



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
SOUTHWESTERN REGION
REGIONAL CLOSURE ORDER**

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited in the areas as described in this Order and as depicted on the attached Maps (“Restricted Area”), hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A and B, within the Southwestern Region National Forests and National Grasslands in the states of New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma.

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)**

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 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.
3. Persons using pressurized liquid or gas fueled devices (stoves, grills, or lanterns).

RESTRICTED AREA:

The Restricted Area includes any areas and/or facilities in the following National Forests and Grasslands that fall under COVID-19 public safety restrictions issued by Federal, State, or Local agencies:

NEW MEXICO

Carson National Forest
Cibola National Forest
Gila National Forest
Lincoln National Forest
Santa Fe National Forest
Kiowa National Grassland

OKLAHOMA/TEXAS

Black Kettle & McClellan National Grasslands
Rita Blanca National Grasslands

PURPOSE:

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

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be effective on April 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2020, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
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 (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581 (b)(7)).
3. Maps identifying the Restricted Area are attached and made a part of this Order.
4. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Southwestern Region Regional Office located in Albuquerque, New Mexico telephone number 505-842-3292 and at the following website:

USDA Forest Service Southwestern Region website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r3/home>

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico this 14 day of April, 2020.

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Regional Campfire Closure COVID-19 - Order Number: 03-00-00-20-004, Exhibit A
Southwestern Region



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National Forests

- Apache-Sitgreaves NFs
- Coronado NF
- Carson NF
- Cibola NF
- Gila NF
- Lincoln NF
- Santa Fe NF

- Forest Order Closure Area
- Administrative Office City
- Interstate

REGION 03
 All NM, TX, and OK Region 3 Forest Lands

