



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS
LAKESIDE AND BLACK MESA RANGER DISTRICTS**

***TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
DUE TO HIGH FIRE DANGER***

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited in the area described in this Order, and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, all within the Sitgreaves National Forest, Navajo and Coconino Counties, Arizona:

- Going into, being upon, or using the restricted area in any way. The restricted areas including all roads, trails, camping areas, and lands. Authority: 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e); *see also* 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.53(e), 261.54(a), 261.54(e), and 261.55(a).
- The prohibitions concern all activities in the area described in this Order, including but not limited to: operating a motor vehicle, all-terrain-vehicle, and/or a motorcycle; hiking/walking; bicycling; camping; fuel-wood retrieval; and operating a drone.

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Residents may access their private property via closed Forest Service roads only to the extent necessary to access such property.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The Restricted Area begins on State Highway 260 at the Mogollon Rim Visitors Center, east along the Tonto and Sitgreaves National Forests boundary to the Sitgreaves and Fort Apache Indian Reservation (FAIR) boundary. Continuing east along the Sitgreaves and FAIR boundary to the private land boundary 2 ¾ miles east of US Hwy 60.

East and northern boundary is then northerly and westerly along the private/forest land property boundary to the southern edge of State Highway 260, then westerly along the southern edge of State Highway 260 to the Mogollon Rim Visitors center.

EXCLUDED/OPEN AREAS:

- Mogollon Rim Visitor Center
- Canyon Point Campground
- Tall Timbers Park
- Lewis Canyon Campground

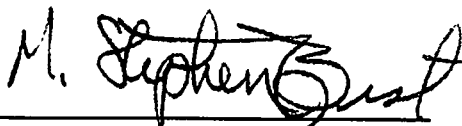
PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety and protection of public and private properties within and adjacent to National Forest lands.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will become effective at 06:00 AM on May 23, 2018. It shall remain in effect until December 31, 2018 or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
2. Violation of the prohibitions in this Order are punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Authority: 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, & 3581; and 36 C.F.R. § 261.1b.
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous order prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order

Done at Springerville, Arizona, this 22nd day of MAY, 2018.

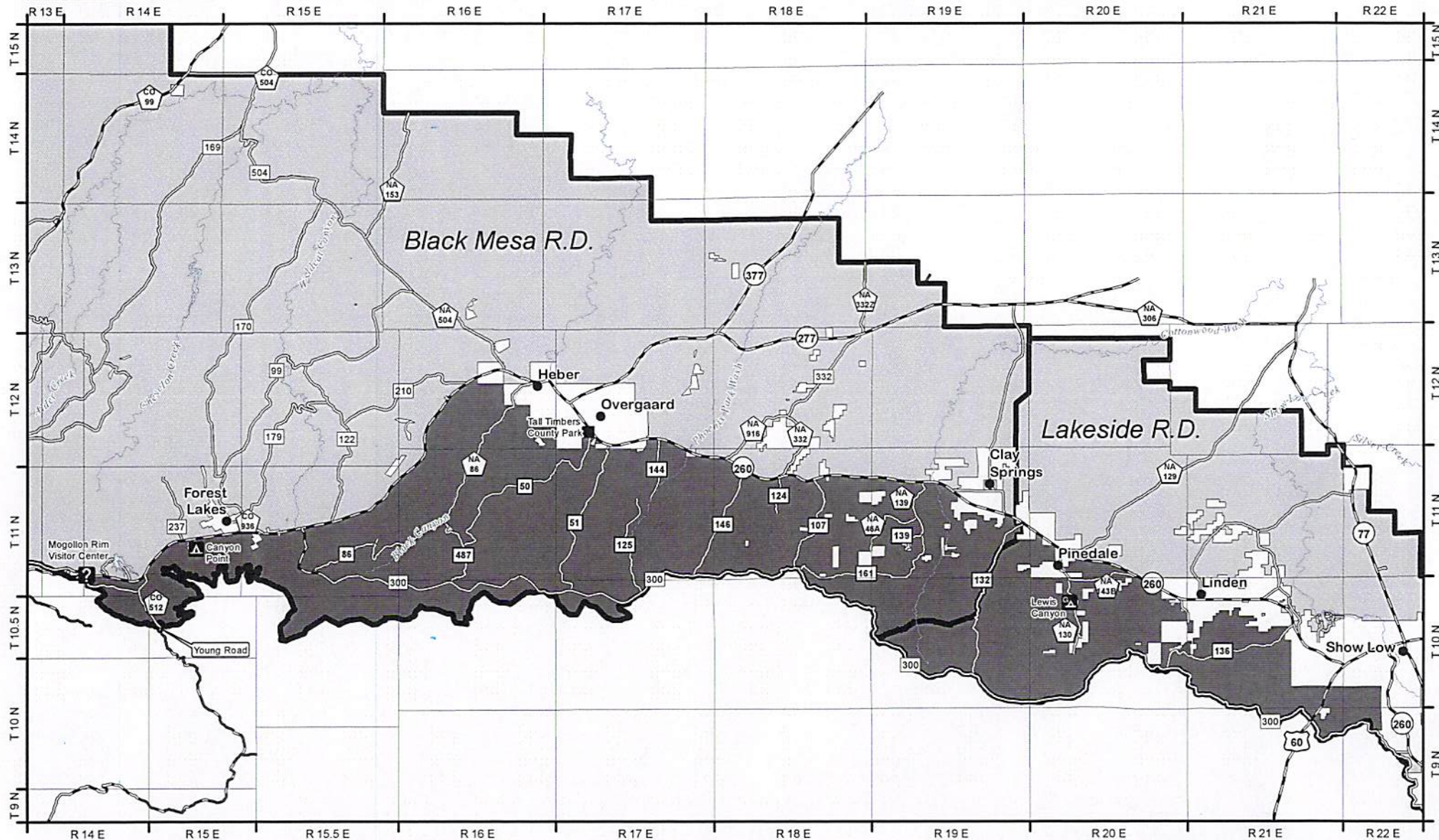


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Area Closure

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests - Black Mesa & Lakeside Ranger Districts



Forest Order Information

Order Number: 01-18-608

Exhibit: A

Forest/District: Black Mesa & Lakeside RD

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Legend



- Forest Closure Area
- District Boundary
- FS Jurisdiction
- Private & Other Ownership
- Major Road
- Secondary Road



ARIZONA Navajo & Coconino Counties

