



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST  
SIERRA VISTA RANGER DISTRICT**

***EMERGENCY RECREATIONAL SHOOTING CLOSURE***

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the area described in this Order (“Restricted Area”), and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, all within the Sierra Vista Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, Cochise County, Arizona:

1. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(m).**

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any person possessing a valid Arizona state hunting license engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state law.

**RESTRICTED AREA**

The Restricted Area is within T. 22 S., R. 20 E., Section 34; T. 23 S., R. 20 E., Sections 3, 11, 12-15, 22- 25; T. 23 S., R. 21 E., Sections 7, 18, 19, 30-32; T. 24 S., R. 20 E., Sections 1, 2, 11-12; and T. 24 S., R. 21 E., Sections 5 and 6, of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, in the County of Cochise, State of Arizona, specifically, all National Forest System lands within 0.25 miles of National Forest System Roads 5731, 59, 5720, 796, 4794, 367, 56, 4915, 4790, 4789, 368, and 5736, as depicted in Exhibit A of this Order.

**PURPOSE**

To protect public health and safety, the threat of wildfire from ricocheting ammunition, and wildlife habitat and vegetation in the Restricted Area. An emergency situation exists due to increased residential and commercial development near the Restricted Area, increased recreational use by the public in various forms (hiking, hunting, mountain biking, birding, horseback riding, camping, recreational shooting, solitude seeking) in and near the Restricted Area, and the close proximity of the Restricted Area to surrounding residential communities and businesses.

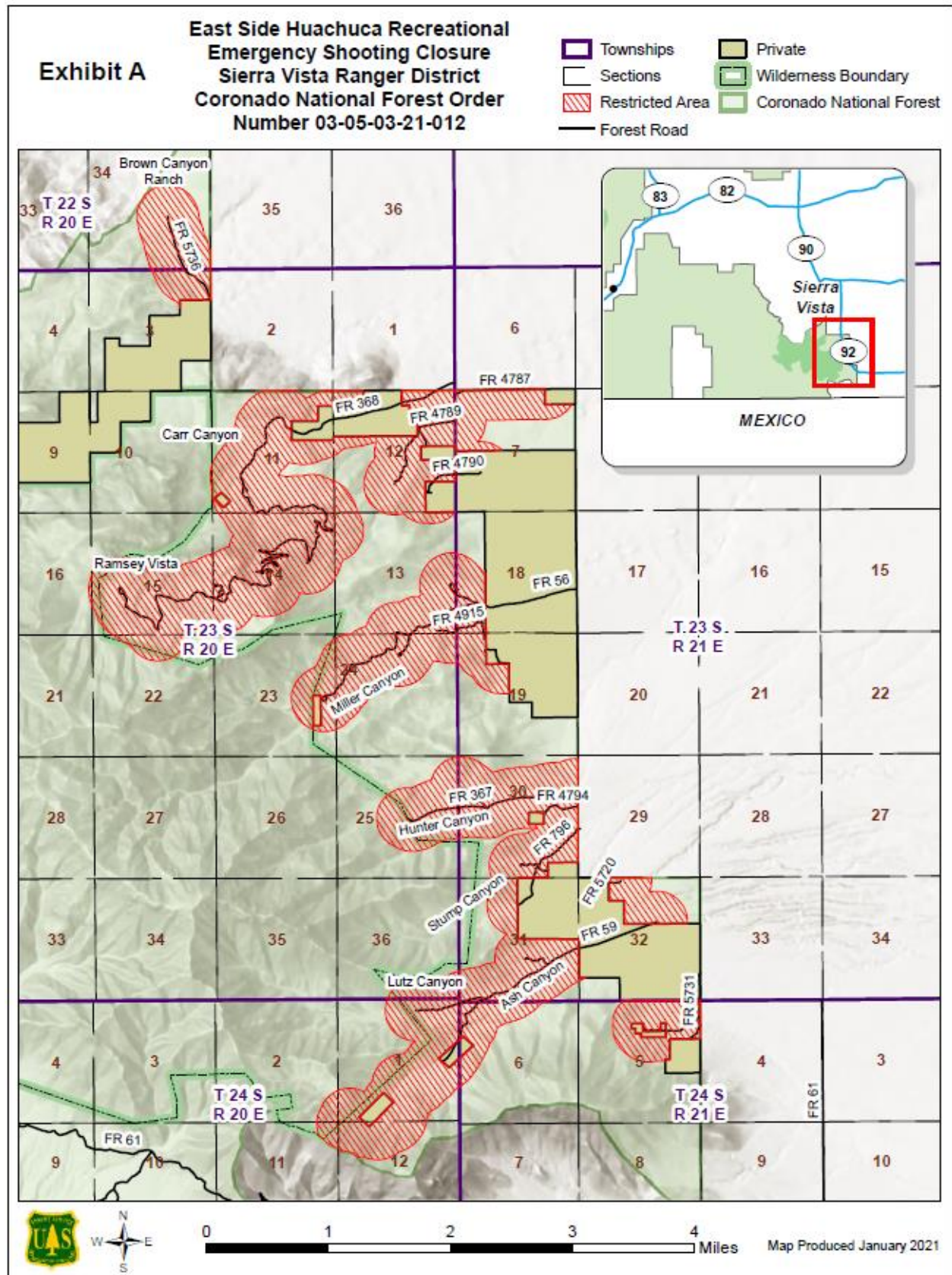
**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Emergency Order will be effective on February 5, 2021, at 1200 hours, and shall remain in effect until February 5, 2023, or until rescinded or superseded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. 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, or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581(b)(7)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Sierra Vista Ranger District located in Hereford, Arizona, telephone number 520-378-0311, and at the National Forest Supervisor's Office in Tucson, Arizona, telephone number 520-388-8300.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Signed in Tucson, Arizona, this 5th day of February 2021.

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KERWIN DEWBERRY  
Forest Supervisor  
Coronado National Forest



**EXHIBIT B**  
**Temporary Emergency Area Closure**  
**Enforcement Plan 03-**  
**05-03-21-012**

**PROHIBITIONS:**

1. Discharging a firearm, air rifle or gas gun in the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58 (m).

Forest Service law enforcement officers (LEO), as well as District Forest Protection Officers (FPO), will enforce the access restrictions in the indicated areas.

Forest Service Law Enforcement will coordinate with Cochise County Sheriff's department to gain their support and cooperation with enforcement efforts.

The closure areas will be posted to reasonably notify the public using the area. Signs will be maintained on a regular basis, with the Closure Order and map posted on sign boards on roads entering the sites. Copies of the Closure Order and map will also be available at the Sierra Vista District Ranger office and the Coronado National Forest website.

All project personnel will have copies of the Temporary Order and map and will be responsible for notifying the District Ranger and LEO's of possible violations of the closure order.

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Law Enforcement Officer

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02-05-2021

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Date