



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST AND NATIONAL GRASSLANDS

STAGE III FOREST CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands, roads, and trails described in this Order (the “Restricted Areas”) and as depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A, B, and C, within the Mt. Taylor, Mountainair Ranger and Sandia Ranger Districts of the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands, Bernalillo, Valencia, Torrance, McKinley, Cibola, Sandoval, and Lincoln Counties, the State of New Mexico.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Areas. **36 C.F.R. §§ 261.52(e), 261.53(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 authorization specifically 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 as approved by the District Ranger.
3. Residents using roads in the Restricted Area to the extent necessary to access their private property.

RESTRICTED AREAS

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the boundary of the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands, Mt. Taylor, Mountainair and Sandia Ranger Districts (Exhibits A, B, & C), EXCEPT

- **OPEN Areas:**
 - Magdalena Ranger District will remain under Stage II Fire Restrictions
 - Black Kettle/McClellan Creek & Kiowa-Rita Blanca National Grasslands will remain in Stage II Fire Restrictions
 - Sandia Peak Tram and associated facilities. Visitors are not allowed to access any National Forest System lands at the top of the Tram. Visitation will be confined to use of the Tram facilities and observation deck only.

- The Tijeras Pueblo interpretive trail located at the Sandia Ranger Station. Visitors must stay on the official trail.
- **OPEN Trails:** Those portions of National Forest System Trail 365, including secondary trails associated with 365, outside of the Sandia Mountain Wilderness, and south of the Tram.
- **OPEN Roads:** National Forest System Road 242 and 413

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 8:00 AM on Thursday, May 19, 2022, and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2022, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. Maps identifying the Restricted Areas are attached and made part of this Order as Exhibits A, B, and C.
3. Any violation of the prohibitions in this Order 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 Mountainair Ranger District located in Mountainair NM at (505) 847-2990, Mt. Taylor Ranger District located in Grants NM at (505) 876-2366, Sandia Ranger District located in Tijeras NM at (505) 281-3304, and at the Cibola National Forest Supervisor's Office in Albuquerque NM, at (505) 346-3900.
5. All existing Stage II Restrictions under Order No. 03-724, remain in effect.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico this 17th day of May , 2022.

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