

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order No. 07201802

Opening of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation with Special Restrictions

The office of the Executive hereby implements the following restrictions, pursuant to authority vested in the Chairwoman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe by Section 5.3 (B) of the Government Code. Resolution No. 05-2012-25 recognizes the Chairwoman's duty to manage the Tribe's day-to-day operations, and the Constitution empowers the Chairwoman, pursuant to authority vested in the Tribal Council, to represent the Tribe in a government-to-government capacity and act in all matters concerning the welfare of the Tribe.

The Chairwoman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe"), by signing this Executive Order, hereby lifts restrictions on public travel to and within specified areas of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation"). The reason for lifting Executive Order 05201801 with certain restrictions is because there is a minimal threat to the Tribe's natural resources, timber, wildlife, economic resources, security, health, welfare, and public safety. These areas received a fair amount of rain from the current monsoonal weather pattern.

All popular recreational lakes and campsites located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation shall be open to the public with the exception of the Restricted Areas listed below. The Restricted Areas listed in Section I below shall remain in effect until September 30, 2018 and the Wood Cutting Restriction listed in Section II below shall remain in effect until November 1, 2018.

I. RESTRICTED AREAS

There are increased concerns for potential flooding due to the monsoonal rain fall at Cibecue Falls, Middle Cedar Creek, and West Cedar Creek. This requires the following areas to remain CLOSED until September 30, 2018:

- Cibecue Falls
- BIA Route B33 up to the B37 Intersection (Middle Cedar Creek)
- BIA Route B34 up to the B37 Intersection (West Cedar Creek)

II. WOOD CUTTING RESTRICTION

Wood cutting shall be allowed on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation with the exception of the designated area listed below. A permit must be acquired to harvest firewood in the open areas.

The area within the following boundaries shall remain CLOSED for wood cutting until November 1, 2018:

- Black River North
- Y55 intersection to Y20 up to the Northern Boundary South
- Y55 East
- Reservation Boundary West

III. PENALTIES AND FINES

This Order shall become effective immediately, beginning Tuesday, July 17, 2018. The Restricted Areas listed in Section I above shall remain in effect until September 30, 2018 and the Wood Cutting Restriction listed in Section II above shall remain in effect until November 1, 2018. Anyone that violates this Order shall be subject to fines and penalties up to \$2,000.00 and may be subject to imprisonment, where applicable, damages, and federal prosecution if unlawful actions lead to loss of life or natural resources.

IV. ENFORCEMENT

The Tribal Forestry Department and Forest Ranger, in conjunction with BIA Fire Management, Game and Fish, and Tribal Police shall inform the public of these restrictions and are responsible for monitoring and enforcing full compliance with the policy as stated herein. This Order is to be distributed to all Tribal programs, departments, enterprises, and Federal, local, and State agencies, as well as to members of the news media. Furthermore, all Tribal Agency and Enterprise Supervisors shall cooperate fully and provide any assistance necessary to help carry out the terms and conditions specified in this Executive Order.


Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman
White Mountain Apache Tribe

Issued this 17th day of July, 2018