flat Dam.
- Saguaro Lake & Lower Salt River – Starting at Stewart Mountain Dam following waterline east to Mormon Flat Dam then along waterline west to the courtesy dock near the end of Forest Road 206 (Saguaro Del Norte Recreation Area) above the lake. Then following FR 206B to the Bush Highway, then north along the Bush Highway to SR 87 then along SR 87 to the Forest Boundary. Then following the Forest Boundary south and west and across the Salt River to the Bush Highway. Then along Bush Highway east to the Blue Point Bridge, then following the southern bank of the Salt River around east back to the Stewart Mountain Dam. Houston Mesa Campground – Elk, Black Bear, and Mountain Lion Loops
- Tortilla Flat Restaurant
- Roosevelt Lakeview Mobile Home Park off of SR 188 at Roosevelt Lake, but not beyond the park.

○ **OPEN Roads:**

- Bush Highway (FR 204)
- FR 19 to Bartlett Reservoir Jojoba Boat Launch and Bartlett Marina
- FR 459A to Rattlesnake Day Use Area

- FR 459 to Yellow Cliffs Boat Launch and SB Cove Day Use Area
- FR 582 from SR 87 to the Buckhead Mesa Landfill
- FR 583 from SR 87 to Tonto Natural Bridge State Park

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to close the Restricted Area for reducing potential human caused fires in ongoing extreme fire danger conditions, as well as firefighting and emergency operations for the protection of public health and safety.

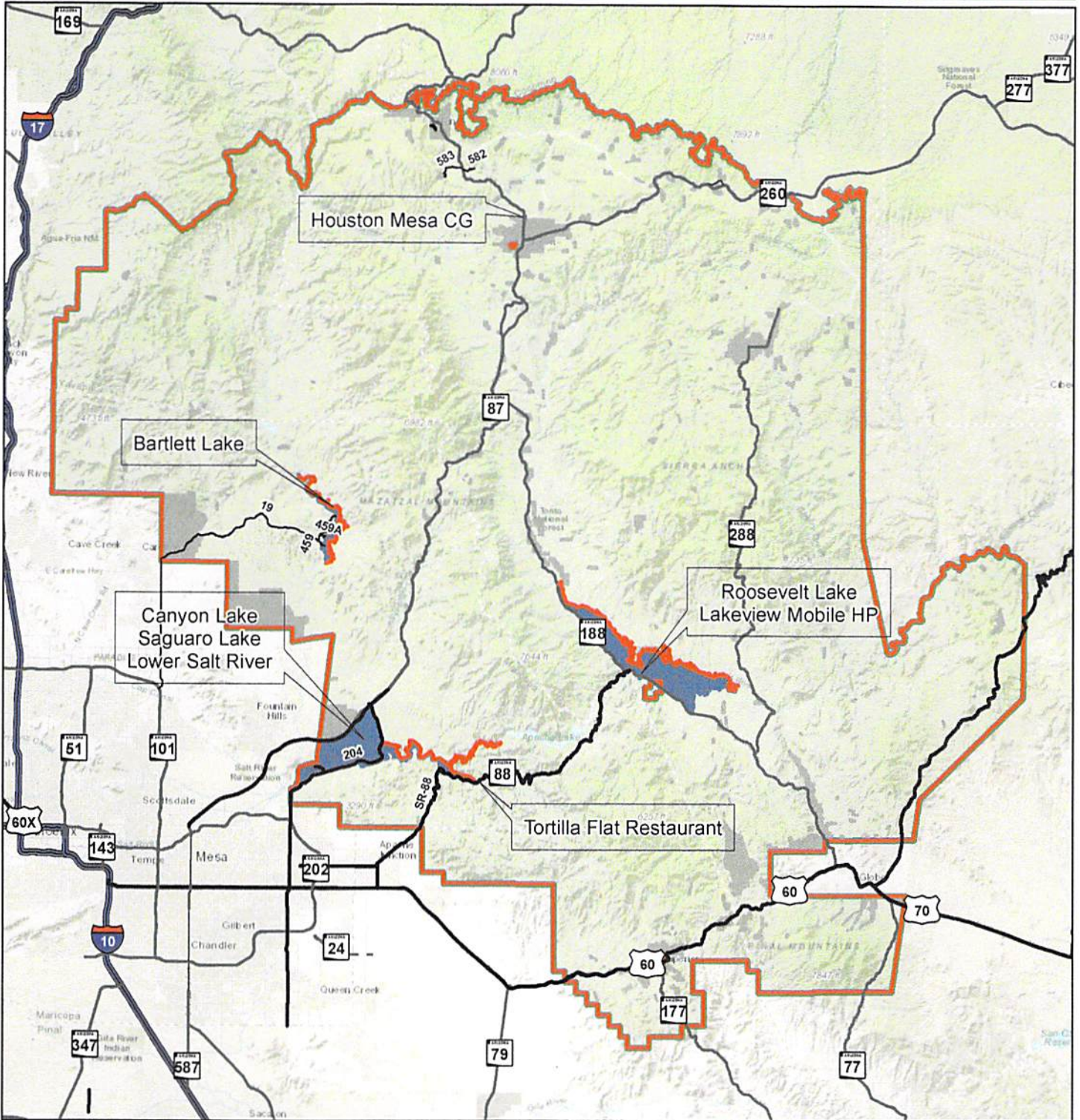
IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect at 0600 on July 02, 2020 and shall remain in effect until July 31, 2020 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals or \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (see 16 U.S.C.551, 18 U.S.C.3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C.3581(b)(7)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, Arizona, (602)225-5200, or at Cave Creek Ranger District Office, (480)595-3300, or at Mesa Ranger District Office, (480)610-3300.

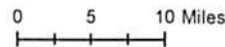
Dated this 30th day of June 2020, at Phoenix, Arizona



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Forest Supervisor



Stage III Forest Closure
Exhibit A
Order #: 03-12-00-20-395



Road, trail, and area closure affects only National Forest System roads, trails and lands within the closure area on Tonto National Forest. The closure does not apply to any non-National Forest System roads, trails or lands within the closure boundary.

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Legend

- Open Roads
- Shoreline Closure
- Stage III Forest Closure
- Open Recreation Areas
- Non-Forest Service Ownership
- Tonto National Forest Boundary

