

ORDER
USDA - FOREST SERVICE
COCONINO and TONTO NATIONAL FORESTS
FOSSIL CREEK WILD AND SCENIC RIVER AREA

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in areas as described in this Order on National Forest System lands administered by the Coconino and Tonto National Forests, in Gila and Yavapai Counties in Arizona, and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Camping is prohibited on either side of Fossil Creek within the parameters specifically described in this order and specifically shown on the attached map; **36 CFR 261.58(e)**.
2. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire is prohibited within the entire restricted area; **36 CFR. 261.52(a)** *Exception: the use of pressurized liquid or gas stove is permitted.*
3. Possessing or using any type of motorized vehicle off National Forest System Roads is prohibited within the entire restricted area; **36 CFR 261.56**.
4. Possession or use of glass containers within the entire restricted area described below; **36 CFR 261.58 (cc)**.

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty; and
2. Person(s) with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

AREA DESCRIBED:

This order affects the Coconino National Forest and the Tonto National Forest, Red Rock Ranger District and Payson Ranger District within the Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River Boundary. As shown on the map in Exhibit A. The restricted area includes the area known as Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River and is located along Fossil Creek in both Gila and Yavapai counties. The restricted area begins at the easternmost boundary of the Wild and Scenic River: the confluence of Calf Pen and Stehr canyons and continues downstream on Fossil Creek for approximately 13 miles to a location on Fossil Creek south of the former Stehr Lake in the northeast corner of Section 29. The restriction includes all National Forest land within this boundary from the center of Fossil Creek to ¼ mile on either side of the creek. Slightly over 5.75 miles of roadway exist within the restricted area. Starting from the south near Stehr Lake, Forest Road 502 enters the restricted area and remains within the boundary for 1.75 miles, east to the junction of Forest Roads 502 and 708. Forest Road 708 enters the restricted area .25 miles west of the junction and remains in the boundary for just over 4 miles, northeast to a point where the road diverges from the creek. The "No camping" parameters do not cover the entire restricted area, but a majority thereof

CAMPING is prohibited within portions of the restricted area as follows:

Portion 1 - Camping is prohibited within ¼ mile on either side of Fossil Creek starting at the Fossil Creek Bridge in Township 12 North, Range 7 East, Section 29 (which also forms the boundary between the Coconino and Tonto national forests) and continuing upstream north east 3.6 miles to the Fossil Creek Dam site located in Section 14.

Portion 2 - Camping is prohibited within 100 ft on both sides of Fossil Creek at the Stehr Lake area in Township 11 N Range 7 E, Section 29 and continuing upstream North East 4 miles to the Fossil Creek Bridge in Township 12 N Range 7 E, Section 29 (which also forms the boundary between the Coconino and Tonto national forests).

CAMPFIRES and POSSESSING/USING VEHICLES OFF NFS ROADS are prohibited within the entire restricted area described above.

GLASS containers are prohibited within the entire restricted area described above.

PURPOSE:

This order is needed to protect unique riparian plant and wildlife resources, to protect the public and nearby communities from the threat of wildfires and to ensure public health and safety related to broken glass near and in the waters used for recreation.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until **July 10, 2016** or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
2. This Order rescinds, replaces and supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in that area addressed by Exhibit A.

Done at Flagstaff, Arizona this 10th day of July, 2014.


SCOTT RUSSELL
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Coconino National Forest


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Forest Supervisor
Tonto National Forest

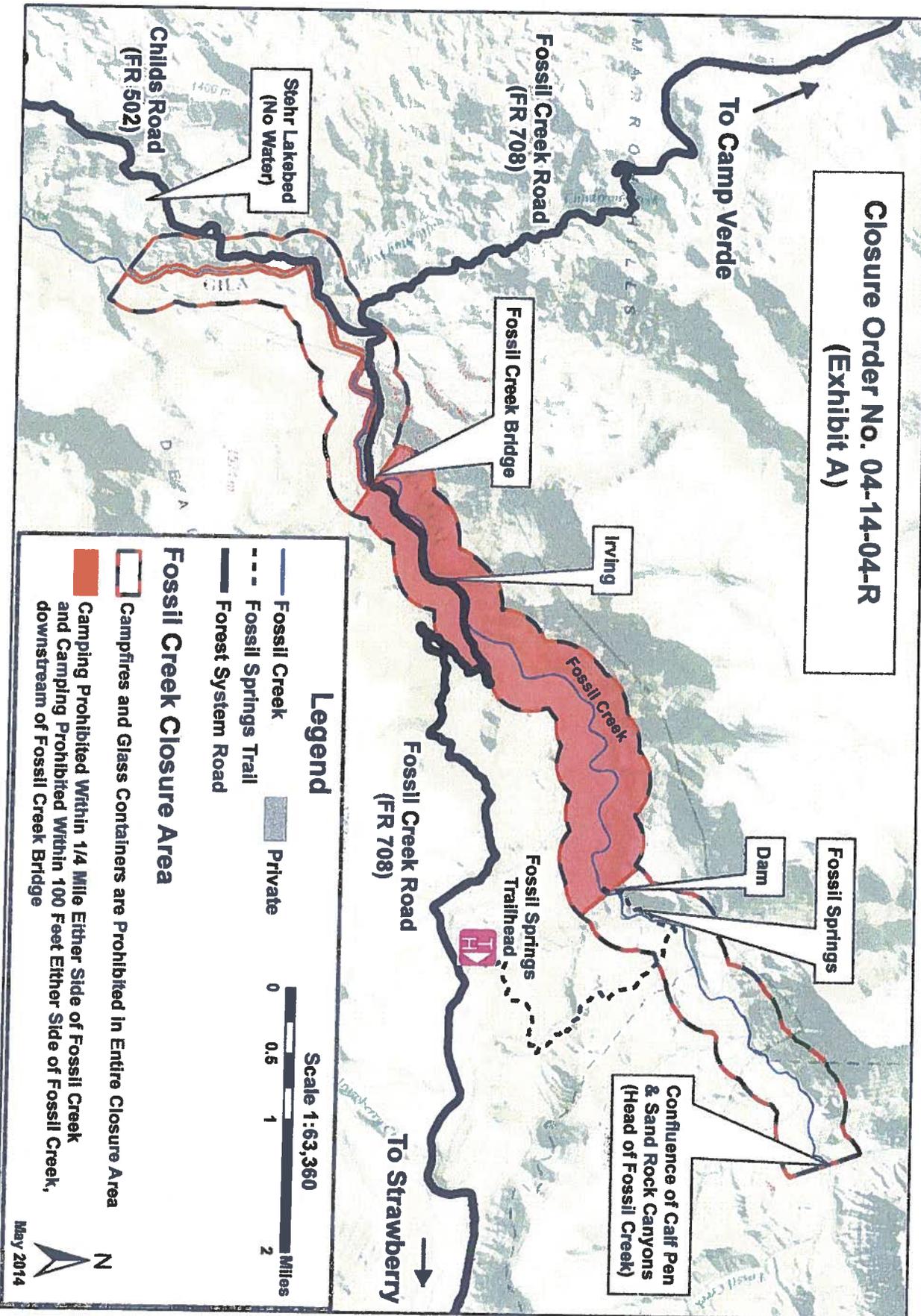
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Violation of this Order is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals, and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3885, Title 18 USC 3571, and Title 18 USC 3581].



CASE FILE
FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE FOSSIL CREEK AREA TO CAMPFIRES, DISPERSED CAMPING, AND GLASS CONTAINERS

Closure Order No. 04-14-04-R
(Exhibit A)



Legend

- Fossil Creek
- Fossil Springs Trail
- Forest System Road
- Fossil Creek Closure Area
- Campfires and Glass Containers are Prohibited in Entire Closure Area
- Camping Prohibited Within 1/4 Mile Either Side of Fossil Creek and Camping Prohibited Within 100 Feet Either Side of Fossil Creek, downstream of Fossil Creek Bridge
- Private

