Order Number: 12-16-273

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
MESA RANGER DISTRICT

TARGET SHOOTING PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this order, and as described below and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Mesa Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest, Maricopa County, Arizona; effective 6:00 am April 23, 2016, until 8:00 pm April 23 or until rescinded whichever comes first.

1. Discharging a firearm, air rifle or gas gun. 36 CFR 261.58(m)

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically from the Forest Service authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED

That portion of the Tonto National Forest lying Northwesterly of State Route 87, and lying within ½ mile of the following described roads. Beginning at the intersection of State Route 87 and Forest Road 1847, thence northeasterly along Forest Road 1847 to the intersection of Forest Road 403; thence northwesterly along Forest Road 403 to the intersection of the North Bank of Sycamore Creek.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is the protection of National Forest visitors, employees and cooperators involved in a volunteer clean-up in the restricted area, where the indiscriminate discharge of a firearm is likely to pose a substantial risk to public safety.

IMPLEMENTATION

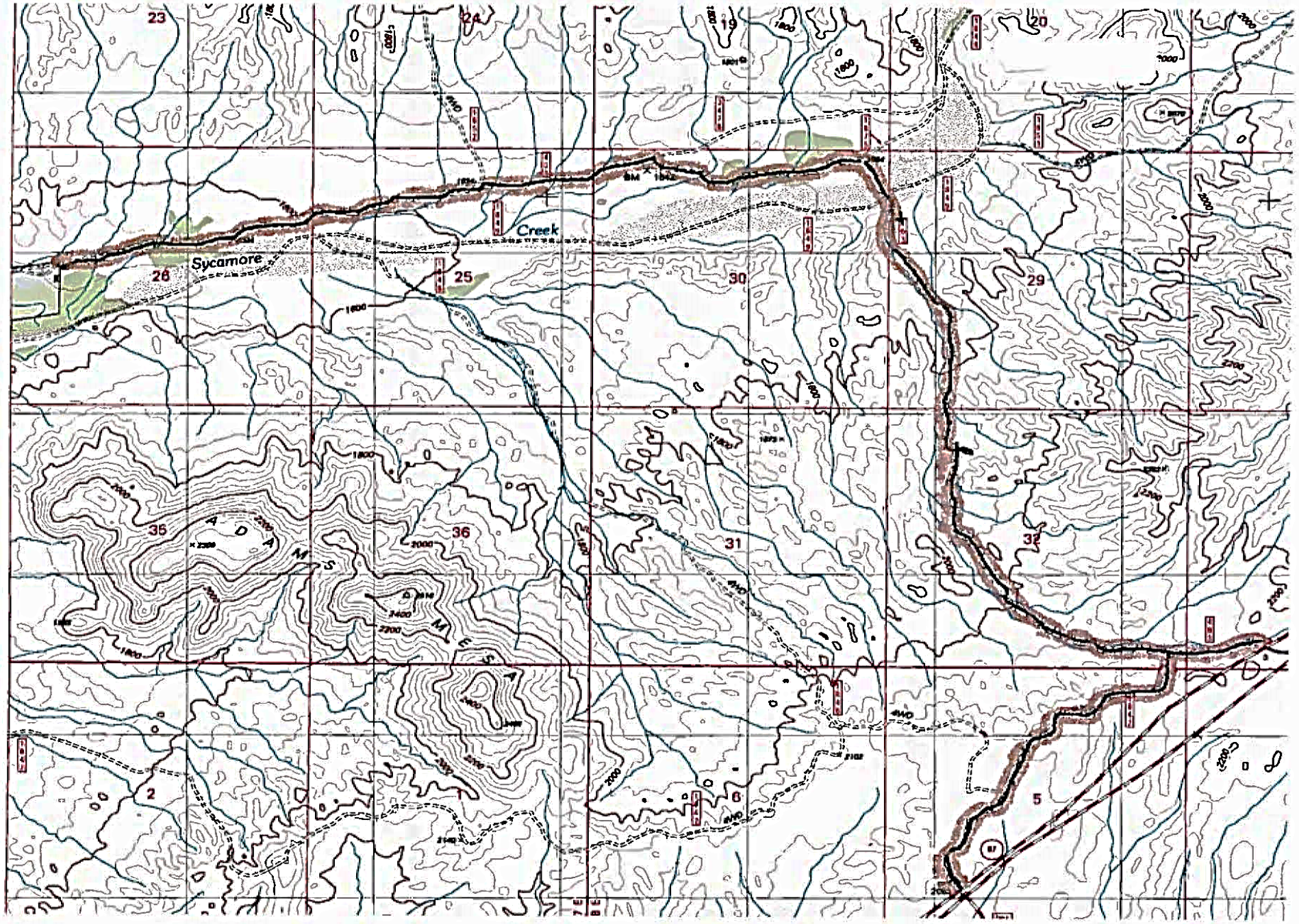
1. Prohibitions contained in this order become effected beginning Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 0600 (06:00 a.m.) and will remain in effect until Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 2000 (8:00 p.m.) unless terminated sooner.

2. These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at 36 CFR 261, Subpart A.

3. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for individuals and $10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3571(b) (6), 18 USC 3581(b) (7)].

Dated this 21st day of April, 2016, at Phoenix, Arizona.

/s/ Neil Bosworth

Neil Bosworth
Forest Supervisor

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