

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST  
MOUNTAINAIR RANGER DISTRICT**

**BIG SPRING FIRE REHABILITATION AREA CLOSURE**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the Big Spring Fire Rehabilitation Area, as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A and B (the “Restricted Area”) within the Mountainair Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, Torrance County, New Mexico.

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Big Spring Fire Rehabilitation Area as shown on Exhibits A and B. 36 CFR 261.53(e)
2. Being on any National Forest System road within the Big Spring Fire Rehabilitation Area as shown on Exhibits A and B. 36 CFR 261.54(e)
3. Being on any National Forest System trail within the Big Spring Fire Rehabilitation Area as shown on Exhibits A and B. 36 CFR 261.55(a)

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the Order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Owners or lessees of private land within the Big Spring Fire Rehabilitation Area to the extent necessary to gain access to their land.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

**AREA DESCRIBED**

Beginning at Forest Road (FR) 55 (locally known as “Torreon – Tajique Loop Road”, “Tajique Canyon Road”, “55 Loop Road”, and “Fourth of July Road”) where it enters the Forest boundary at the east boundary of T6N R6E Sec 8 (Point of Origin) and following said road and Forest boundaries back to the Point of Origin to include all National Forest System lands encompassed by the described boundary:

Beginning at the Point of Origin and following FR 55 generally NW through Tajique Canyon to the south boundary of T6N R6E Sec 5 where FR 55 crosses onto private land (known locally as the “Nelson Place” and “Forest Valley Subdivision”) and continuing generally NW to the NE ¼ of T6N R6E Sec 6, continuing generally NW onto National Forest System lands to the SW ¼ of T7N R6E Sec 31, continuing generally NW to the SE ¼ of T7N R5E Sec 36, continuing generally NW to the Albuquerque Trailhead in the

NW ¼ of the same section then turning generally SW to the west boundary of the same section then to the SE ¼ of T7N R5E Section 35, continuing generally SW, passing the entrance to Fourth of July Campground, then generally S to the NE ¼ of T6N R5E Sec 2, then generally SW, passing Big Spring and Cerro Blanco Trailhead, and through a hairpin turn within the SW ¼ of said section, then continuing generally NE and turning generally S to Bosque Trailhead in the NE ¼ of T6N R5E Section 11, and now being in Torreon Canyon, continuing generally S through the W ¼ of said section, crossing into private land in the NW ¼ of T6N R5E Section 14, continuing generally S through the W ¼ of said section, turning generally SE then generally E and crossing back onto National Forest System land at Trail Canyon Trailhead in the S ½ of said section.

From this point, the boundary of the Big Spring Fire Rehabilitation Area follows the Forest boundary as shown on the Mountainair Ranger District Visitor Map in a generally northeasterly direction around the private land known locally as the Sherwood Forest Development as well as around numerous private lands within the Cibola National Forest Proclamation Boundary to the Point of Origin. The sections through which the Big Spring Fire Rehabilitation Area boundary passes while following the Forest boundary are: T6N R5E Sections 14, 13, and 24, then T6N R6E Sections 18, 17, and 8, ending at the Point of Origin.

**National Forest System facilities and roads CLOSED by this Order:**

- Tajique Campground
- Developed roadside picnic areas along FR 55 and within the Big Spring Fire Rehabilitation Area
- FR 322 (Apache Canyon Road) where it crosses National Forest System lands
- All non-National Forest System roads and trails within the Big Spring Fire Rehabilitation Area are included in, and therefore closed by, this Order.

The restricted areas and facilities are shown on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A and B.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect resources and to provide for public health and safety.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2008, whichever occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581]
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008

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