



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST
SANTA CATALINA RANGER DISTRICT

TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE AND OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS

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 Santa Catalina Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, Pima County, Arizona.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53(a).**
2. Possessing, storing, or transporting in the Restricted Area any bird, fish, or other animal or parts thereof, except in accordance with the Exemptions and Specifications in this Order. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s).**
3. Using a campsite in the Restricted Area that is not in accordance with the Specifications in this Order. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(f).**

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 Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons with a disability in control of a service animal as defined under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
4. Persons going into or being upon the Restricted Area from May 1, through December 31.

5. Persons using the following National Forest System trails, to include 400 foot buffer from the center line of such trails: Ventana Canyon (#98), Pima Canyon (#62), Esperero (#25), Cathedral Rock (#26), West Fork (#24), Mount Lemmon (#5), Finger Rock (#42), Pontatoc (#410), Linda Vista (#49), Sutherland Wash (#6), and Romero (#8).

SPECIFICATIONS

1. No animal may be brought, or allowed to enter, into the Restricted Area at any time during the year. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, dogs, domestic sheep, and goats.
2. Campsites may not be used by more than fifteen (15) individuals during the day, or by more than six (6) individuals for overnight stays.

RESTRICTED AREA

As depicted in the map at Exhibit A, the Restricted Area is within Township 12 South, Range 14 East, Sections 1, 2, 9-17, 19-25, 27-30, and 34-36; Township 12 South, Range 15 East, Sections 5-8 and 16-20; Township 11 South, Range 14 East, Sections 25, 35, and 36; and Township 11 South, Range 15 East, Sections 31-32, specifically, all National Forest System lands within the boundary starting at the intersection of the Pusch Ridge Wilderness along the south boundary and Ventana Canyon Trail #98, then following north along Ventana Canyon Trail until its intersection with Pima Canyon Trail #62, then following east along Pima Canyon Trail #62 until its intersection with Esperero Trail #25, then following northeast along Cathedral Rock Trail #26 until its intersection with West Fork Trail #24, then following north on Mount Lemmon Trail #5 until its intersection with the Wilderness boundary, then following the Wilderness boundary generally west, then generally southwest, then generally south, southeast, and east, back to the point of beginning, which is the intersection of the southern boundary of the Pusch Ridge Wilderness and Ventana Canyon Trail #98.

PURPOSE

To protect Desert bighorn sheep habitat during lambing season in the Restricted Area.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on October 15, 2021, at midnight, and shall remain in effect until October 15, 2023, 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 Santa Catalina Ranger District located in Sabino Canyon, telephone number 520-749-8700, and at the Coronado National Forest Supervisor's Office in Tucson, telephone number 520-388-8300.
5. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Tucson, Arizona, this 15th day of October 2021.

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Coronado National Forest