



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST
MT. TAYLOR RANGER DISTRICT
FOREST DEVELOPMENT ROADS**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b) and 16 USC 551, the following acts are prohibited on the area and roads as described in this Order and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A (the "restricted area"), within the Mt. Taylor Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, State of New Mexico:

1. Possessing or using a vehicle off forest development roads in the restricted area. **36 CFR 261.56**
2. Using any motorized vehicle on the forest development roads or segments listed below as closed. **36 CFR 261.54(a)**

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Owners of lessees of land in the area only for the purposes of ingress and egress and use of fee or leasehold interest.
4. Residents in the area for purposes of ingress and egress and use of fee or leasehold interest.
5. Persons using motor vehicles within 30 feet on each side of Forest Roads 400, 191, 418, and 50.

RESTRICTED AREA:

1. Forest Road 166 and all associated spur roads inside of the restricted area as shown on the attached map.
2. Forest Road 164 and all associated spur roads inside of the restricted area as shown on the attached map.
3. Forest Road 503 and all associated spur roads inside of the restricted area as shown on the attached map.
4. Forest Road 496 and all associated spur roads inside of the restricted area as shown on the attached map.

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5. Forest road 162 and all associated spur roads inside of the restricted area as shown on the attached map.
6. Forest Road 151 and all associated spur roads inside of the restricted area as shown on the attached map.
7. Forest Road 402 and all associated spur roads inside of the restricted area as shown on the attached map.
8. Forest Road 481 and all associated spur roads inside of the restricted area as shown on the attached map.
9. Forest Road 152 and all associated spur roads inside of the restricted area as shown on the attached map.
10. Forest Road 547 and all associated spur roads inside of the restricted area as shown on the attached map.
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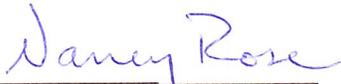
PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to protect resources, wildlife habitat and to provide for public health and safety because of the effect of winter weather on the road surfaces.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order is effective from December 15, 2011 to March 31, 2012 and December 15, 2012 to March 31, 2013, unless otherwise rescinded.
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 organization or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [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 the Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 31st day of March, 2011.


NANCY ROSE
Forest Supervisor
Cibola National Forest

Needs & Assessments & Enforcement Plan

Background

The areas listed within closure order 03-0376 have been closed under various closure orders since the mid 1990's. The closure orders were placed to protect wildlife habitat during the winter and protect natural resources from being damaged from road use. Road use and resource damage during the time frames listed in the closure order have been documented in the past and because of the native road surface material it is in the best interest of protecting natural resources that the closure is instituted.

This closure is categorically excluded under FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30, Section 31.12: Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety.

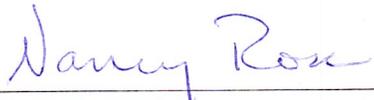
Intent of Subpart B order

The intent of this order is to protect wildlife and it's habitat during a key portion of it's life cycle after fall and winter hunts and to protect natural resources by keeping the area closed seasonally until the specified time period when road travel can be negotiated safely without damaging natural resources.

Enforcement

Articles have been in the Cibola/Grants Beacon and Gallup Independent concerning these closure orders. The closure order will be posted on the information boards going into the areas. The Forest Service Law Enforcement along with Cibola and McKinley County Sheriff Departments currently patrols the area and this will continue, even after the area is reopened. District personnel will continue to go to these areas ensuring the public is aware the area is closed and when it reopens.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	District Ranger	Done
Review proposed order	OGC/Patrol Captain/Regional LEI	Done
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	Ongoing
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Ranger and staff	Ongoing
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District Ranger	Ongoing
Describe implementation/action taken for order, patrols, contacts to local public agencies. Implement plan.	District Ranger	Ongoing

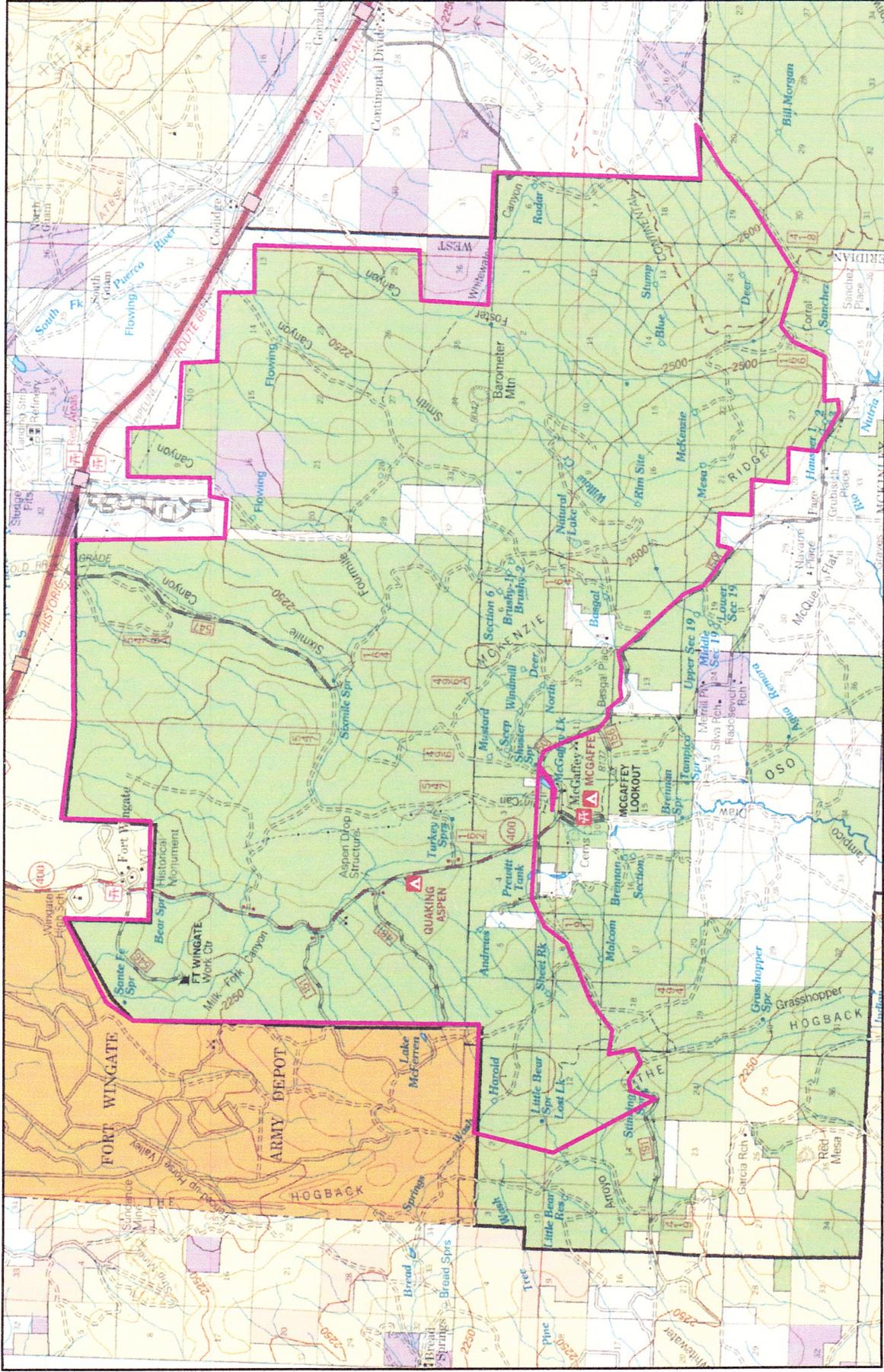


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Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest

March 31, 2011

Date

Road/Area Closure Map for Habitat Protection Area - Order 3-0376



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Legend

- HPA area

All roads within this area on forest land are closed Dec 15- Mar 31