



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
GILA NATIONAL FOREST
GLENWOOD RANGER DISTRICT

WILLOW FIRE TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the area as described in this Order (the "restricted area") and as depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A, within the Glenwood Ranger District, Reserve Ranger District and Wilderness Ranger District, Gila National Forest, Catron County within the State of New Mexico.

1. Going into or being upon the restricted area. 36 CFR 261.53(e)
2. Being on the road. 36 CFR 261.54(e)
3. Being on a trail. 36 CFR 261.55(a)

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 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 officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Residents in the area accessing private property via a restricted Forest Service road to the extent necessary to gain access to their private property.

RESTRICTED AREA:

All National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the boundaries described below and as depicted on the attached Exhibit A:

Area Closure: Starting on the west side of the area heading north from the junction of New Mexico State Highway 159 and the 808 Log Canyon Trail, heading north to 201 Mineral Creek Trail, then heading west to 198 Red Canyon Trail, then heading north to the junction of Forest Road 119, then heading east to County Road 28, then heading south to the junction of County Road 28 and the 151 West Fork Trail, then heading south to Forest Trail 102 Turkey Feather Mountain Trail, then west to the 182 Crest Trail, then west to 181 Holt Apache Trail then to the northwest to 179 Deloche Trail back to New Mexico State Highway 159.

All roads and trail interior to this boundary description are closed.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to protect the public's health and safety during fire suppression and rehabilitation activities.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed, and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2019 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.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].

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico this __11th__ day of __June__, 2018.

Adam Mendonca
Forest Supervisor
Gila National Forest

Assessment of Need (Justification), CRIS and Enforcement Plan

1. **Background:** The Glenwood Ranger District of the Gila National Forest is proposing to temporarily close the described area from use by the public. The purpose of this order is to minimize exposure of the public to potentially hazardous conditions during the fire suppression operations. This area is used by recreational visitors. The restricted area is shown on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. An Order is needed to be able to cite persons unwilling to comply with this special order.
2. **Intent of Subpart B order:** The purpose of this Order is for the protection of public health and safety during the implementation of wildfire suppression rehabilitation activities.
3. **NEPA Compliance:** This Order falls under FSH 1909.15, 31.12, (1): "Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261 - Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety". This Order will not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and, therefore, is categorically excluded from documentation in an EIS or an EA. The only physical changes to the environment associated with this Order will be signs posted temporarily for the duration of the closure. No effects to extraordinary circumstances are anticipated.
4. **Civil Rights Impact Statement:** This Order does not constitute a "major action" as defined in FSH 1709.11, 31.1. It merely minimizes the dangers to human health and safety; as such, no one group is expected to be displaced or experience a disproportionate burden as a result of this Order.
5. **Enforcement Plan:** The following activities will occur in order to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Erick Stemmerman, District Ranger, Gila National Forest, Glenwood Ranger District	6/11/18
Review proposed order (Law Enforcement)	Canuto Molina, Patrol Captain, Southwestern Region, USFS	6/11/18
Approve proposed order	Adam Mendonca, Forest Supervisor, Gila National Forest	6/11/18
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	Volunteers, Forest Service LEOs and FPOs, and all available staffs	6/11/18
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives/post to website/notify COIDC/copy to each receptionist/frontliners	Forest PAO	6/11/18
Notices will be used at access points advising of the closure for implementation.	Appropriate Staff Law Enforcement Officers Forest Protection Officers Gila National Forest Employees & Volunteers	6/11/18

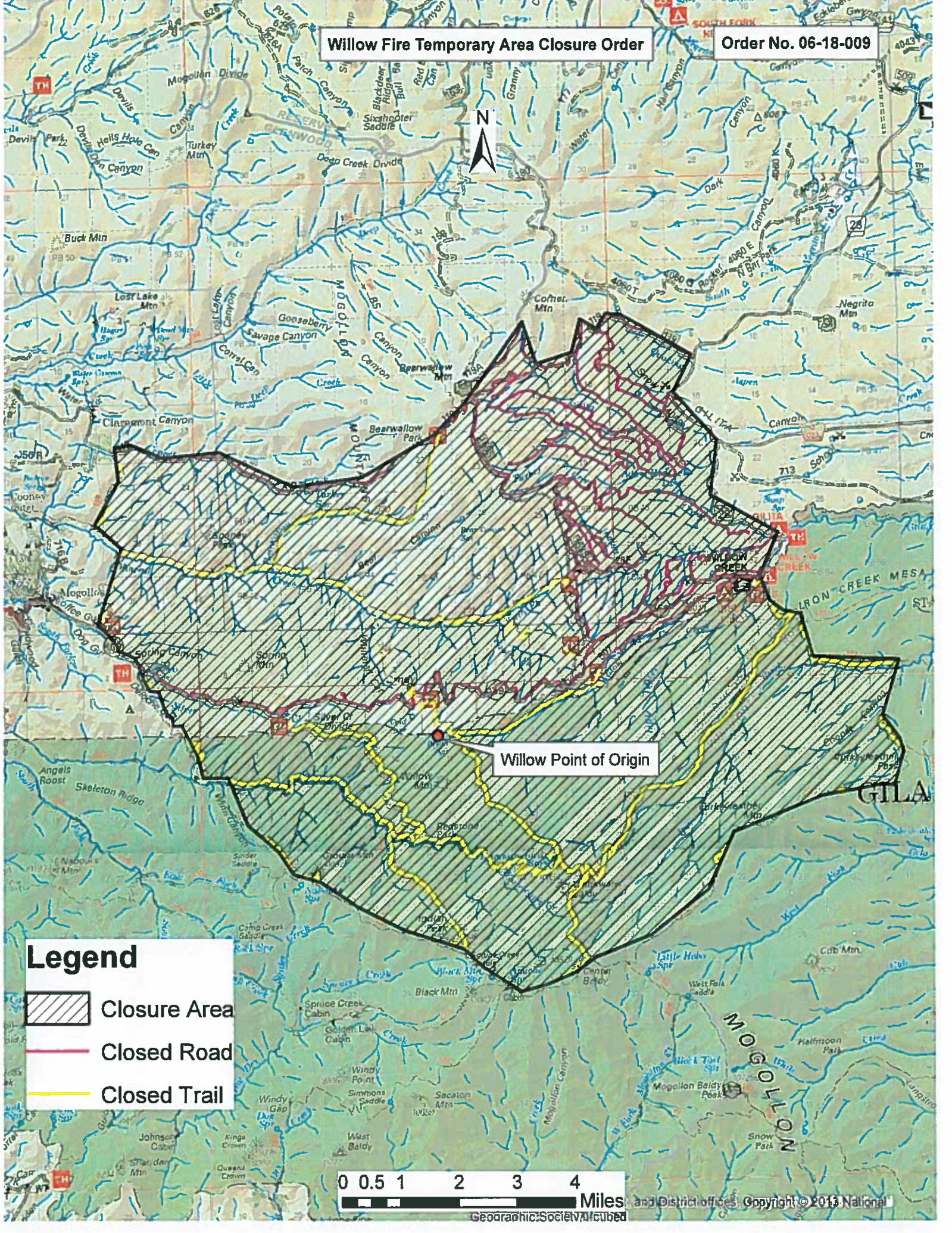
Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:


FOREST SUPERVISOR

— June 11, 2018 —
DATE



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Willow Point of Origin

Legend

-  Closure Area
-  Closed Road
-  Closed Trail

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