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WOODCHUTE TRAIL #102

GENERAL INFORMATION: Woodchute Trail #102 was established along what was once a bulldozer track on the south side of Woodchute Mountain. The bulldozer was used to create several watering tanks for cattle. The ponderosa pine forest along the trail is all second growth. The original forest was cut down when the copper mines at Jerome were in operation and loggers came to this mountain to harvest shoring timbers for the mines. They transported the logs by way of a chute extending down the north side of the mountain to loading platforms for the narrow gauge railroad that served Jerome. It is from this chute that the mountain and trail take their name. The narrow gauge railroad is now Forest Road 318, which marks the end of TR 102.

There are splendid views in all directions from the top of Woodchute Mountain. From the south trailhead, it is a fairly easy 2.3 mile climb to the summit, with an elevation gain of only 600 feet. The elevation difference between the summit and the north trailhead, however, is over 2,000 feet. There are some steep switchbacks on this side.

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 junction of Hwy 89/89A near Chino Valley, travel 18.8 miles on Hwy 89A to the Mingus Summit. Turn left onto FR 106 and go 1 mile to the intersection with FR 106D and the trailhead, on the right. Parking is good.

To access the north trailhead from Hwy 89, travel east on Perkinsville Road (also County Road 70) 6.4 miles to its junction with FR 318A. Turn right onto FR 318A and continue 11.6 miles to the trailhead, on the right.

TRAVEL TIME: 30 minutes from Chino Valley

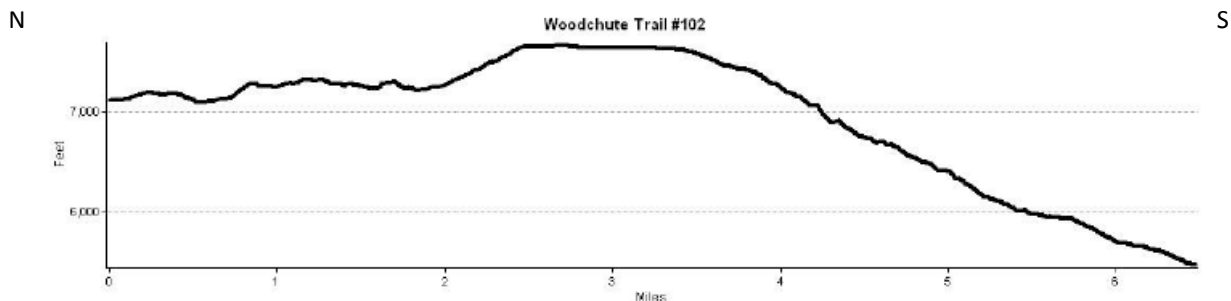
ROAD CONDITIONS: Suitable for most vehicles in fair weather.

HIKING TIME: 4-5 hours, one-way **LENGTH:** 6.9 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Difficult **USE:** Moderate

NOTES: This trail is within the Woodchute 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 is no drinking water available at the trailhead, or on trail.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

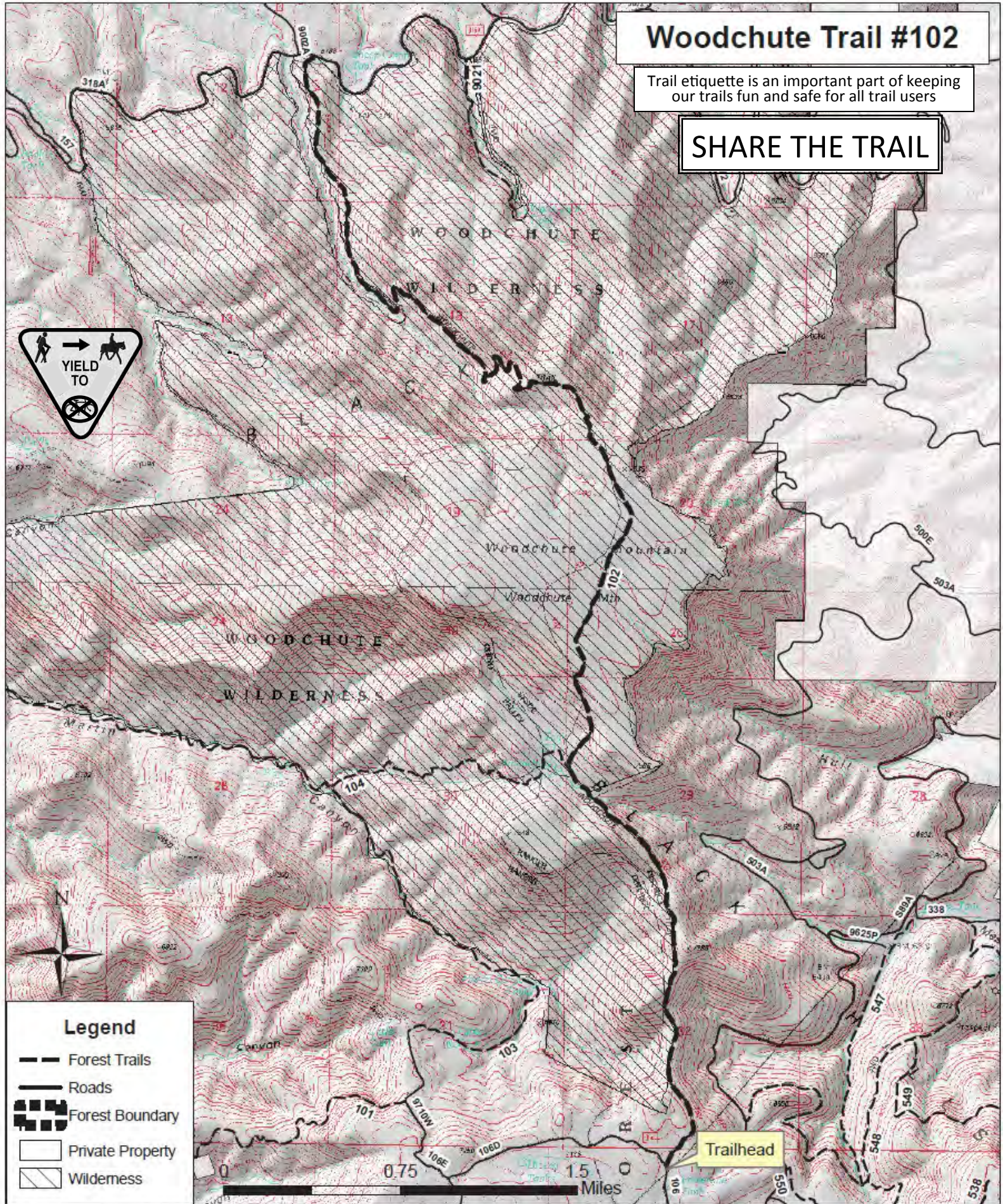
MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, east half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Munds Draw and Hickey Mountain, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Apache Creek Juniper Mesa.



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