



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

**AREA CLOSURE FOR THE PROTECTION OF NESTING PEREGRINE FALCONS
PEAKS CRAG**

PROHIBITIONS

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

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. **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 written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effects of the Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA

All National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the boundary starting at the intersection of the eastern side of National Forest System Road (NFSR) 9008U and the National Forest/state land boundary in Township 22N, Range 6E, Section 12, then continuing east for 1,055 feet to the southeast corner of the National Forest/state land boundary, then continuing north for 864 feet to a point at 35° 18' 24.95" N / 111° 42' 38.26 W", then continuing east for 1,602 feet to the signed closure boundary 110 feet west of the centerline of the major drainage in Township 22N, Range 6E, Section 12 (35° 18' 25.06" N / 111° 42' 18.93 W"), then continuing south following a line parallel with, and 110 feet west from, the centerline of the major drainage for 3,390 feet to a point at 35° 17' 53.91" N / 111° 42' 9.15 W", then continuing west for 1,852 feet to NFSR 9008U in T22N, R6E, Section 12 (35° 17' 53.91" N / 111° 42' 31.50 W"), then following northwesterly for 2,992 feet along the east side of NFSR 9008U, back to the point of

beginning at the junction of NFSR 9008U and the National Forest/state land boundary in Township 22N, Range 6E, Section 12.

Note that NFSR 9008U is *open* to non-motorized travel.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect a peregrine falcon nesting site in an area of high recreational rock climbing, where rock climbing and noise is likely to adversely affect the success of nesting and fledging peregrine falcons.

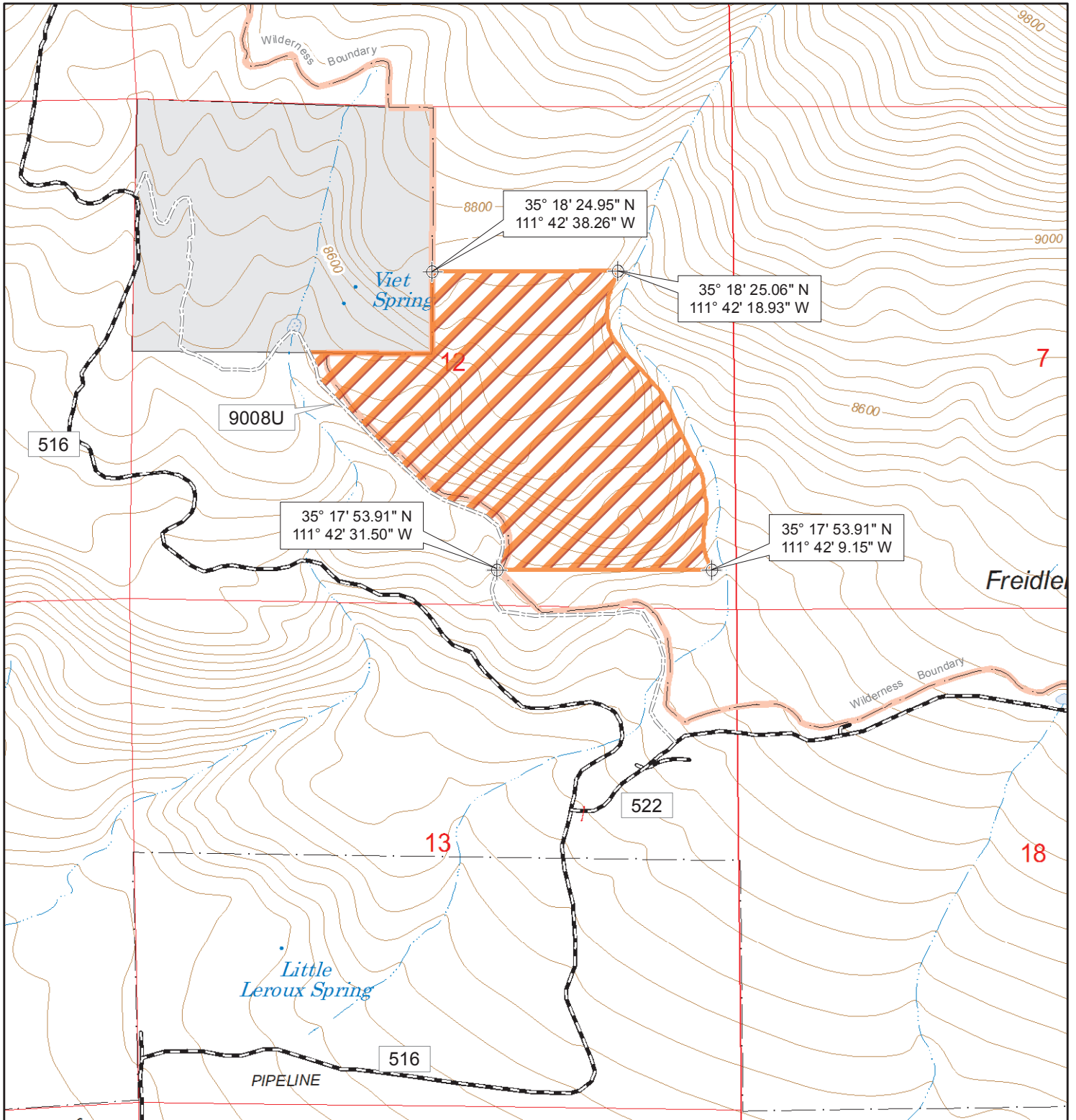
IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on March 15, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., and shall remain in effect until August 15, 2022 (to coincide with the expected conclusion of peregrine nesting and fledging), or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and 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 individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by 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 Flagstaff Ranger District located in Flagstaff, telephone number 928 526-0866, and at the Coconino National Forest Supervisor's Office in Flagstaff, telephone number 928 527-3600.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Flagstaff, Arizona this 10th day of March, 2021.

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Coconino National Forest

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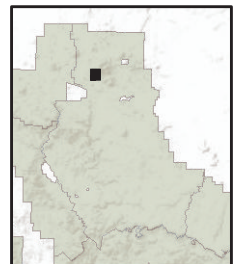
Purpose: This order is necessary to protect sensitive wildlife during seasonal nesting and fledging times.

Disclaimer

The USDA Forest Service makes no warranty, expressed or implied regarding the data displayed on this map, and reserves the right to correct, update, modify, or replace this information without notification.

Legend

-  Restricted Area
-  Non-FS Lands
-  NFSR 9008U



Map Creation Date: 3/3/2021