

## Changes to the 2016 MVUM from the 2015 MVUM

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138	A portion of this road goes through private property without an easement and either the road should be moved or this portion should be removed from the MVUM.	Mogollon Rim	(a) a 100-200-foot portion of the road is located on private property, and (b) there is no public easement on this portion of the road, and (c) there is a 22' access easement on the property line, but it is not an easement that currently allows for public use. So, technically, we would want to remove at least this portion of the designated route from the next version of the MVUM, so it doesn't show as an open road through private property where there is no public legal easement. However, since this would make the through road non-usable for Forest visitors, and the purpose of this section of the road would change to become solely for the purpose of landowner access, we would likely remove the other portions of this route east and west of the property from the MVUM so we don't designate the road all the way to the private land boundary and encourage trespass. We would remove these leftover pieces on either side of the private because there would be no purpose to these road spurs without some sort of connectivity, and we can't re-route the road onto Forest land without NEPA and some heavy machinery out there.	Remove designation of the road east of its intersection with 9330A.

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6149	This road was removed from the MVUM at some point, but it is unclear why. Forest road 6149 IS in fact open from the end of Hidden Hollow Road.	Flagstaff	This road was originally on the MVUM map, but was removed in 2013 because there were reports the road was blocked and we mistakenly determined there was no public easement on the private land connecting to this road. Re-checking the Coconino parcel map shows there is indeed a public easement to the Forest land. Additional conversations with the Flagstaff Ranger District revealed that this used to be a problem area where there was regular cross-country motorized use, which caused conflicts with nearby private lands and livestock grazing in the same area. The Forest Service generally addressed these issues by blocking many of the non-system routes and installing signs. Putting 6149 back on the map, should not cause these problems.	Re-designate Forest Road 6149 as open to all vehicles.
9528	A portion of the 9528 road is shown designated south of the 525C intersection, which is blocked by boulders. Also a portion of the road to access the Dogie Trailhead is not shown as designated.	Red Rock	The designation of 200-feet of 9528 to provide motorized access to the Dogie Trailhead was likely an oversight. The portion of 9528, south of the intersection with 525C/9528 is shown designated even though this area has been blocked by boulders and not motor vehicle accessible for years.	Add designation of a small section of 9528 from the 525C road to allow motorized access to the Dogie Trailhead. Remove designation of 9528, south of the 9528/525C intersection because it is inaccessible to motor vehicles.
9853	9853 should be removed south of 9853B junction. This the same point where the Red Rock Loop Trail begins. If this helps the GPS coordinates are N 34 50' 20.2"/W 111 50' 54.0", or at the 9853/9853B junction on the map. 9853 and 9851B actually don't seem to	Red Rock	Add small spur road on the south side of 9851B where the current MVUM shows 9853 as connecting (in reality it doesn't connect). This area provides a pull-off for shooting which has been used for many years and is bouldered in and will not result in unauthorized motor vehicle use. These routes provide access to important cultural resources. There are also occupied nesting cuckoo and bald eagles just south of this	Remove designated portion of 9853 south of intersection with 9853B

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	connect on the ground.		route (based on 2015 surveys), and can be disturbed by motorized use.	
<b>296/296A</b>	The seasonal closure on FR 296 and 296A should be removed. These are major roads and there is no signage, gates, etc. Is not being followed or enforced.	Flagstaff	The closure order that based on the seasonal closure on a small section of both 296 and 296A is based on a many years old closure for breeding bald eagles. Monitoring has shown no bald eagles have occurred in the area for several years and the area does not contain good habitat for eagle roosts. The closure order was withdrawn, but this has not been reflected on the MVUM.	Remove seasonal closure on 296 and 296A to reflect the withdrawal of the Bald Eagle seasonal closure.
<b>433 trail</b>	The Rocky Moto (433 Trail) actually connects one the west side to 164B. The way the route is shown on the map it ends on the Snowbowl road where there is no place to stage or off-load equipment. This forces motorcycles/dirt bikes onto a high-traffic road, which doesn't seem safe.	Flagstaff	Field checked 6/22/2015 by M. Dechter. While the Rocky Moto trail (FT 433) does show on the MVUM as connecting to Snowbowl Road (FR 516), the connection shown is actually not used by riders because the connector on the map simply dumps you out on the Snowbowl road in an area with no parking, etc. It is a safety issue since the trail literally ends on the Snowbowl road where there is no pull-out. The actual route used end to the south on the 164B road, which includes some parking area and off-loading space. Switching the designations for these two connectors would result in no net change in route mileage and would improve motorized access without any impacts to water quality, cultural resources, wildlife, or user conflict and it would provide for a much safer alternative.	Remove designation from 0.35 miles of the eastern terminus of FT 433, and add designation to the single track trail that is actually receiving use to connect FR164B.

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<b>510P</b>	There is an unidentified short road with a public easement granted to Coconino County Canyon just north of I-40 off the County 510 road. There is a legal easement of this route.	Flagstaff	Despite (or maybe because of) the legal easement, the Forest roads database does not include this route. However, for purposes of clarity, it should be included on the road system and MVUM with ownership shown as Coconino County.	Add to road database and show on MVUM as County Road. 6101F
<b>6101F</b>	6101F off the 147A into Long Valley Work Center Group Campground is shown as a loop, but it only should go down into the work-center and dead end. Since this is a gated, reservation only road should it be an Admin Road? It isn't open to the public except by authorization (reservation and fee).	Mogollon Rim	This road is a road that only leads to the Long Valley Work Center Group Campground and is available for administrative purposes. It was an error to include this road as designated.	Change to closed, admin only.
<b>82V</b>	The road segment providing access to the boat ramp and restroom are not on the road system.	Mogollon Rim	It is an error that the road leading to the restroom and boat ramp were not included on the Forest road system. These routes were designed and are managed for motor vehicle access.	Add this short road to the road system and designate it for all vehicles.
<b>9032R</b>	Add road to access to Buck Springs Cabin.	Mogollon Rim	Part of the cabin trail, road needed for access to cabin. Road was designed and is managed for motor vehicle access.	Add road as all vehicles for access to cabin.
<b>9033H</b>	The current place where the 9033H road is designated to requires people to turn-around in an area where there is no feasible turn-around for motor vehicles.	Mogollon Rim	In 2015 there has been a sudden increase in unauthorized motor vehicle use in the East Clear Creek area and drainages leading into it, causing resource damage to the watershed. This is becoming one of the major access points. Removing the last 0.19 miles	Remove southern 0.19 miles of the designation to provide for a more feasible location for motor vehicles to turn around.

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	As a result, people often ride downhill into Kinder Draw or into East Clear Creek, causing resource damage. If the road designation was shortened by about 1/4 mile to an existing range fence, it would be easier for people to turn-around here and prevent these issues.		of this road from designation would help address this problem. A portion of the 300-foot motorized camping corridor that would be removed is on steep slopes where there are no feasible car camping opportunities.	
9136A	There is a paved road of about 100+ feet that has existed for several decades that provides access to a public business (church) that is under FS jurisdiction. This road does not show on the FS road system. After several years of discussions with the organization we have reached agreement that they will remove all improvements from the FS lands (signs, mailbox, etc.) and in return the FS will make this road open to public motorized use so a permit is not needed.	Red Rock	No resource impact. Provides public access to a public building.	Add road as designated for "highway-legal vehicles only, year round" to continue to allow motorized access.

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9139L	This road should be taken off the MVUM, because the road is actually blocked by boulders on the ground and has been managed as prohibited to motor vehicles for quite some time due to sensitive cultural resource sites in the area.	Red Rock	This was an error to have it on the map as the area has been inaccessible to motor vehicles for many years.	Remove road from designation.
9202F	There is a pull-out that is bouldered and fenced that creates a small loop with 119. It is a popular place for pull-off and shooting, which has been managed this way for many years.	Red Rock	A very small section of route that was overlooked. This area is fully fenced, signed, and bouldered and heavily used with lack of vegetation and compacted soils. Includes a small part of the 9202G road.	Add this small loop as designated for 'all vehicles'
9386V	The 9386V road shows as open under our MVUM map and I saw where a vehicle had driven over the snow pillows (used to record precip data). I would like to suggest that it be taken off of the MVUM map as an open road because it looks like people drive back and forth over the snow pillows to camp or collect firewood. I know the road needs regular use for maintenance on the meteorological site there too so we can't block the road to all admin uses.	Mogollon Rim	Reviewed 12/14/2015. It appears this road's primary use is admin access as it is under permit for NRCS managed facilities; Baker Summit SNOTEL site. Ongoing public motor vehicle use on this road appears to be damaging admin facilities.	Road should be removed from designation and made admin use only to protect infrastructure.

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<b>9845A</b>	The western 0.2 miles of this road where it connects to 89A shows the wrong alignment on the map	Red Rock	It appears the map shows a different alignment than what is on the ground here.	Change western 0.2 miles of this route to show the correct alignment based on aerial photos
<b>9851D</b>	Include a small spur addition to 9851B at the south side of the junction of 9853 and 9851B is shown to meet on the current MVUM. This is a well-established shooting area that is contained by a bouldered turn-around. Aerial photos show this area as bare ground... it has and continues to receive regular use for many years.	Red Rock	Add small spur road on the south side of 9851B where the current MVUM shows 9853 as connecting (in reality it doesn't connect). This area provides a pull-off for shooting which has been used for many years and is bouldered in and will not result in unauthorized motor vehicle use. It is likely that the wrong part of 9851B was shown on the MVUM.	Designate small spur road as all vehicles.
<b>9904C</b>	This small spur road is used as a parking area along the Soldier Wash Rd (9904). It's a bare sandstone bluff where people park to walk across the wash to Seven Sacred Pools.	Red Rock	This spur appears to be located on a bluff overlooking Soldier Wash, which has been used as an informal parking/pull-off for many years. No impacts to vegetation, wildlife, etc. Was previously overlooked and not on the Forest route system.	Designate 9904C for all vehicles, year round.
<b>9951A</b>	This road only provides access to private property. Not used for any other National Forest System access. There is a sign on the road that says "access to private land only".	Red Rock	There is no reason for these roads to be designated for public motorized access as they only serve to provide access to private lands. Keeping the routes on the map is misleading because they are both roads that provide no access to public forest land and are signed as private access only.	Remove designation of road.

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9516	This road only provides access to private property. Not used for any other National Forest System access. There is a sign on the road that says "access to private land only".	Red Rock	There is no reason for these roads to be designated for public motorized access as they only serve to provide access to private lands. Keeping the routes on the map is misleading because they are both roads that provide no access to public forest land and are signed as private access only.	Remove designation of road.
Arena del Loma Road	After patrolling the Arena De Loma Road the last few days, noticed on my MVUM map and GPS layer that this road was not anywhere to be found...I realize that most of this road is on private land, but the portion on the north that runs into Middle Verde Road (119A) is on forest land...Don't you think this road should be on the MVUM?	Red Rock	The Arena del Loma Road is a County Road with a County easement. In general, we don't show County roads on the MVUM unless they are important for access to the National Forest (because it could make the map too hard to read). In this case, we can add the Arena del Loma Road to the MVUM as a County road to provide more context to Forest users.	Show this road as a County road on the MVUM.
237 / 9462L / 9498A	In 2015 actions were taken to implement the 2005 Kachina Village Forest Health Project, which involved prohibiting camping in the area south of Kachina Village except at established designated dispersed campsites. The 2016 MVUM should reflect this.	Flagstaff	The designated dispersed campsite loops were GPS'd and added to the 2016 MVUM. The 300-foot motorized camping corridors along FR 237, 9462L, and 9498A; which are in the closure area have been removed from the 2016 MVUM.	Update the 2016 MVUM to reflect the 2005 Kachina Village Forest Health Project decision.

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<b>3M</b>	This route has been open for public use for many years, but managed via permit by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Would be much simpler to include it on the MVUM with a seasonal designation because most people don't know this road is accessible by contacting the Arizona Game and Fish.	Flagstaff.	Adding the road to the MVUM would clarify the status of this road and reduce the administrative burden on both agencies and members of the public who hope to access this route.	Add with seasonal designation of 9/1 to 1/15, which is what it has been permitted for over the past several decades.