



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST  
GUADALUPE RANGER DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL CLOSURE FOR  
PROTECTION OF HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHIN  
THE KELLAR FIRE AFFECTED AREA**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the areas affected by the Kellar Fire as described in this Order (the “restricted area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits, within the Guadalupe Ranger District, Lincoln National Forest, Eddy County within the State of New Mexico.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

1. It is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of public health and safety. **36 CFR 261.53(c)**
2. When provided by an order, the following is prohibited: Being on the road. **36 CFR 261.54 (e)**.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty.

**RESTRICTED AREA:**

The roads closed accessing the area will be:

Forest Service Road 277-C at Forest Service Road 277,  
Forest Service Road 276 at Eddy County Road 409 junction, (Sitting Bull Gate),  
Forest Service Road 68 at NM-Hwy 137 junction,  
Forest Service Road 525 at NM-Hwy 137 junction.

The restricted area is bounded on the north by Last Chance Canyon, on the south by, but not including, NM-Hwy 137, on the west along and including Forest Service Road 525, and on the east along and including Forest Road 68.

Sitting Bulls Falls Day Use Area and all Sitting Bulls Falls trail systems are included within this closure.

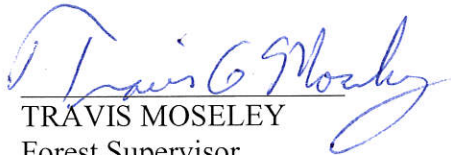
**PURPOSE:**

This order is being implemented for the protection of public health and safety. The Kellar Fire started on May 22, 2018, and poses threats to human health and safety due to the hazards associated with a wildfire itself. The order will also allow for protection of firefighting personnel and the public within the area affected by the Kellar Fire on the Guadalupe Ranger District.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This Order will be in effect at 12:01AM, May 29, 2018 and shall remain in effect until 12:00PM, June 1st, 2018 unless extended by a new order until the Kellar Fire no longer poses a threat to human health and safety.
2. Any violation of these prohibitions 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 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
3. This order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this order.

Done at Carlsbad, New Mexico, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

  
TRAVIS MOSELEY  
Forest Supervisor  
Lincoln National Forest



