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June 23, 2021

Good Morning, Forest Lakes Family,

Here is the announcement of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest closure (Stage 3 Restrictions) that will begin tomorrow, Thursday, June 24, at 6 AM.

You will also find a copy of the News Release and official order. It did not copy very well and it's enlarged as much as I can make it, but if you want to see the official notice, here it is.

GREEN WASTE TRANSFER STATION NOTICE ----

Due to the forest closure, and because our Green Waste Transfer Station is on forest property, it will be closed until further notice.

Click [HERE](#) for additional U.S. Forest Service information.

Have a great day!
Judy Nelson, Editor

Full closure of Apache-Sitgreaves NFs to begin Thursday

SPRINGERVILLE, Ariz., June 22, 2021 – Due to extreme fire danger and historically dry conditions during a time when firefighting resources are stretched thin, the entire Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests will close for public safety, beginning Thursday, June 24 at 6:00 a.m.

A full forest closure means that the public is prohibited from entering any part of Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests at any time. Those with private inholdings will be allowed into their property.

More than two dozen fires have started on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in the last few days. Two of these fires required additional assistance by incident management teams. Further, fire behavior has been extreme with crowning, torching and long-range spotting, threatening lives and property. While sporadic precipitation may fall in areas of the forest over the coming weeks, this closure will remain in effect until fire activity decreases, sufficient precipitation falls to reduce the risk of wildfire and hot, dry conditions are no longer forecast to continue.

Forest Service personnel will attempt to reach as many people as possible to begin vacating

campsites and informing individuals who are camping in the forest. Campers and visitors to the national forest should vacate their campsites before the closure begins and the public should cancel any plans for visiting the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests for the next several weeks.

The violation of closures and fire restrictions carries a mandatory appearance in federal court, punishable as a Class B misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or up to six months in prison, or both.



ORDER NO. 03-01-21-16

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS

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 on all National Forest System lands as described in this Order (the "Restricted Area") and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Apache, Coconino, Greenlee and Navajo Counties.

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

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the provisions in this Order:

1. Persons with a written Forest Service permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.
3. Residents using roads in the Restricted Area to the extent necessary to access their private property.

RESTRICTED AREA

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the boundary of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, as depicted in Exhibit A.

PURPOSE

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to extreme fire danger.

IMPLEMENTATION

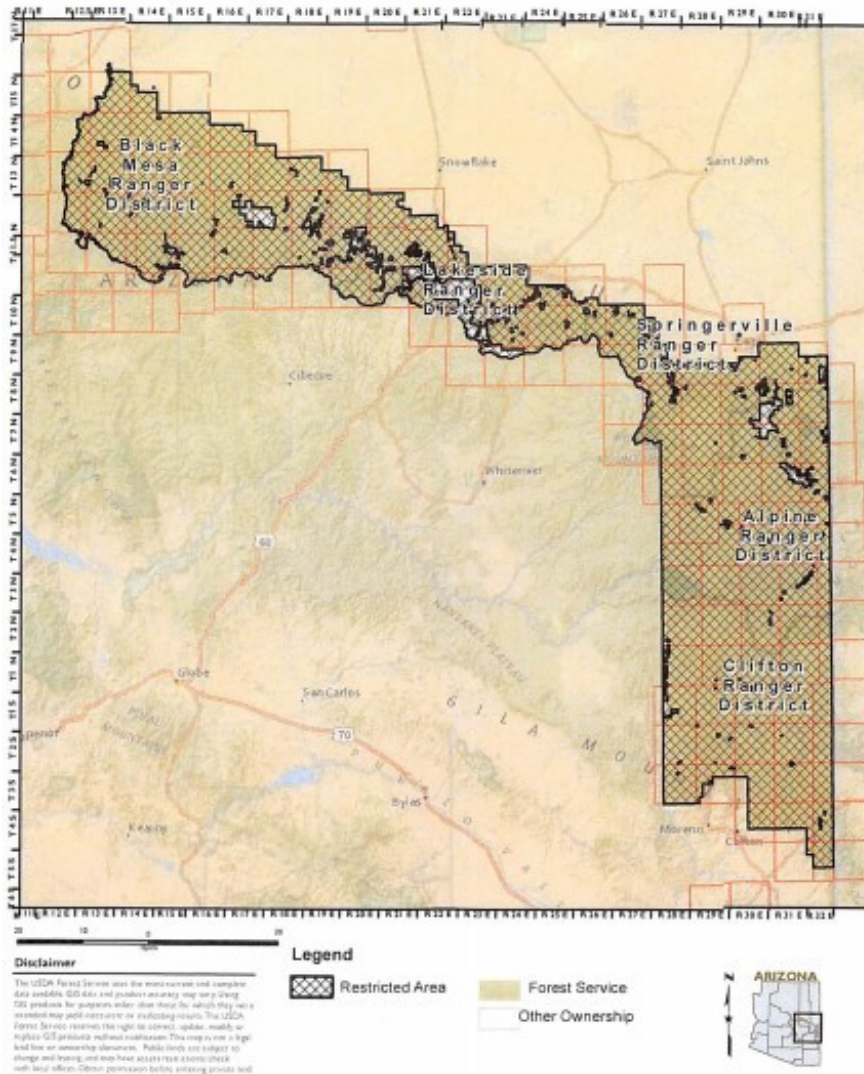
1. This Order will be in effect at 6:00 AM on Thursday, June 24, 2021, and shall remain in effect until September 1, 2021, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of the Order map for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/asnf/alerts-notices>.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, 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 Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Supervisor's Office/Springerville Ranger District in Springerville, Arizona, telephone number (928) 333-6280, the Alpine Ranger District located in Alpine, Arizona, telephone number (928) 339-5000, the Black Mesa Ranger District located in Overgaard, Arizona, telephone number (928) 535-7300, the Clifton Ranger District located in Duncan, Arizona, telephone number (928) 687-8600, and at the Lakeside Ranger District located in Lakeside, Arizona, telephone number (928) 368-2100.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order, but all Stage II restrictions under Order No. 03-01-21-14 remain in effect.

Done at Springerville, Arizona this 22nd day of June, 2021.

JUDITH PALMER

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Judith Palmer
Forest Supervisor
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests



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Did you know?

There are several websites with Forest Lakes information to check out! They are:

FLOA Website: www.floa.club

Fire District: www.ffdaz.com

Fire District Auxiliary

Water District: www.fldwid.org

General Forest Lakes information: www.forestlakesaz.com

Weather Station/Snow Stick

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