



United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands
Sandia Ranger District

WILDERNESS OCCUPANCY REGULATIONS

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the Sandia Mountain Wilderness of the Cibola National Forest, Sandoval and Bernalillo Counties, State of New Mexico. The Sandia Mountain Wilderness is further depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A & B (the “restricted areas”).

1. Entering or being in the restricted area designated as “Transition” with a group of greater than 25 persons at one time (PAOT*). **36 CFR 261.57(a).**
2. Entering or being in the restricted area designated as “Semi-Primitive” with a group of greater than 10 persons at one time (PAOT*). **36 CFR 261.57(a).**

*Persons At One Time (PAOT) is defined as “an organized or loosely formed group of individuals taking a wilderness trip whereby the group usually, but not always, begins and ends the trip as one collected party.”

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order (including, but not limited to, the annual “La Luz Trail Run”, which is limited to 400 PAOT).
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

PURPOSE:

This Order is necessary for the protection and maintenance of “wilderness character” within the Sandia Mountain Wilderness per the Cibola National Forest Plan.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2016 or rescinded, whichever occurs first.

2. Any violation of this prohibition 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. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581]
3. This order supersedes, rescinds and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico this 19 day of September, 2014.



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EXHIBIT A

SANDIA MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS-GROUP SIZE LIMITS (MAP 1 of 2) - ORDER #

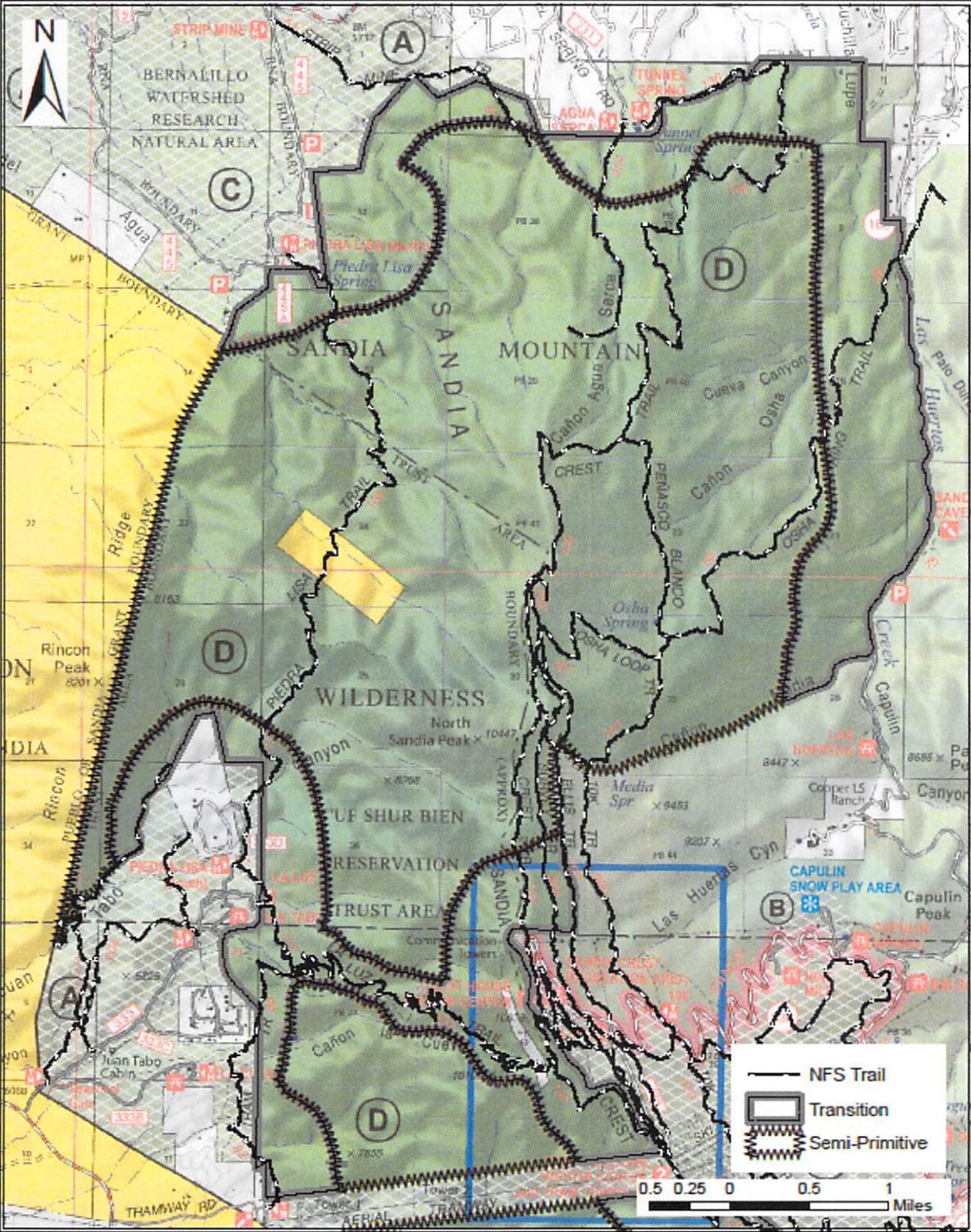


EXHIBIT B

SANDIA MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS-GROUP SIZE LIMITS (MAP 2 of 2) - ORDER #

