



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Gila National Forest
Glenwood and Wilderness Ranger Districts**

Sacaton Fire Closure

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 Glenwood, and Wilderness Ranger Districts, Gila National Forest, in Catron County, 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

The Described Area consists of all National Forest System lands and portions of National Forest System trails and roads within the boundary starting at in the northeast portion of the closure area where the Crest Trail #183 and Gila Wilderness Boundary intersect. From the intersection of the Gila Wilderness Boundary and the Crest Trail #183, the Described Area continues for 31.13 miles to the intersection of the Rain Creek Trail #189. The closure continues for 8.1 miles on Rain Creek Trail #189, north and east, to the intersection of the Mogollon Trail #153 then northeast along the Mogollon Trail #153 for 5.07 miles to the intersection of the Gobbler Canyon Trail #221. From the Gobbler Canyon Trail #221, the Described Area boundary continues north for 6.04 miles to the junction of the Gobbler Canyon Trail #221 and the Mogollon Baldy Trail #152. The Described Area continues north and then east along the Mogollon Baldy Trail #152

for 2.33 miles to the intersection of the Crest Trail #183 and then north to the intersection of the Gila Wilderness Boundary as shown in Exhibit A. The Described Area 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 Sacaton Fire on the Gila National Forest.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be able to be implemented from July 1, 2026, at 08:00 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-notice>.
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 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.

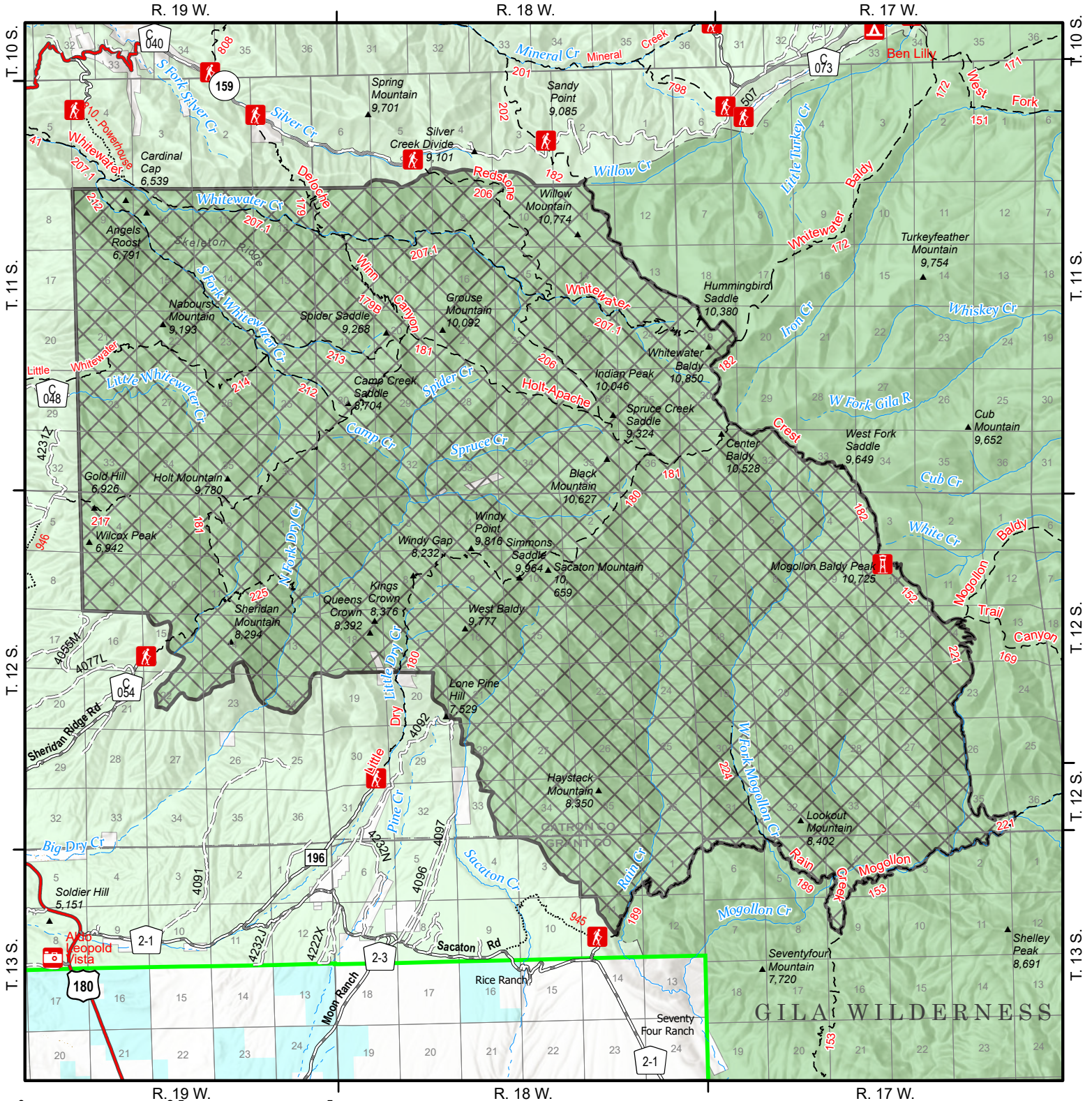
Signed and issued on July 1, 2026.

Bret Ruff
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Gila National Forest



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- Described Closure Area
- Developed Trail (Non-motorized)
- Motorized Use Trail - ATV (Vehicles less than 50 inches wide)
- Ownership**
- US Forest Service (FS)
- US Forest Service Wilderness
- Bureau of Land Mgmt (BLM)
- Private Lands
- Other State Lands

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