

**Subject:** Forest Lakes Closures & Restrictions  
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**Some U.S. Forest Service and Coconino County restrictions and closures go into effect today, Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8 AM and until further notice.**

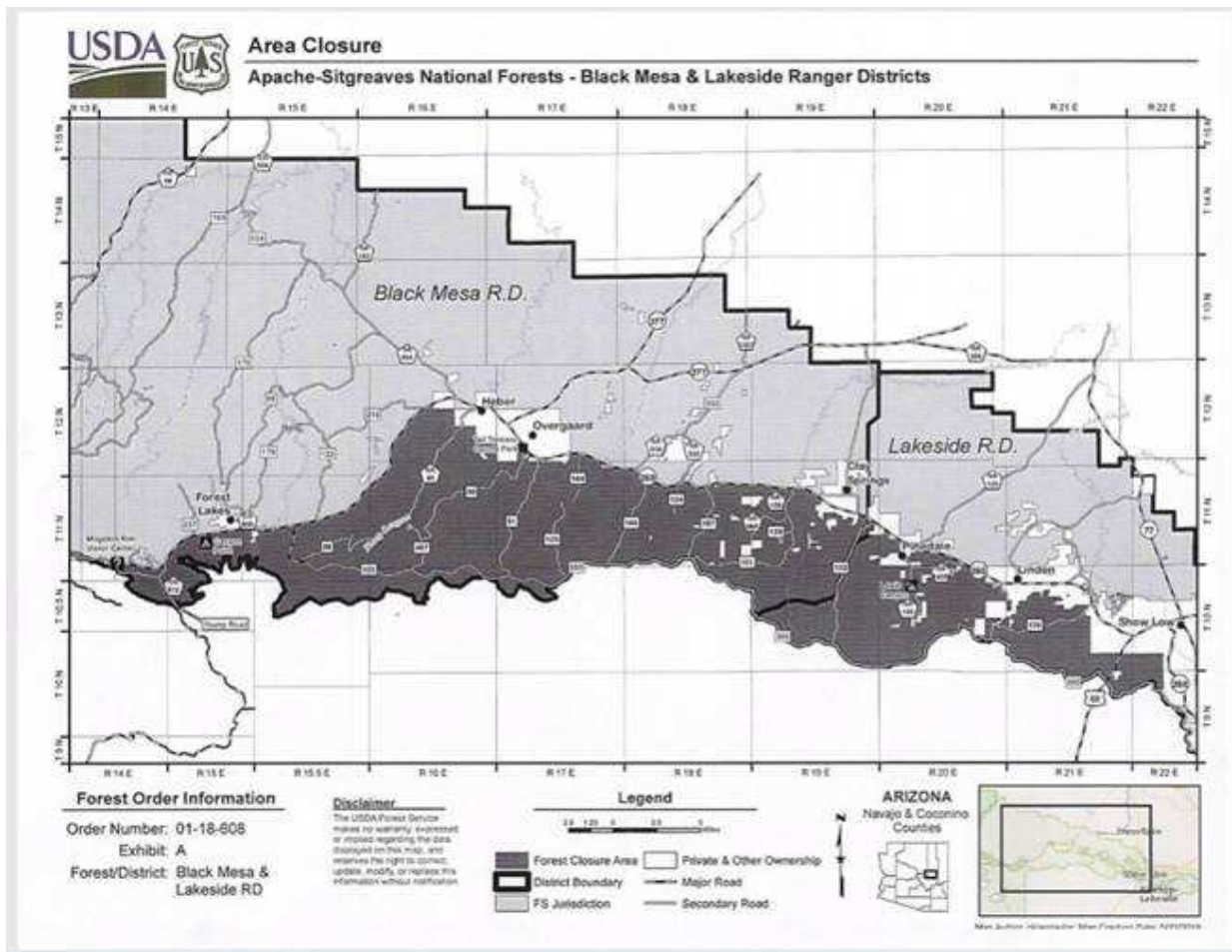
Multiple restrictions and closures becomes complicated. Complicated situations usually require complicated answers, but here is a simplified attempt to explain them. This is rather lengthy and might be something worth printing out and keeping close by for constant review.

Note: County stages have a different set of guidelines when determining stages than the U.S. Forest Service stages.

Because Forest Lakes is in Coconino County and we are surrounded by the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, but we often drive through or use the Tonto National Forest, it is important for all Forest Lakes residents and visitors to know about and observe **THREE** separate areas that have restrictions and/or closures!

Below you will find the **THREE** orders that are now in effect. First is a map that shows the affected areas and under each map is a brief explanation of the restrictions or closures.

## **NUMBER ONE (1) APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FOREST**

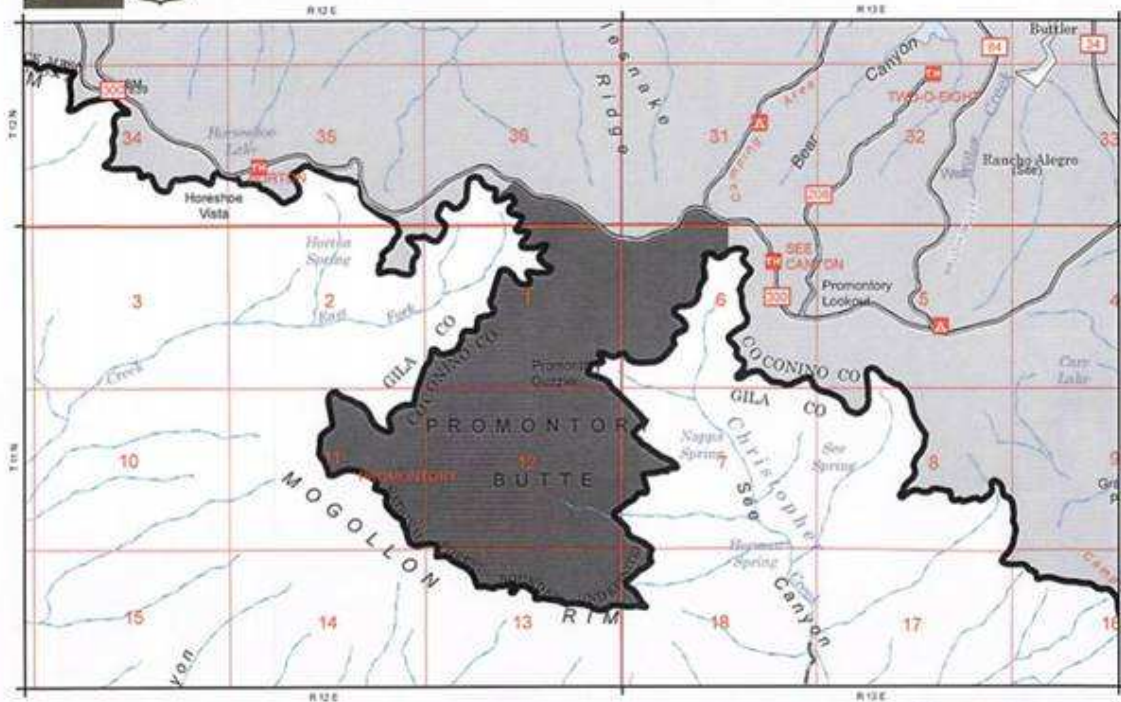


(Reason for the Promontory closure: there is only one road in and out; thus the decision to close it)



# Promontory Butte Area Closure

## Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests - Black Mesa Ranger Districts



### Forest Order Information

Order Number: 01-18-607  
 Exhibit: A  
 Forest/District: Black Mesa RD

### Disclaimer

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### Legend



### ARIZONA



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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  $\frac{3}{4}$  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:**

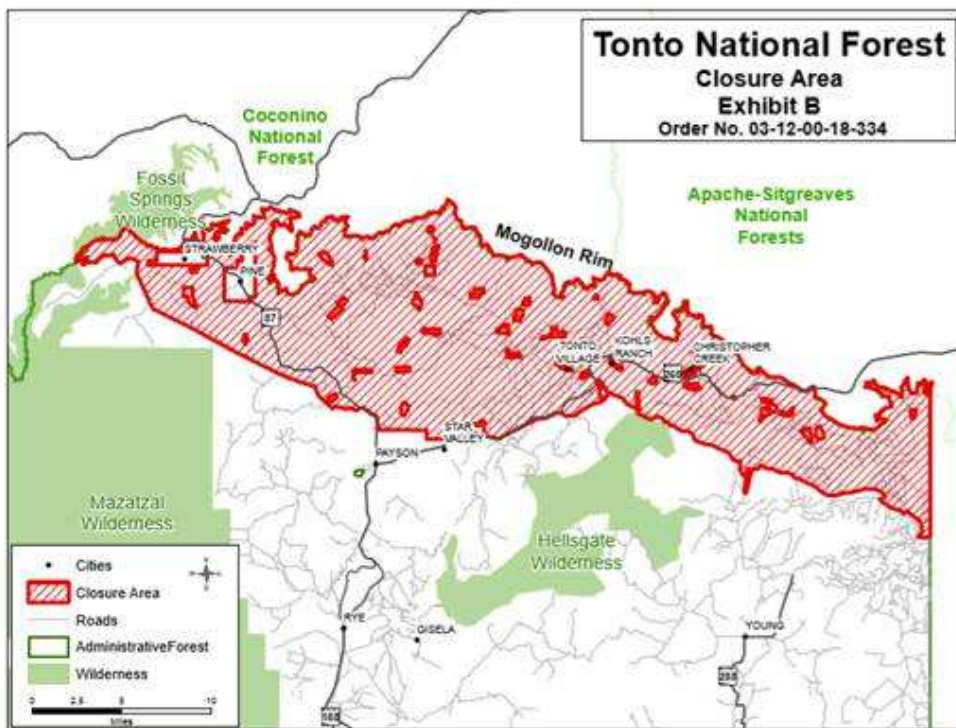
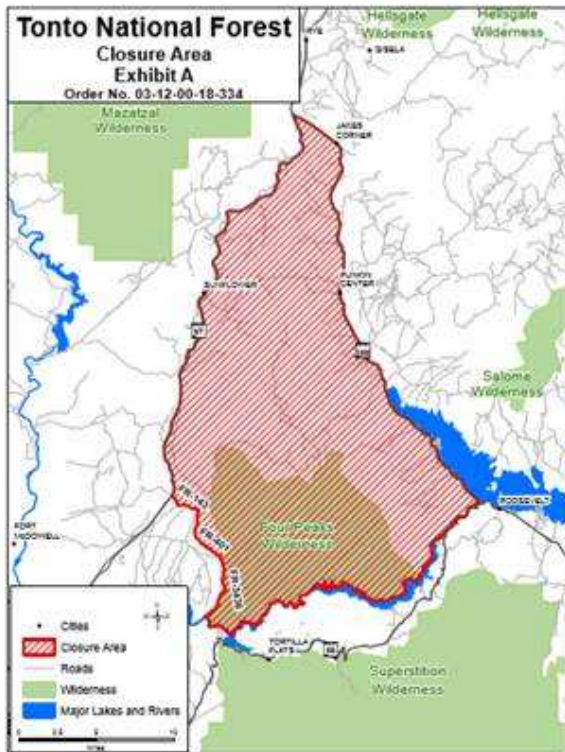
- Mogollon Rim Visitor Center
- Canyon Point Campground
- Tall Timbers Park
- Lewis Canyon Campground

**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.

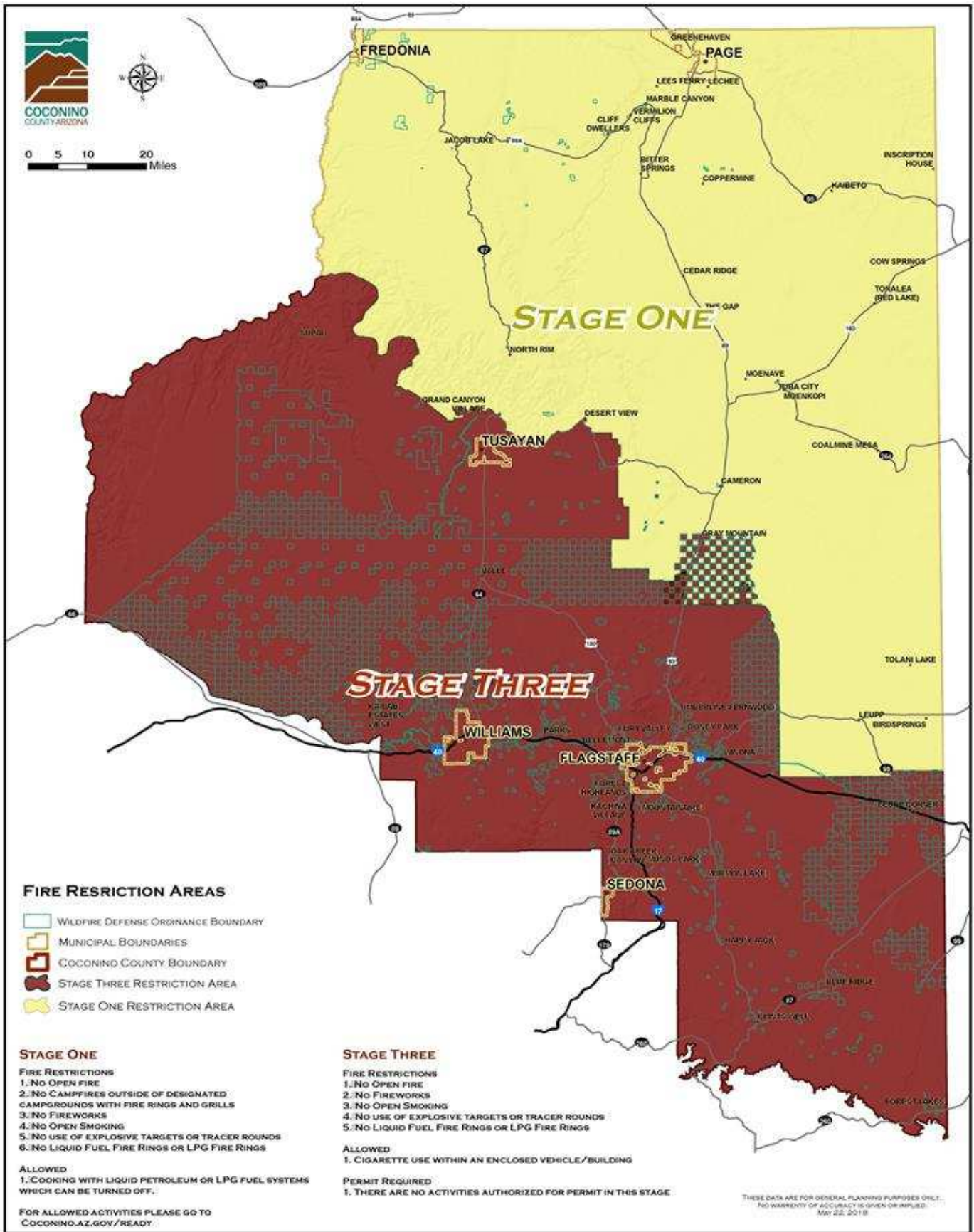
**NUMBER TWO (2) TONTO NATIONAL FOREST**





Areas in Red are Closure areas

**NUMBER THREE (3) COCONINO COUNTY**



Coconino County Stage Three Fire Restrictions (not closures) prohibit any combustion, open fire, charcoal, propane, shooting of firearms and camp fires in unincorporated areas and residences in the County unless:

- People have written permits or variances from their fire district (except on Red Flag Days).
- Personal use of tobacco products is restricted to inside closed vehicles or buildings only.

**If you any ANY questions or need more clarification, call the following phone numbers. Please try to refrain from calling local officials; they will refer you to these numbers.**

**For Coconino County questions: Call Center is being set up – number forthcoming**

**For forest questions: Black Mesa Ranger District in Overgaard  
928-535-7300**

**One more thing: Because the forest is open on the North side of Hwy 260, our Green Waste Transfer Station is OPEN from 7 AM to 7 PM.**

**Have a safe and wonderful holiday week-end. You can do it without a campfire...we know you can! Just think forward to the day when you will be able to have one! 😊**

[Judy Nelson, Editor](#)