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HENDERSON TRAIL #53

GENERAL INFORMATION: Henderson Trail #53 is used mainly for horseback access to the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness. Hikers entering the canyon usually drive to the junction of TR 53 and Sycamore Basin Trail #63 using Forest Road 181. Horseback riders, however, usually start their journey into the canyon at Henderson Flat where both corrals and water for horses are available. There is also water for horses at Sycamore Tank, about 0.5 miles south of the junction with TR 63. TR 53 is a relatively level trail that travels below the red rock cliffs of Sycamore Canyon. The lower third of the trail is the most scenic.

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

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: From Chino Valley take Perkinsville Road approximately 26 miles to FR 181. Take FR 181 east about 7.5 miles to Henderson Flat and the trailhead for TR 53. Hikers can continue to drive east on FR 181 (high clearance vehicles only) for 5 miles to where the road ends at the Wilderness boundary and the junction with TR 63. Taking horses by trailer on FR 181 any farther than Henderson Flat is not recommended.

TRAVEL TIME: 1 hour from Chino Valley

ROAD CONDITIONS: Dirt, but suitable for all vehicles as far as Henderson Flat.

HIKING TIME: 2 hours, one-way **LENGTH:** 4.4 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Easy **USE:** Light

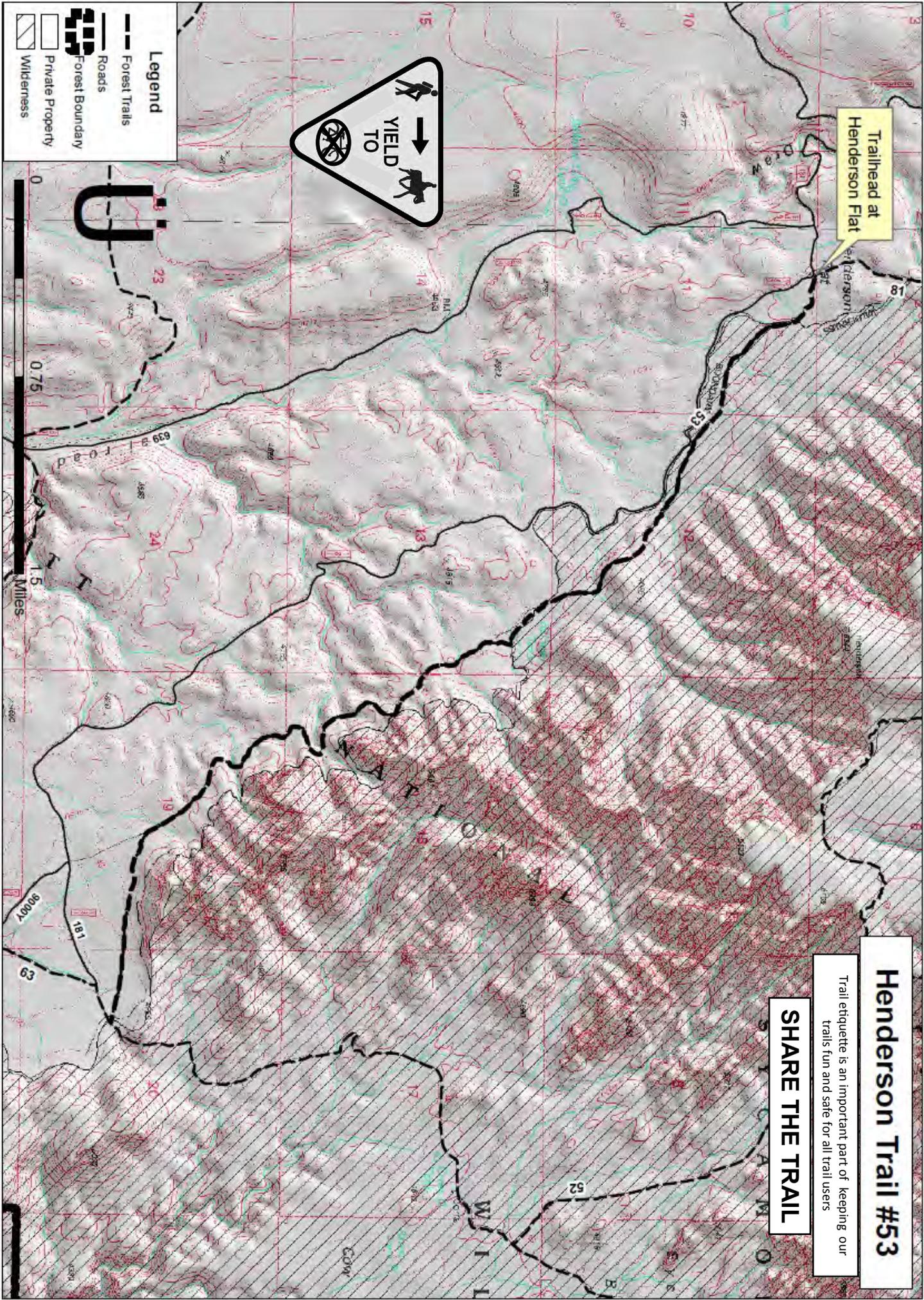
NOTES: Portions of this trail lie within the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness where motor vehicles and the use of any mechanized equipment, including bicycles, are prohibited. Wilderness is an important resource and national heritage—please, leave no trace. No drinking water is available along the trail, and summer travelers should prepare for hot, dry conditions.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall, winter

MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, east half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Sycamore Basin, U.S.F.S. Sycamore Canyon Wilderness map, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Sycamore Canyon Verde Valley.



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