



TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST KETCHIKAN AREA

PROHIBITED ACTS • ORDER NO. 93-05 SPECIAL CLOSURE • EL CAPITAN CAVE

Pursuant to **36 CFR 261.50(a)** and **(b)**, the following is prohibited on lands under my jurisdiction.

Going into or being upon the following area (**36 CFR 261.53**):

1. **El Capitan Cave**, located in Township 66 South, Range 78 East, Section 10 (CRM), on north Prince of Wales Island; from the point of closure, approximately 150 feet within the interior of the cave.

Free access will be allowed to the point of closure (a gate). Only controlled access beyond the gate will be allowed until further notice.

This Order is issued in compliance with the direction given in the Decision Memorandum for the El Capitan Cave Trail, signed by Thorne Bay District Ranger Anne F. Archie on January 11, 1993, which states in part,

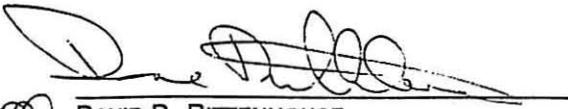
"As a mitigation measure, one gate will be installed in the cave. The gate will protect visitors from areas that are prone to rapid flooding [Public Health or Safety: 36 CFR 261.53(e)] and it will help prevent resource damage to the pristine portions of the cave [Geological Interest: 36 CFR 261.53(c)]."

Pursuant to **36 CFR 261.50(e)**, each of the following are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. **36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)**
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue force in the performance of an official duty. **36 CFR 261.50(e)(4)**
3. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area with an approved operating plan authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. **36 CFR 261.50(e)(5)**

These Prohibitions are in addition to the General Prohibitions in **36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A**. This Order may be made more restrictive by temporary orders issued by the Regional Forester or the Forest Supervisor as needed to promote public safety, and to protect public property and resources.

Executed in Ketchikan, Alaska this 24th day of October 1993.

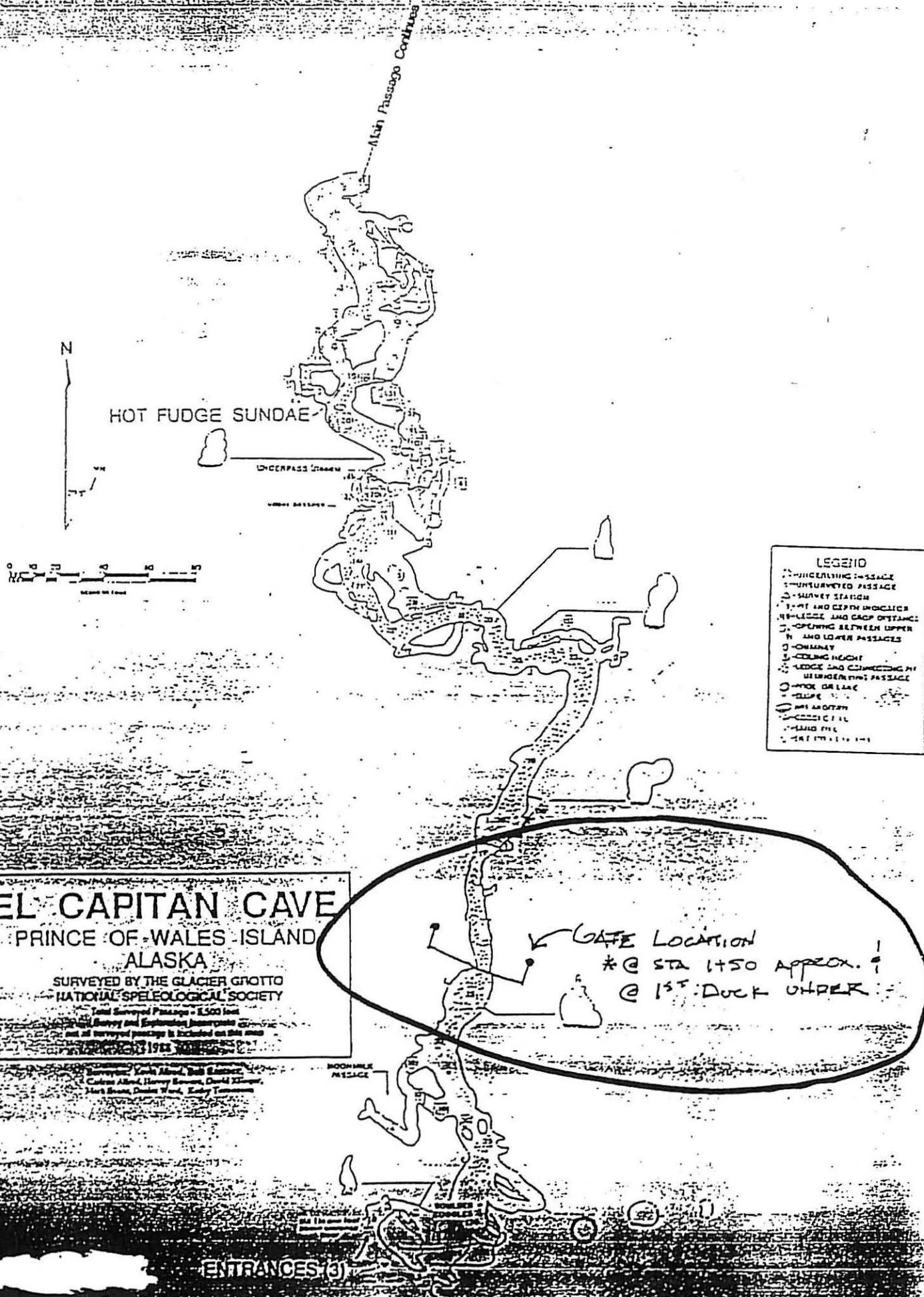


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Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. See Title 16 United States Code, Section 551.

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GATE LOCATION



HOT FUDGE SUNDAE

UNDERPASS STATION

Main Passage Continues

- LEGEND**
- UNCEILING PASSAGE
 - UNSURVEYED PASSAGE
 - SURVEY STATION
 - TIME AND DEPTH INDICATOR
 - RISE AND DROP DISTANCE
 - OPENING BETWEEN UPPER AND LOWER PASSAGES
 - CHIMNEY
 - CEILING HEIGHT
 - LEDGE AND CHIMNEY AT UNIDENTIFIED PASSAGE
 - POLE OR LANE
 - SLOPE
 - AIR DUCT
 - CIRCULAR
 - SAND PILE
 - 1953

EL CAPITAN CAVE
 PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND
 ALASKA

SURVEYED BY THE GLACIER GROTTO
 NATIONAL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Total Surveyed Passage - 1,500 feet

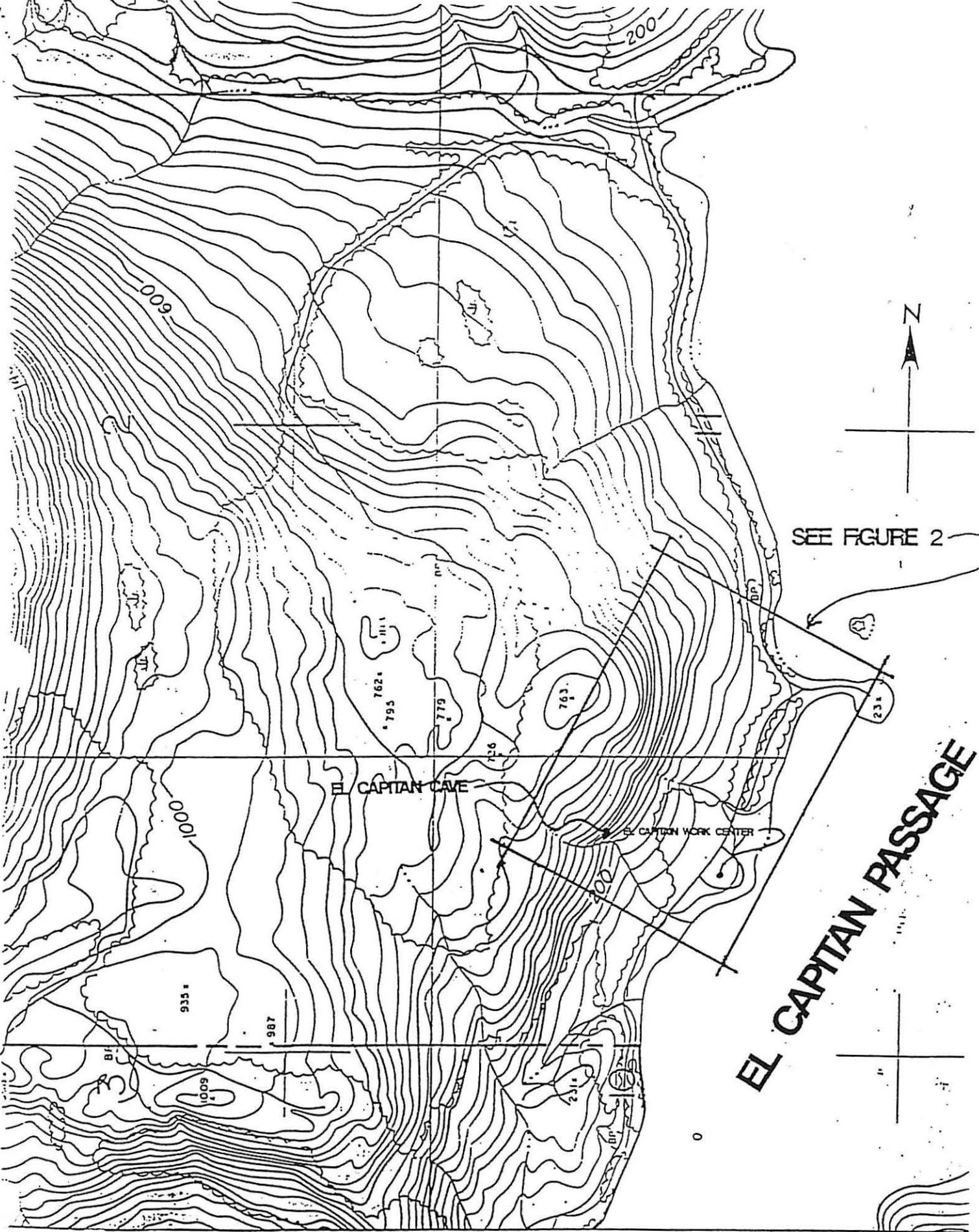
Partial Survey and Exploration Incomplete

Not all surveyed passages included on this map

1953

GATE LOCATION
 * @ STA 1450 APPROX.
 @ 1ST DUCK UNDER

ENTRANCES (J)



VICINITY MAP

PETERSBURG A-4 NW T 66S R 78E SECTION 10

Scale: 1 inch = 1000 feet