Order Number: # 03-04-08-23-05



## U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Coconino National Forest Flagstaff Ranger District

# AREA CLOSURE FOR THE PROTECTION OF NESTING PEREGRINE FALCONS -PEAKS CRAG

#### **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 Flagstaff Ranger District, Coconino National Forest, 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. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53a.

#### **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**

All National Forest System lands within the boundary starting at the intersection of the eastern side of National Forest System Road (NFSR) 9008U and the National Forest/state land boundary in Township 22N, Range 6E, Section 12, then continuing east for 1,055 feet to the southeast corner of the National Forest/state land boundary, then continuing north for 789 feet to 35° 18' 24.21" N / 111° 42' 38.19 W", then continuing east 1,573 feet to the signed closure boundary 110 feet west of the centerline of the major drainage in T22N, R6E, Section 12 (35° 18' 24.32" N / 111° 42' 19.21 W"), then continuing south following a line parallel with, and 110 feet west from,

the centerline of the major drainage for 3,315 feet to a point at 35° 17' 53.91" N / 111° 42' 9.15 W", then continuing west for 1,852 feet to NFSR 9008U in T22N, R6E, Section 12 (35° 17' 53.91" N / 111° 42' 31.50 W"), then following northwesterly for 2,992 feet along the east side of NFSR 9008U, back to the point of beginning at the junction of NFSR 9008U and the National Forest/state land boundary in Township 22N, Range 6E, Section 12.

Note that NFSR 9008U is open to non-motorized travel.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect a peregrine falcon nesting site.

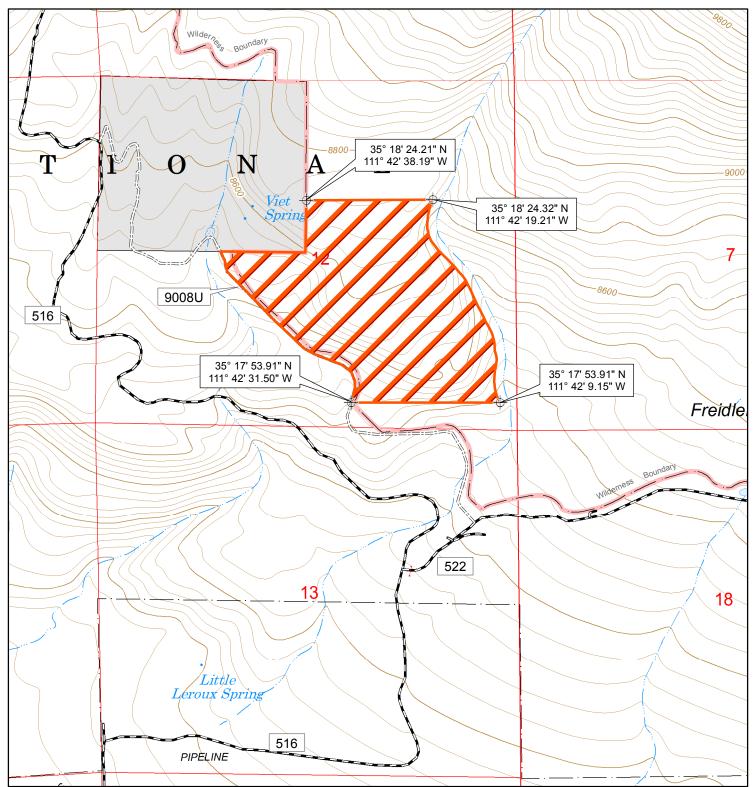
#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- 1. This Order shall be in effect from March 15, 2023 at 8:00AM through August 15, 2024 at 8:00AM, unless rescinded.
- 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 <u>Coconino National</u> <u>Forest - Land & Resources Management (usda.gov)</u>
- 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.
- Contact the Flagstaff Ranger District in Flagstaff, AZ, (928) 527-3600, and Coconino National Forest Supervisor's Office in Flagstaff, AZ, (928) 526-0866, for more information about this Order.
- 6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on February 15<sup>th</sup> 2023.



### **Coconino National Forest**



#### **Forest Order Information**

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Purpose: This order is necessary to protect sensitive wildlife during seasonal nesting and fledging times.

#### Disclaimer

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