



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. FOREST SERVICE**

**COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST
RED ROCK RANGER DISTRICT**

**PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST
VERDE RANGER DISTRICT**

TEMPORARY AREA and ROAD CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the area and on the road described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Red Rock Ranger District of the Coconino National Forest and the Verde Ranger District of the Prescott National Forest within Yavapai County, Arizona.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)**
2. Being on the road. **36 CFR § 261.54(e)**

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer or member of an organized rescue firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA AND ROAD:

The Restricted Area and Road are depicted on the Map in Exhibit A:

The Restricted Area consists of all National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within 1/4 mile of the center of the Verde River corridor, beginning at 34° 21' 50.478" N/111° 42' 55.607" W, continuing down river to the confluence with Fossil Creek (5.0 river miles) at 34° 18' 20.534" N/111° 40' 30.752" W. The 1/4 mile Restricted Area includes the Childs Developed recreation site, the associated boat launch and take-out, and dispersed camping area. The

Restricted Area also includes the historic hydroelectric facilities, corrals, and the Verde Hot springs.

National Forest System Road (NFSR) #502 is closed starting from 34° 21' 4.143" N/111° 41' 26.746" W, following west to the Childs dispersed camping area.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety during contracted operations to round-up and remove feral cattle.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be effective on November 15, 2020, at 12:00 am, and shall remain in effect until December 16, 2020, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted Area and Road is attached and is made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual, or \$10,000 for an organization and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581(b)(7)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the: (All Forest Services offices are currently closed due to Covid-19 pandemic)
 - Red Rock Ranger District: (928-203-2900)
 - Coconino National Forest Supervisor's Office: (928-527-3600).
 - Verde Ranger District: (928) 567-4121
 - Prescott National Forest Supervisor's Office: (928) 777-2200
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Sedona, Arizona, this day 10th day of November, 2020.

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DALE DEITER
Forest Supervisor, Prescott National Forest

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