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You have been issued a permit to use one or more of the OHV areas on the Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District. The following rules will apply to the use in these areas.

1. **This permit must be in your possession at all times while in the OHV areas.** If a Forest Service Officer asks for a permit and it is not in your possession, your permit and any companion permits will be revoked for a full year and you can be cited for failure to have a permit for access.
2. Every Vehicle operator in the Bulldog OHV area must have a Bulldog Permit or Companion permit in their name. Companion permits are issued only for those persons residing with you at your household address.
3. **Travel only on designated routes.** These may be marked with brown fiberglass vertical route markers with white route numbers. These markers are located along the designated routes and at route intersections.
4. **Traveling off designated routes or on routes which are not marked with a horizontal marker is unauthorized.** Regardless if you are traveling on a previously used road or trail, being on an illegal route will result in a fine and termination of your OHV permit. Reinstatement will be a full twelve months from the revocation of your permit.
5. Traveling off signed roads is prohibited under Tonto Forest Order 12-82. Violations of these provisions are punishable by fine of not more than \$5000 and/or (6) months imprisonment. TITLE 16 USC, SECTION 551
6. **No recreational target shooting is permitted** in most of the OHV areas. The Bulldog area is closed to all Target Shooting and Paint Balling. Hunting is permitted in accordance with Arizona State Fish and Game hunting regulations during regular hunting seasons with a valid hunting license.
7. **All gates are to remain closed at all times** except when you are passing through them. It is your responsibility to remember to relock entrance gates after using them. Do not allow other individuals or groups to pass through the gates after you have gone through unless they have a Bulldog permit in their possession.
8. Help us to keep this area open for OHV use. Please report any illegal dumping, unpermitted entry, or other illegal activity to the Forest Service at 480-610-3300 or Maricopa County Sheriff's Department. Damage or vandalism to gates or fences needs to be reported promptly to the Mesa Ranger District at 480-610-3300.
9. This permit is not transferable to any other person. **Sharing combinations or access with non-permitted individuals is a violation of your permit.**
10. Remember to "tread lightly"

Use of the OHV areas is a privilege that you want to protect. Enjoy your visit to the areas.

Sincerely,

ROCKY GILBERT  
District Ranger





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Bulldog Canyon Users:

The Bulldog Canyon Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Management Area, located within the Mesa Ranger District is being heavily impacted in a number of ways. Although the gate combination permit system has worked fairly well in the past, recently, there have been a number of incidents where a gate has either been left open or locks have been severed to allow illegal entry. This has resulted in dumping of various materials and debris. Roads that have been closed due to soil erosion and damage to the natural vegetation are beginning to be re-opened, thus spreading vehicle use to areas outside the established systems roads.

We need your help! There are a few simple things that you as a user of this area can do to help us. **First, bring your permit and the combination with you each time you visit the area.** If the lock combinations have been changed while you are inside the fenced off zones, this will allow you to have the new combinations readily available. **Next, always close and lock the gate after entering and exiting the area.** When the gate is closed but the lock is left un-engaged it offers the opportunity of illegal dumpers. **Finally, keep your eyes open for dumpers and individuals or groups who are utilizing non-system roads that have been closed.** Please do not take it upon yourself to contact such groups. If you are able to write down a vehicle description, license number, and date and time sighted and then call that information into our office that would be extremely helpful.

Please understand; if these problems continue it could affect everyone who enjoys this area, as I would have to consider a more restrictive permit system. Let's all work together to stop this illegal use. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Mesa Ranger District at (480)610-3300.

Sincerely,

ROCKY GILBERT  
District Ranger



# TONTO National Forest



Recreation  
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OFF HIGHWAY TOURING

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## BULLDOG CANYON OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AREA

### RANGER DISTRICT

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### RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Picnicking, camping, and hunting

### SEASON OF USE

All year

### FEES

Obtain a free six month permit, for 5 people, from the district ranger office prior to entry into Bulldog Canyon. It is locked, and you need a permit for the lock combination.

### USGS MAPS

Apache Junction-Stewart Mountain

### OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AREA

#### ACCESS

**Access #1- Forest Road (FR) 10, north entrance:** This access point is reached through the Lower Salt River Recreation Area. From Mesa: Travel east for 7 miles on the Superstition Freeway (US 60) to Power Road/ Bush Hwy/Forest Road (FR) 204 and turn north. Follow Bush Hwy. for approximately 13 miles to the FR 10 junction with FR 204 west of the bridge at Blue Point Recreation Site.

**Access #2- Forest Road (FR) 3554, west entrance:** This entrance is  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile north of Usery Pass Country Park. From Mesa, travel east 10 miles on the Superstition Freeway (US 60) to the Ellsworth exit. Follow Ellsworth approximately 8 miles to Forest Road (FR) 3554 and turn right.

**Access #3- Forest Road (FR) 10, south entrance:** This access point is reached from Apache Junction. From Mesa: Travel 15 miles east on the Superstition Freeway (US 60) to the Idaho Street exit. Follow Idaho Street north  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles to McKellips. Turn right on McKellips and travel  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to the Wolverine Pass Road and turn left. Follow it for  $\frac{7}{8}$  mile and turn right on Tonto Road. Travel north on Tonto Road for  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile to Cactus and turn left. Follow Cactus to McDowell Road and follow it to FR 10 gate.

### ATTRACTIONS

Road passes through the Goldfield Mountains and parts of the Sonoran Desert.

### CONSIDERATIONS

- Operate vehicles only on roads designated as open by brown fiberglass vertical markers. All roads and routes other than FR 10 and FR 12, 1356, 3512, 3556, and 3554 are closed to motorized travel.
- The area south of Bush Highway (approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile) in the Lower Salt River Recreation Area is closed to camping and target shooting. Glass containers are prohibited.
- Road conditions are **primitive** in some areas, and require 4-wheel-drive.
- Road length: FR 10 is 7 miles long.
- FR 3554 is 4 miles long.
- Practice "Leave No Trace" ethics: **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Carry an adequate supply of drinking water.
- Please help us care for this fragile environment by ensuring that all fires are "dead out."

## **Bulldog Canyon Off-Highway-Vehicle Area Fact Sheet**

### **Designated Routes:**

These are the travel ways on which motorized use is permitted. There are five designated routes in the Bulldog Canyon OHV Area, route **10, 12, 1356, 3512, 3554**. These routes were chosen to provide access to the area and allows for a primitive road driving experience.

### **Side Roads:**

All side roads leaving the above listed roads are closed to motorized use even if there is not a sign indicating that the road is closed.

### **Pullouts:**

There are many areas where vehicles can be parked adjacent to the designated routes. This use is permitted to prevent blocking of the designated routes. Driving down a side road to park is not considered parking adjacent to the designated route and is not allowed

### **Hunting:**

The Bulldog Canyon OHV Area is open to hunting subject to State of Arizona laws. Access to hunting by motorized vehicles will be limited to the designated routes.

### **Target Shooting:**

Target shooting is NOT ALLOWED in the Bulldog Canyon OHV Area.

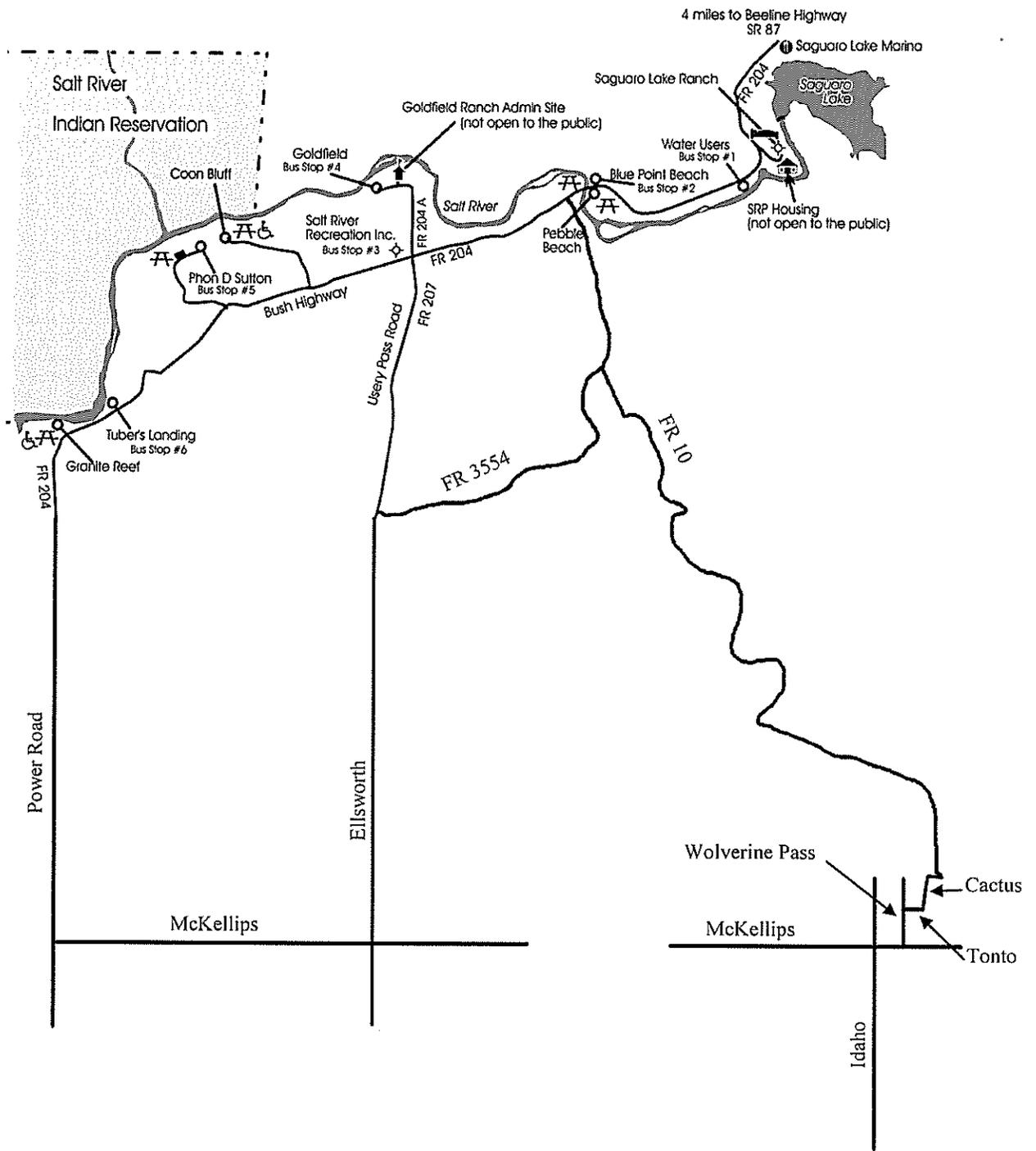
### **Camping:**

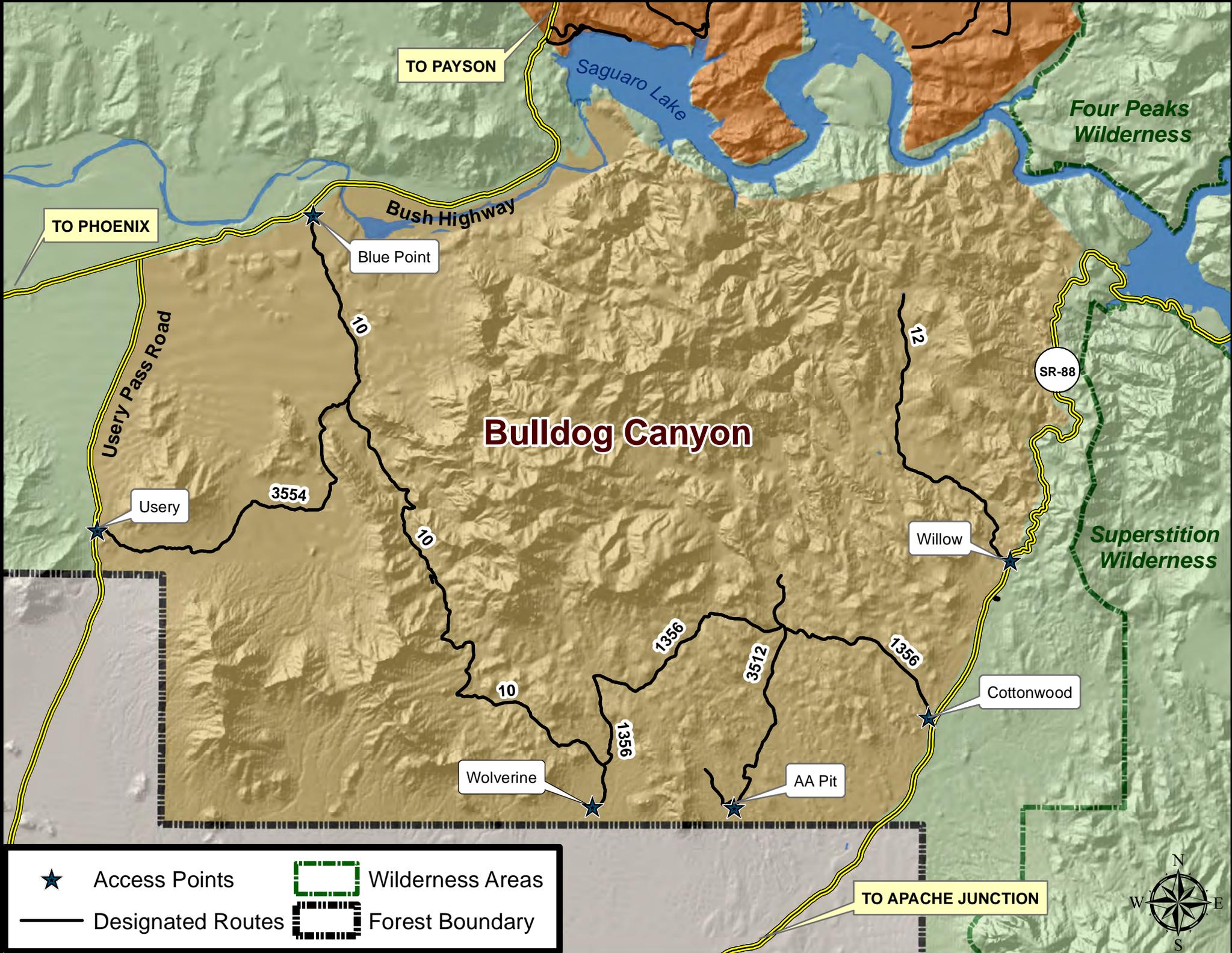
Camping is allowed in Bulldog Canyon OHV Area except for that portion which is within the Lower Salt River Recreation Area, shown on the permit map. Vehicles will need to remain in the pullout areas adjacent to the designated routes while you are camping.

### **Lower Salt River Recreation Area:**

The northern edge of the Bulldog Canyon OHV Area is within the L.S.R.R.A. and in addition to the restrictions outlined on your permit letter; the following restrictions apply to this area:

1. Glass containers are prohibited.
2. Day use only. Over night camping is not allowed
3. Target shooting is prohibited
4. Dogs must be crated, caged or upon a leash not longer than six feet, or otherwise under physical restrictive control.





TO PAYSON

TO PHOENIX

Four Peaks Wilderness

Bush Highway

Blue Point

# Bulldog Canyon

Usery Pass Road

Usery

3554

Willow

SR-88

Superstition Wilderness

Cottonwood

Wolverine

AA Pit

TO APACHE JUNCTION

★ Access Points

— Designated Routes

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