



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
NATIONAL CLOSURE ORDER**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited in the areas described in this Order within National Forests, National Grasslands, Research Areas, and other property owned or administered by the Forest Service.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Going into or being upon an area which is closed for the protection of Public Health or Safety.
36 CFR § 261.53(e)
2. Going into or being upon an area which is closed for the protection of Property.
36 CFR § 261.53(f)

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit or authorization exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA:

Any area, building, structure, campground, or recreation site posted as "Closed".


PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is for the protection of property, public health, and safety.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect on the date signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded.
2. Any violation of this prohibition 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 (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order and are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR § 261, Subpart A.

Done at Washington D.C. this 3rd day of October, 2013.


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