

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST
DOUGLAS RANGER DISTRICT

AREA CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited in the "restricted area" described in this Order, and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, all within the Douglas Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, Cochise County, Arizona.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Going into or being upon the restricted area. **36 CFR 261.53 (a)**

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA:

The talus slopes (slopes formed by an accumulation of rock debris) in the South aspect of Barfoot Peak and the West aspect of Buena Vista Peak located in Township 17 South, Range 30 East, southern ½ of Section 28 and northeast ¼ of Section 33 of the Chiricahua Mountains (as shown on the attached map).

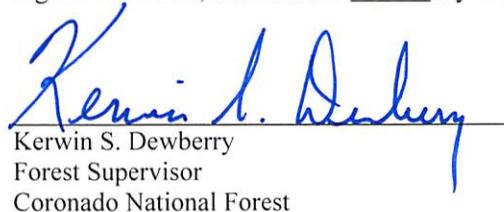
PURPOSE:

The twin-spotted rattlesnake (*Crotalus pricei*) is a Forest Service Sensitive Species and a State of Arizona protected reptile. Due to this species' extremely limited habitat and population numbers, and documented illegal disturbance and removal of individuals from these sites, this order provides for the protection of this species by mitigating disturbance, harm and harassment during their active season.

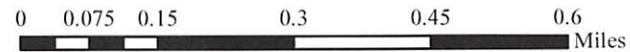
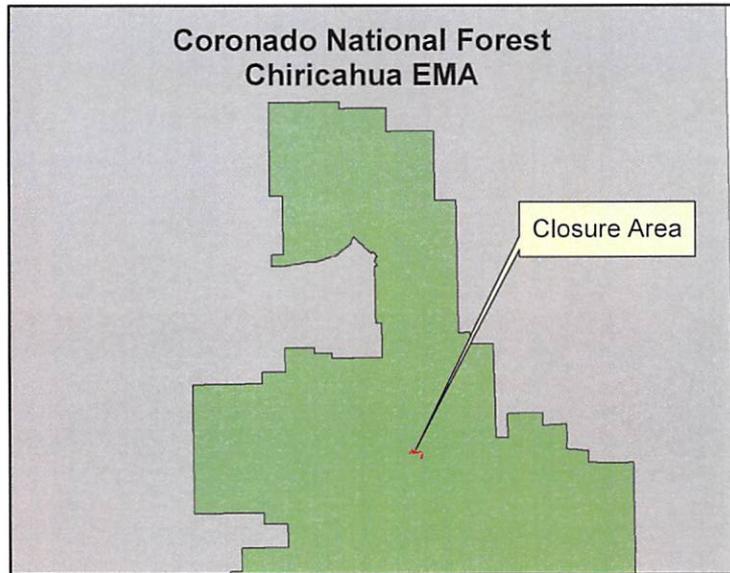
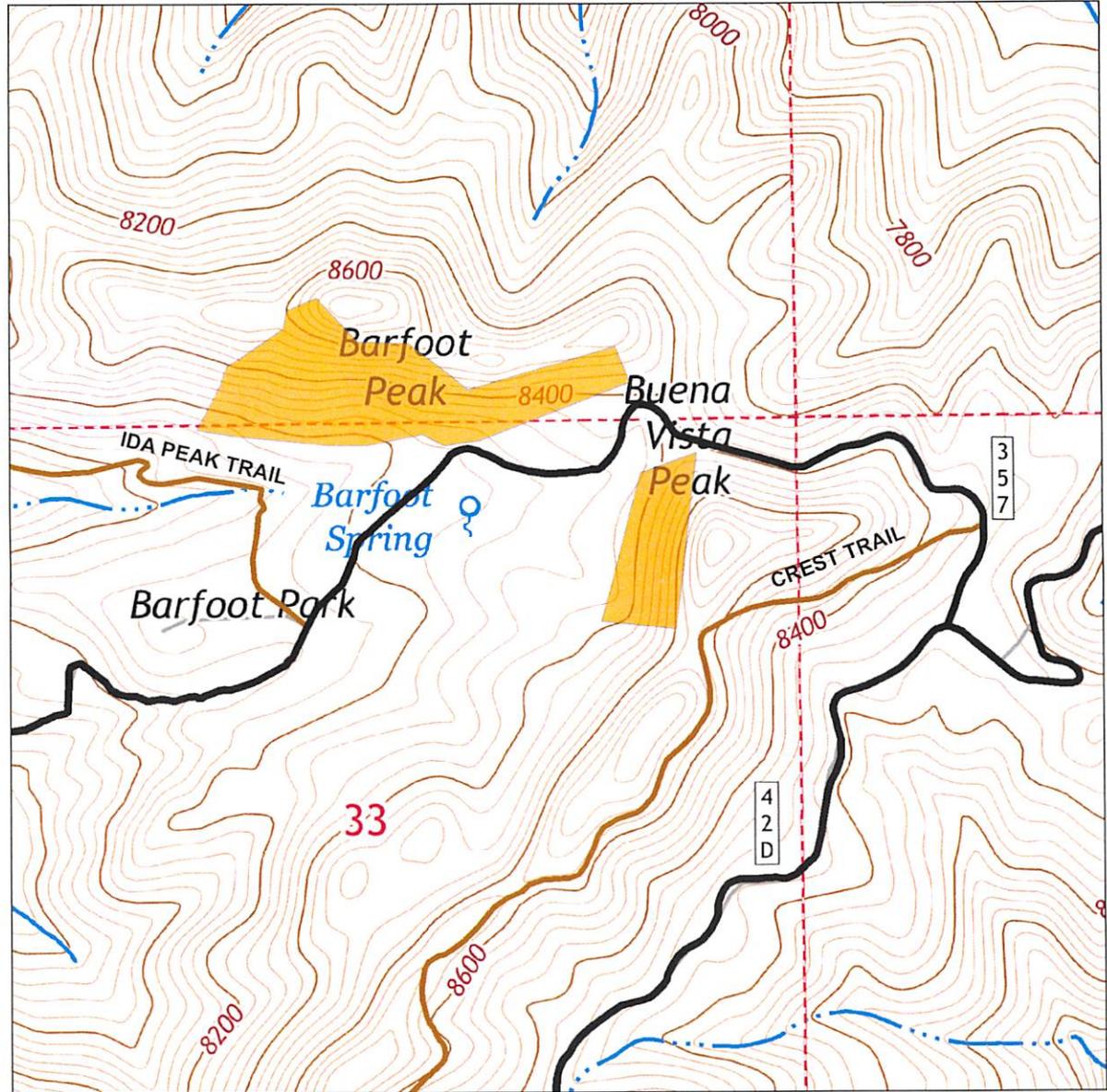
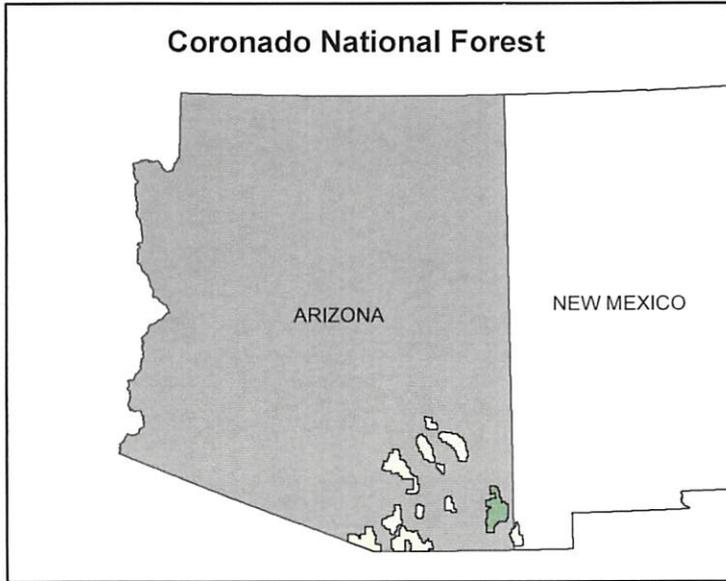
IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order shall be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect from July 1st through September 30th every year from 2018 until 2022, or until rescinded.
2. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.
3. Any violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b) (6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b) (7)].

Signed in Tucson, Arizona this 9th day of July 2018.


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Coronado National Forest

Special Closure Order to protect twin-spotted rattlesnake (*Crotalus pricei*)



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