

ORDER
USDA - FOREST SERVICE
COCONINO and TONTO NATIONAL FORESTS
FOSSIL CREEK WILD AND SCENIC RIVER
PERMIT REQUIRED/DAY USE ONLY

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in areas as described in this Order on National Forest System lands administered by the Coconino and Tonto National Forests, in Gila and Yavapai Counties in Arizona, and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Parking or leaving a vehicle without a permit; **36 CFR 261.58(g)**
2. Being in the area after 8:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. (Day Use Only 8: a.m. until 8:00 p.m.); **36 CFR 261.58(i)**

Prohibitions in effect from May 1 – October 1, 2016

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty; and
2. Person(s) with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

AREA DESCRIBED:

This order affects portions of the Coconino and Tonto National Forests, and the Red Rock and Payson Ranger Districts respectively within the Fossil Creek drainage occurring in both Gila and Yavapai counties. As shown on the map in Exhibit A., the area encompasses all lands one-quarter (.25) mile on each side of the respective edge of Forest Road (FR) 708 starting at the cattle guard at the Cimarron Saddle (34°25'28.95"N, 111°40'23.28"W) going southeast past the junction with FR 502 past the closed gate by the Waterfall Trailhead parking area and terminating at the forest/private property line at the corner of Section 31 outside the town of Strawberry, Arizona. All lands one quarter (.25) miles north of river beginning upstream of the Waterfall Trailhead for approximately 6 miles with the northeast boundary defined by Trail No. 84-The Mail Trail to where it joins Fossil Springs Trail. The area within one-quarter (.25) miles East of Trail 18 - Fossil Springs Trail sets the eastern boundary of the closure area to the point south where it intersects the boundary line coming from the north side of FR 708. The area occurring between FR 708 and Trail #154 - The Flume Trail from the gate at Waterfall Trailhead to the eastern boundary set by the Fossil Springs Trail is included in this order. Also included is Forest Road (FR) 502 running southwest from its junction with FR 708 approximately 2.34 miles southwest terminating .23 miles east of Stehr Lake Bed.

PURPOSE:

This order is required to ensure public health and safety by maintaining viable ingress and egress for emergency service responses, better protects nearby communities from the threat of catastrophic wildfires occurring, and lessens impacts on unique riparian plant and wildlife resources as required by the National Wild & Scenic Rivers Act of 1968.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order shall be in effect May 1 – October 1, 2016. Day Use Only 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
2. This Order replaces, supersedes, or rescinds any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts with the exception of Forest Order 04-16-04-R covered by this Order in Exhibit A.

Done at Flagstaff, Arizona this 29th day of April, 2016.

/s/ Laura Jo West

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FOSSIL CREEK DAY-USE PERMIT AREA (May 1 - October 1, 2016)

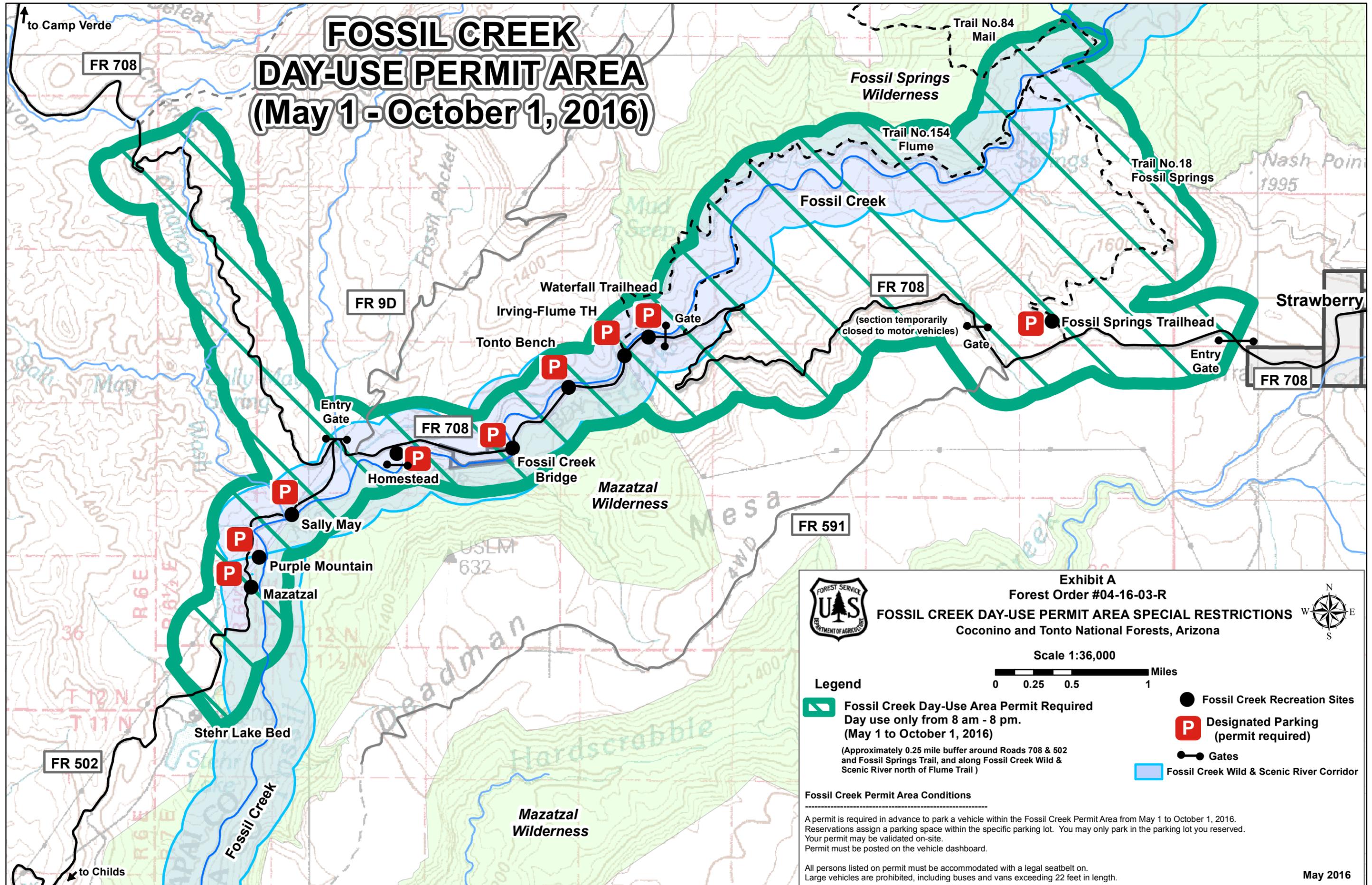


Exhibit A
Forest Order #04-16-03-R
FOSSIL CREEK DAY-USE PERMIT AREA SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS
 Coconino and Tonto National Forests, Arizona

Scale 1:36,000
 0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles

- Legend**
- Fossil Creek Day-Use Area Permit Required
Day use only from 8 am - 8 pm.
(May 1 to October 1, 2016)
(Approximately 0.25 mile buffer around Roads 708 & 502 and Fossil Springs Trail, and along Fossil Creek Wild & Scenic River north of Flume Trail)
 - Fossil Creek Recreation Sites
 - Designated Parking (permit required)
 - Gates
 - Fossil Creek Wild & Scenic River Corridor

Fossil Creek Permit Area Conditions

A permit is required in advance to park a vehicle within the Fossil Creek Permit Area from May 1 to October 1, 2016. Reservations assign a parking space within the specific parking lot. You may only park in the parking lot you reserved. Your permit may be validated on-site. Permit must be posted on the vehicle dashboard.

All persons listed on permit must be accommodated with a legal seatbelt on. Large vehicles are prohibited, including buses and vans exceeding 22 feet in length.

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