



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
SOUTHWESTERN REGION
REGIONAL CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited in the areas as described in this Order and as depicted on the attached Maps (“Restricted Area”), hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A and B, within the Southwestern Region National Forests and National Grasslands in the states of New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, and Oklahoma.

1. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework, or other pyrotechnic device.
36 C.F.R. § 261.52(f)
2. Using an explosive. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(b)**
 - An explosive is defined as any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion. The term includes, but is not limited to, dynamite and other high explosives, black powder, pellet powder, initiating explosives, detonators, safety fuses, squibs, detonating cord, igniter cord, and igniters.
3. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order in accordance with U.S. Forest Service Standard 5100–1a. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(j)**

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 exempting them from the effect of this Order.
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. Any Persons using black powder, or pellet powder who are engaged in the taking of game animals pursuant to federal, state, or tribal laws and regulations.

RESTRICTED AREA:

The Restricted Area includes the following National Forests and Grasslands:

NEW MEXICO

Carson National Forest
Cibola National Forest
Gila National Forest
Lincoln National Forest
Santa Fe National Forest
Kiowa National Grassland

ARIZONA

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
Coconino National Forest
Coronado National Forest
Kaibab National Forest
Prescott National Forest
Tonto National Forest

OKLAHOMA/TEXAS

Black Kettle & McClellan National Grasslands
Rita Blanca National Grasslands

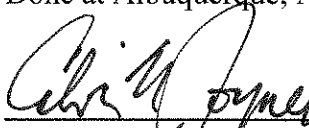
PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is for the protection of public health and safety.

IMPLEMENTATION:

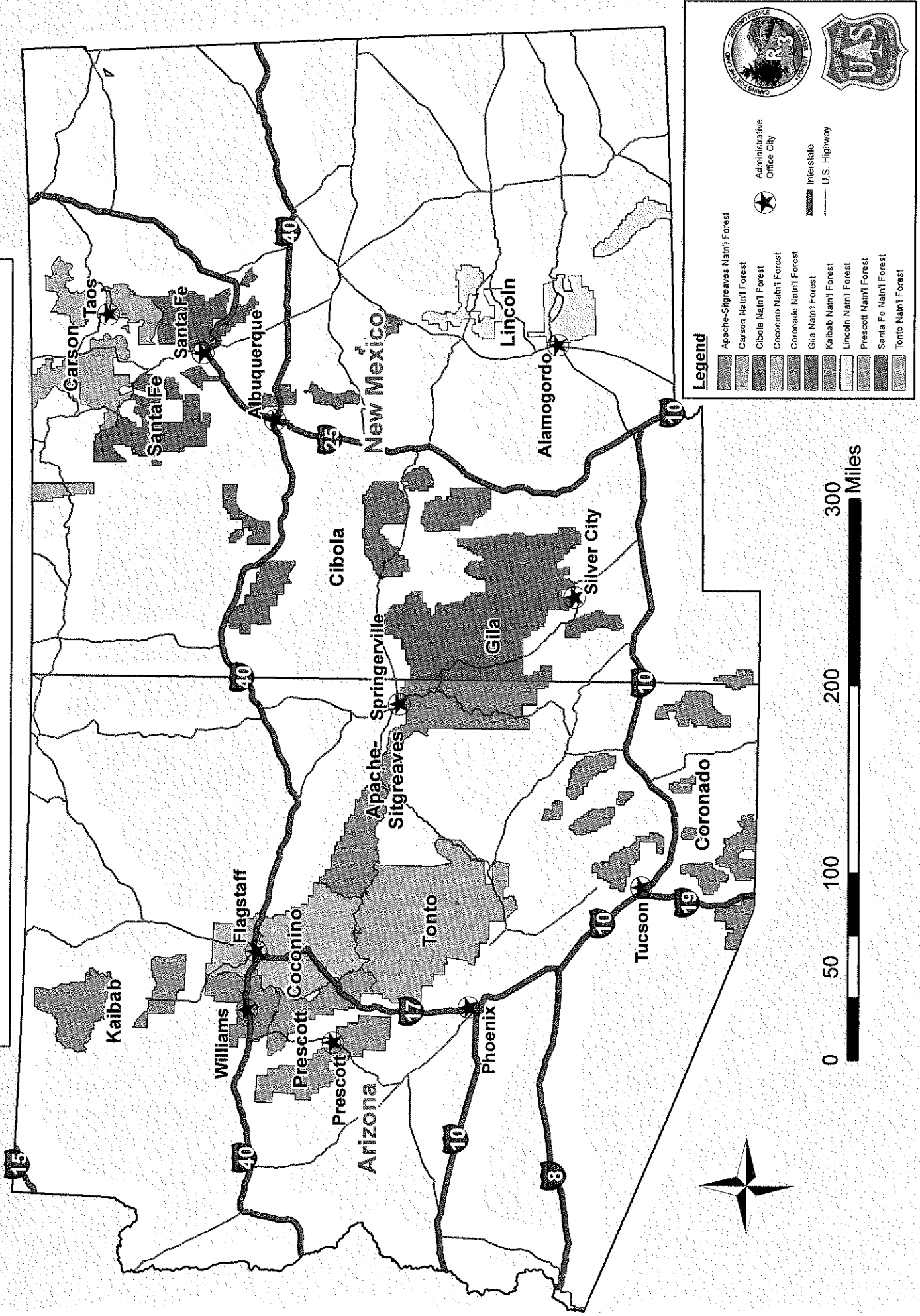
1. This Order will be effective on 30 May 2019 at 6:00 am and shall remain in effect until June 1, 2023, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581 (b)(7)).
3. Maps identifying the Restricted Area are attached and made a part of this Order.
4. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico this 28th day of May, 2019.

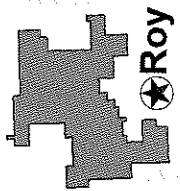
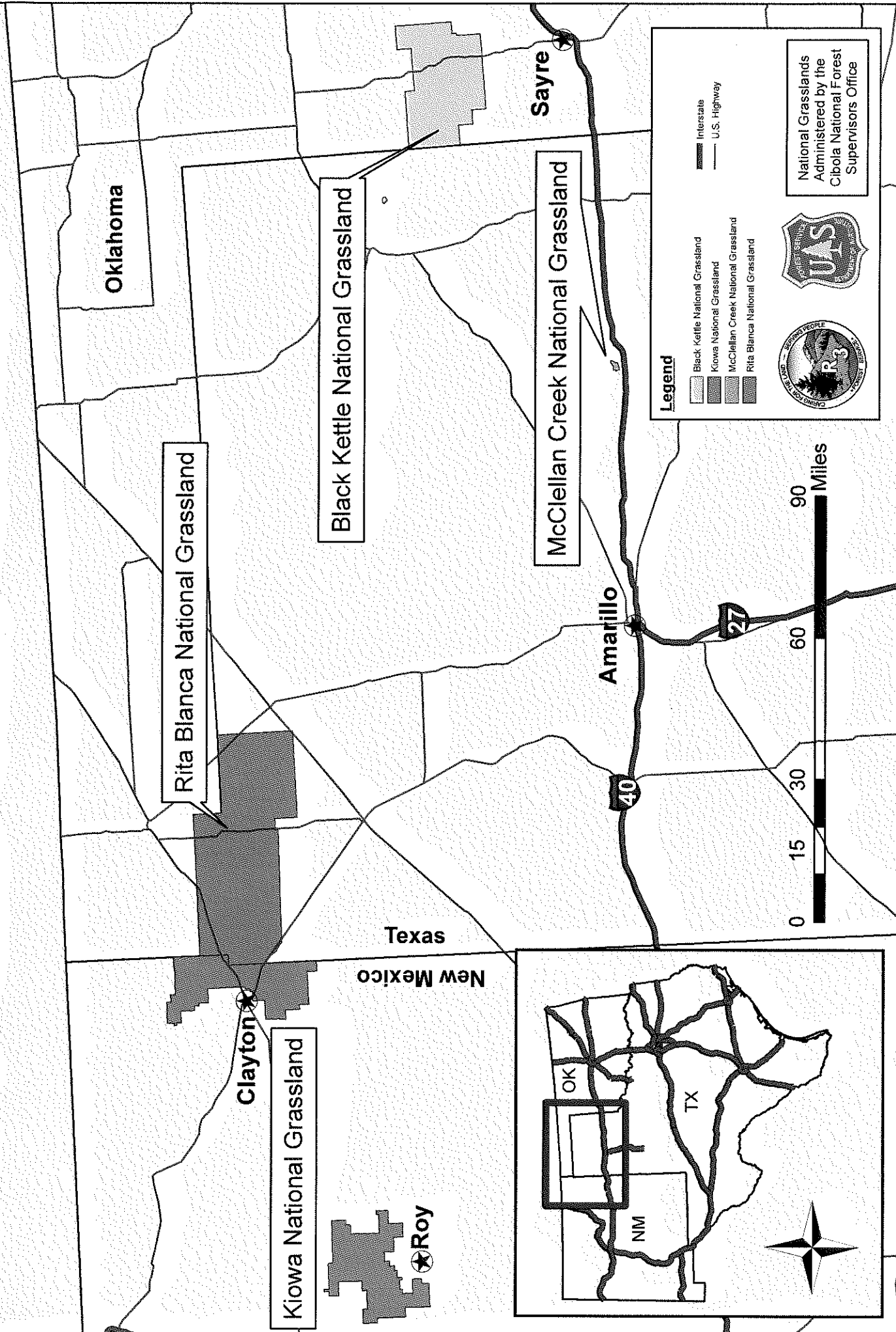


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Southwestern Region (R3) National Grasslands US Forest Service



Kiowa National Grassland

Clayton

Rita Blanca National Grassland

Black Kettle National Grassland

McClellan Creek National Grassland

Amarillo

Sayre

Oklahoma

Texas

New Mexico