



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Tonto National Forest
Cave Creek Ranger District**

Jojoba Boat Launch Parking Lot Temporary Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Cave Creek Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area"):

1. Going into or being up the Described Area, which is closed for the protection of public health and safety 36 C.F.R. § 261.53 (e)
2. Going into or being up the Described Area, which is closed for the protection of property. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53 (f)

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA

The Described Area is within Section 28, Township 6 North, Range 7 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona. As depicted in Exhibit A, the Described Area consists of all NFS lands within an approximate 1.5 acre area situated in the northeast portion of the paved parking area at the Jojoba Boat Launch, beginning near the entry to

the parking lot from Forest Road 19 (commonly referred to as Bartlett Dam Road) at GPS location 33° 50.370' N x -111° 38.302' W, then in a northeasterly direction for approximately 160 feet to GPS location 33° 50.391' N x -111° 38.282' W, then southeasterly approximately 400 feet to GPS location 33° 50.349' N x -111° 38.220' W, then southwesterly approximately 160 feet to GPS location 33° 50.329' N x -111° 38.240' W, then approximately 400 feet back to the starting point. The closed area is identified on-site by the placement of temporary construction fencing.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to protect public health and safety during, and property related to, construction project activities associated with the Verde River Sediment Mitigation Project Quarry Investigation.

Note: The reminder of the parking area, Jojoba Boat Launch, and Bartlett Lake Marina remain open.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from September 8th, 2024, at 8:00am through January 31st, 2025, at 6:00pm, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notice>
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions 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 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the Cave Ranger District in Scottsdale, AZ, (480) 595-3300, and Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, AZ, (602) 225-5200, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order Supersedes any previous Order Prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on September 3, 2024.

Neil Bosworth
Forest Supervisor
Tonto National Forest