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APACHE CREEK LOOP #9904/9905/9906

GENERAL INFORMATION: The Apache Creek Loop is comprised of Graver Wash Trail #9904, Apache Creek Trail #9905, Upper Graver Wash Trail #9906, and a portion of FR 95A. The loop begins at TR 9904, which travels north through pinyon-juniper woodland. Here, as well as farther along the loop, are some extraordinary alligator junipers that are centuries old and several feet in diameter. The rugged silhouette of Juniper Mesa comes in and out of view as the trail traverses a series of gentle hills. After crossing Apache Creek, TR 9904 and TR 9905 junction in a wide-open meadow studded with shade trees. TR 9905 proceeds southwest across the creek and then climbs several sandy hills flanked on either side by higher terrain. This portion of the loop weaves in and out of the creek bed, which is home to a diverse riparian plant community. The lush vegetation and availability of water, along with the overall remoteness of the area, support plenty of wildlife, including deer, jackrabbits, mountain lions, and bears. TR 9905 meets TR 9906 a couple hundred meters past an old corral alongside a grassy floodplain ringed by ponderosa pine forest. From here TR 9906 begins uphill, traveling southwest along a significant drainage. The southern end of this trail provides an interesting look at fire history. Charred snags stand over a blanket of shrubs that have begun to reclaim the burned area. TR 9906 ends at FR 95A, which provides a route back to TR 9904.

CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers and horseback riders. Please be considerate of others—
slow down and know when to yield the trail.

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: From the intersection of Hwy 89 and Outer Loop Road, take Outer Loop Road for 6 miles to Williamson Valley Road (also County Road 5). Turn right and continue on Williamson Valley Road for 27 miles to County Road 125. Turn left and travel 1.7 miles to the junction of Forest Road 95. Turn left onto FR 95 and go 1.2 miles to FR 95A, on the right. Turn onto FR 95A and go 1.2 miles to the trailhead for TR 9904 on the right (you will pass through a stretch gate). There is no defined parking at the trailhead. You may wish to stop at the gate and walk 0.2 miles to the trailhead.

TRAVEL TIME: 1 hour from Chino Valley

ROAD CONDITIONS: High clearance 4x4 is recommended on FR 95A.

HIKING TIME: 3 hours, round-trip **LENGTH:** 6.1 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Light

NOTES: Portions of TR 9905 lie within the Apache Creek Wilderness. Motor vehicles and the use of any mechanized equipment, including bicycles, are prohibited. Wilderness is an important resource and national heritage—please, leave no trace. There may sometimes be water in Apache Creek but it has not been tested for quality.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, west half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Camp Wood, Indian Peak, and Juniper Mountains, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Apache Creek Juniper Mesa

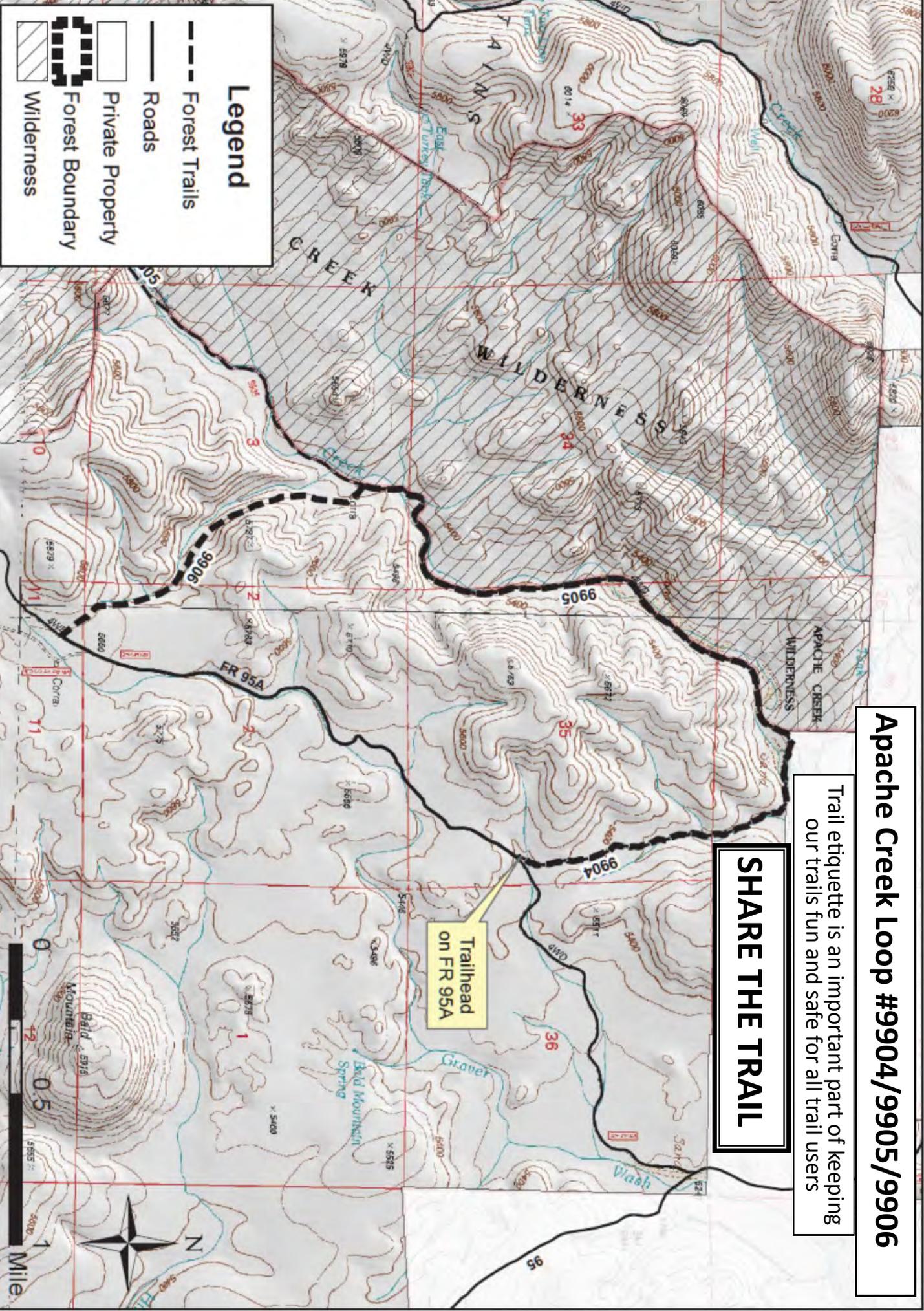
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