

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
MESA RANGER DISTRICT
BALD EAGLE PROTECTION CLOSURE ORDER (SEASONAL)**

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts is prohibited in the area described in this Order (“Restricted Area”), and as depicted on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A and B, within Tonto National Forest, Maricopa County, Arizona:

1. Going into or being upon the area, from December 1, through June 30, each calendar year that this Order is in effect. **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 permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any person employed by the Maricopa Audubon Society, or the Arizona Bald Eagle Nest Watch Program, including contractors and volunteers, while engaged in their official duties.

RESTRICTED AREA:

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the boundaries as depicted in Exhibits A and B, and more particularly described as follows:

AREA 1. Goldfield area: See Exhibit A

The area within the boundary starting at the north side of the Salt River directly across the Goldfield Recreation Site (Point B on Exhibit A), within Township 3 N, Section 34, continuing along the north bank of the Salt River in a westerly, downstream direction for approximately one mile to the point where the river bends to the southwest (Point A on Exhibit A), within Township 3 N, Section 33, and then continuing in a northwesterly direction for approximately .75 miles (to Point E, Exhibit A), and continuing in a northerly direction for approximately .75_ miles to the northern boundary of Section 33 (Point C, Exhibit A), and then continuing east for approximately one mile along the northern boundary of Section 33 and Section 34 , to a point approximately .75 miles directly north of the Goldfield Recreation site (Point D, Exhibit A), and then continuing south back to the north side of the Salt River directly across the Goldfield Recreation Site (Point B on Exhibit A).

AREA 2. Bulldog Cliffs Area: See Exhibit B

The area within the boundary starting at the south side of the Salt River at the base of the steep drainage/waterfall where the river makes its first bend to the west (Point B, Exhibit B), and then continuing downstream along the south river bank approximately 1.75 miles to an unnamed

drainage that begins just west of the overhead powerlines (Point A, Exhibit B), and then continuing south for approximately .25 miles up the drainage, until the drainage turns to the southeast, and then continuing southeast for approximately 1.25 miles, and then continuing east through the saddle at the head of the drainage (approximately .25 miles to another unnamed drainage which runs in an north/south direction along the east side of the cliffs), and then continuing north and northeast up that drainage, back to the south side of the Salt River at the base of the steep drainage/waterfall where the river makes its first bend to the west (Point B, Exhibit B).

PURPOSE:

To provide protection from disturbance caused by human activity in a high-intensity recreation area, for Bald Eagle nesting, incubation, nestlings, and fledgling during the critical reproductive period.

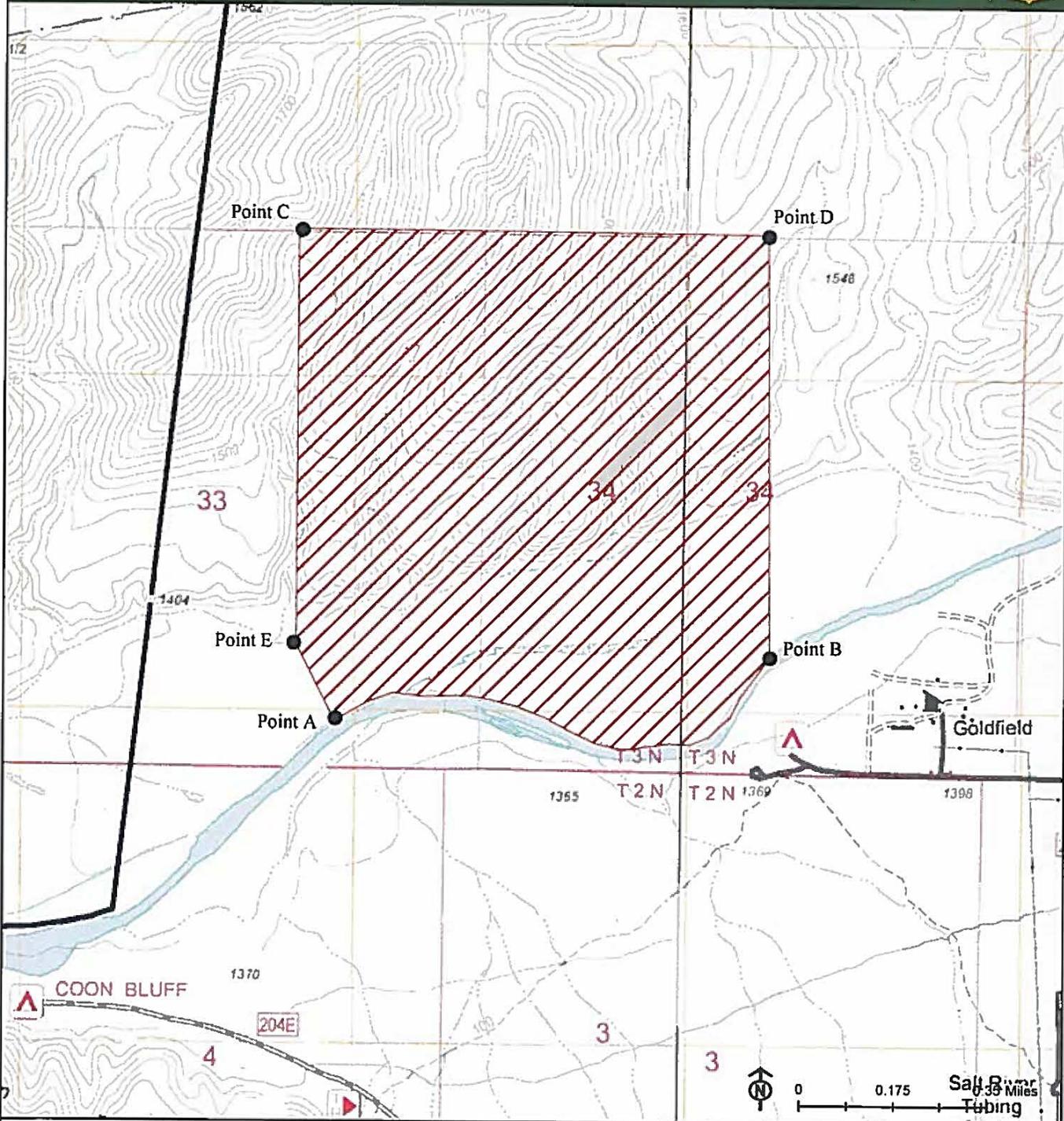
IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect beginning on April 23, 2019, at 5:00 a.m., and shall remain in effect until July 1, 2021, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. Violation of the above prohibition(s) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual, or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581 (b)(7)).
3. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Mesa Ranger District, telephone 480.610.3300.

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

Done this 22nd day of April, 2019, at Phoenix, Arizona.

/s/ Neil Bosworth
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Forest Supervisor

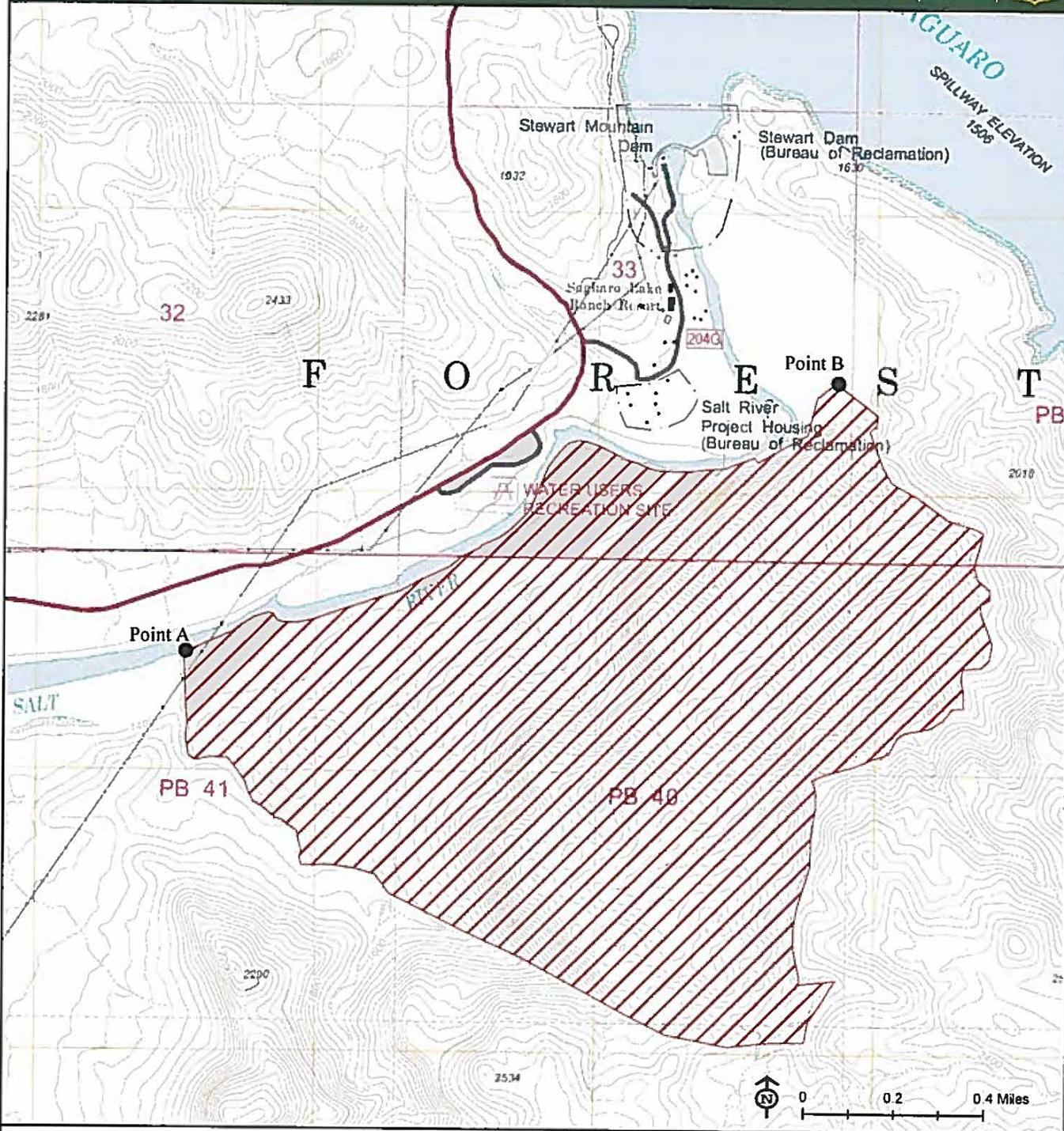


Title: Goldfield Bald Eagle Protection Closure
Exhibit A Area 1
Order # 03-12-03-19-347

Legend
 Closure Area

Road, trail, and area closure affects only National Forest System roads, trails and lands within the closure area on Tonto National Forest. The closure does not apply to any non-National Forest System roads, trails or lands within the closure boundary.

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Title: Bulldog Bald Eagle Protection Closure
Exhibit A Area 2
Order # 03-12-03-19-347

Legend
 Closure Area

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