



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Gila National Forest
Silver City Ranger District**

**Trout Fire Emergency Closure for
Public Health and Safety**

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 Silver City and Wilderness Ranger Districts, Gila National Forest, in Grant and Catron Counties, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Area”):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area which is closed for public health and safety. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).**

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

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the exterior boundaries as depicted on the attached map at Exhibit A.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety due to firefighting operations and fire danger associated with the uncontrolled Trout Fire on the Gila National Forest.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be able to be implemented from June 17, 2025, at 18:00 am until rescinded.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/gila/alerts-notices>.
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 Silver City Ranger District in Silver City, New Mexico, (575) 388-8201, and Gila National Forest Supervisor's Office in Silver City, New Mexico, (575) 388-8201, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on June 17, 2025

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