PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited in the areas described in this Order (the “Restricted Areas”) and as depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A and B, within the Douglas Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, Cochise County, Arizona.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Areas. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(a).

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 Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREAS

As shown in Exhibits A and B, the Restricted Areas are within Township 17 South, Range 30 East, in the southern half of Section 28 and northeast quarter of Section 33. They consist of two separate areas in the talus slopes (slopes formed by an accumulation of rock debris).

One of the Restricted Areas is in the south aspect of Barfoot Peak, north of National Forest System Road (FR) 357, and is 30.1 acres in size. It consists of all National Forest System (NFS) lands within the boundary starting at coordinates 31° 55.163’ N by 109° 16.525’ W, then following northwest along the eastern boundary of the talus slope to 31° 55.201’ N by 109° 16.542’ W, then following in a general western direction along the northern boundary of the talus slope to 31° 55.258’ N by 109° 16.905’ W, then following in a general southwest direction along the western boundary of the talus slope to 31° 55.121’ N by 109° 17.053’ W, then following in a general eastern direction along the bottom/southern boundary of the talus slope, back to the point of beginning at 31° 55.163’ N by 109° 16.525’ W.

The other Restricted Area is in the west aspect of Buena Vista Peak located south of FR 357 and is 9.6 acres in size. It consists of all NFS lands within the boundary starting at 31° 54.913’ N by
109° 16.566’ W, then following north/northeast along the western boundary of the talus slope to 31° 55.068’ N by 109° 16.514’ W, then following northeast along the northern boundary of the talus slope to 31° 55.088’ N by 109° 16.445’ W, then following south along the eastern boundary of the talus slope to 31° 54.903’ N by 109° 16.475’ W, then following west back along the bottom/southern boundary of the talus slope to the point of beginning at 31° 54.913’ N by 109° 16.566’ W.

PURPOSE

The twin-spotted rattlesnake (Crotalus pricei) is a Regional Forester’s Sensitive Species and a State of Arizona protected reptile. Due to this species’ extremely limited habitat and population numbers, this Order provides for the protection of this species by precluding entry into the Restricted Areas during certain periods of time to mitigate disturbance, harm, and harassment during the species’ active season.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect on July 1, 2022 and shall remain in effect from July 1st through September 30th every year from 2022 through 2026, or until rescinded, whichever comes first.

2. Maps identifying the Restricted Areas are attached and made part of this Order as Exhibits A and B. For a digital version of the Order maps, navigate to https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/coronado/alerts-notices.

3. Any violation of the prohibition in this Order 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 and/or 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 Douglas Ranger District located at 1192 West Saddle View Road in Douglas Arizona, telephone number 520-364-3468, and at the Coronado National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Tucson, telephone number 520-388-8300.

5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Tucson, Arizona on this 30th day of June, 2022.

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