



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST
FOSSIL CREEK**

***STAGE III TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
DUE TO HIGH FIRE DANGER***

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551, 36 CFR § 261.50(a), and 36 CFR § 261.50(b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Coconino National Forest, in the following counties with the state of Arizona: Yavapai and Coconino. The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITION:

Going into, being upon, or using the restricted area in any way. The restricted areas including all roads, trails, camping areas, and lands. Authority: 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e); *see also* 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.53(e), 261.54(a), 261.54(e), 261.55(a), and 261.57(a).

The prohibitions concern all activities in the area described in this Order, including but not limited to: operating a motor vehicle, all-terrain-vehicle, and/or a motorcycle; hiking/walking; bicycling; camping; fuel-wood retrieval; and operating a drone.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Residents may access their private property via closed Forest Service roads only to the extent necessary to access such property.

AREA DESCRIPTION:

This closure affects National Forest System lands within the exterior boundary of the attached map of the Fossil Creek area. At the intersection of Hwy 260 and Forest Road (FR) 708, head east on Hwy 260 to Hwy 87. Go west on Hwy 87 to the Coconino National Forest boundary and the Tonto National Forest boundary. The closure area is bound by the Coconino NF boundary headed west. From forest boundary

and the Verde River, head north east to FR 9242. The closure area continues along Coconino NF north east to FR 500 to FR 708, northwest on FR 708 northwest back to Hwy 260. Hwy 260 and 87 will remain open for travel as is FR 700. The gate at FR 708 and Hwy 260 is closed as is FR 500.

PURPOSE:

This order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to fire danger.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order becomes effective at 1200 AM, May 23, 2018 and will remain in force until rescinded or until August 1, 2018, whichever occurs first.
2. This Order rescinds, replaces and supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in that area addressed in Exhibit A.


Done at Flagstaff, Arizona, this 22nd day of May, 2018.

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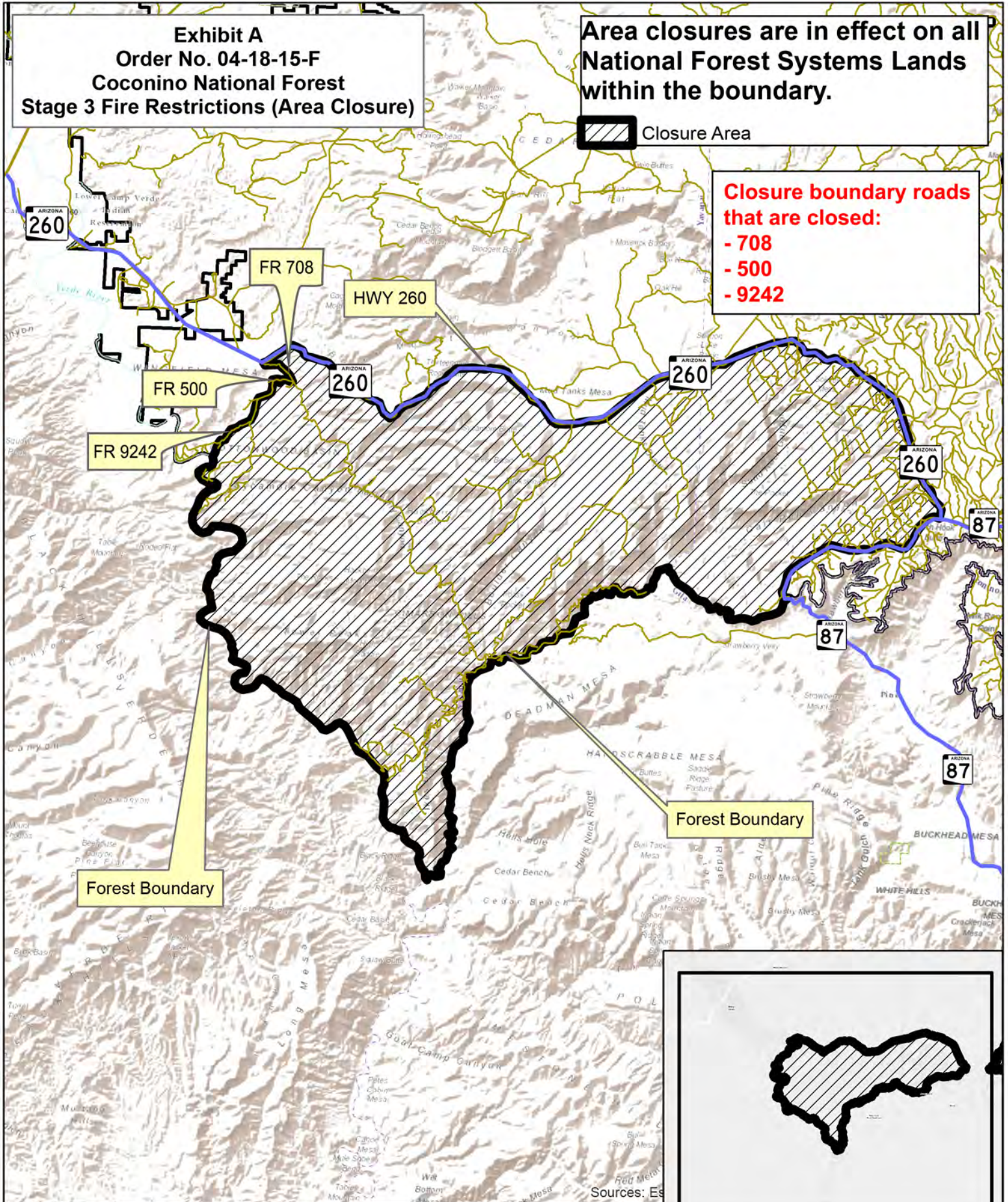
Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both; 16 USC § 551, and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.

Exhibit A
Order No. 04-18-15-F
Coconino National Forest
Stage 3 Fire Restrictions (Area Closure)

Area closures are in effect on all National Forest Systems Lands within the boundary.

 Closure Area

Closure boundary roads that are closed:
- 708
- 500
- 9242



Forest Boundary

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