



Coconino National Forest

Travel Management Guide & Helpful Information



Did You Know....

The rules for vehicle travel across National Forests have changed

The Travel Management Rule was implemented on the Coconino National Forest in May 2012. This was a federal rule that required all national forests and grasslands to designate a system of roads, trails and areas for motorized use, and to prohibit all motor vehicle use off the designated system.

Travel Management will help us balance the public's enjoyment of motorized travel with the best possible care of the land and its precious resources.

Forest planners undertook a lengthy process to determine what roads were most important to the various user groups, what areas were most in need of protection and what members of the public had to say.

Motor Vehicle Use Maps indicate what roads are open to motor vehicle travel. Maps are available at Coconino National Forest offices and on the Coconino National Forest's Travel Management Rule web site at <http://go.usa.gov/PEB>. (This Web address is cases-sensitive, so please enter exactly as shown).



You Can Still Get There...



Under the new system, visitors can still drive on most of the same roads they had previously.

Certain roads have been closed to address specific resource concerns, but almost all of the main forest roads are still open to motorized vehicle use.

In designated Camping Corridors, motorists may drive and park up to 300 feet off the road, and in all other areas motorists can drive and park up to 30 feet from the side of the road.

The Camping Corridors are on the Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), which is the key to understanding the forest transportation system and can be used in conjunction with the Coconino National Forest visitor map.

Use the MVUM to determine what roads are open and how far you are allowed to drive off of the road.

Get the MVUM on your smartphone, tablet or Garmin! Scan the QR Code to see how!



What You Need To Know...

👉 These new rules only affect motor vehicle use. They **DO NOT** restrict hiking, biking, horseback riding or other non-motorized activities.

👉 Driving off of designated roads is no longer allowed except where identified on the MVUM for camping, elk retrieval and under federal permit. Unless otherwise specified, motorists can park up to 30 feet from the side of the road.

👉 Camping Corridors have been designated to allow forest users to drive up to 300 feet off-road to access camping spots. Use the free Motor Vehicle Use Map to locate these corridors.

👉 Even though all roads are numbered in the Forest, only “open” roads appear on the Motor Vehicle Use Map.

👉 Arizona State law applies to all maintained roads on the forest. For additional information, visit:
www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/off_highway.shtml.

👉 Cinder Hills OHV Area is the one area on the Forest where unrestricted cross-country travel is allowed.

👉 Hunters can drive off the road in Game Management Units 6A, 6B, 7E, 7W, and 8 to retrieve a legally killed elk.

👉 Driving off road or off the designated road system is a violation that could result in a ticket.

👉 Rules for gathering fuelwood are handled through fuelwood permits. Check the map that accompanies the permit.

👉 It is your responsibility to ensure you are driving on a designated road. Use the free Motor Vehicle Use Map to determine whether your route is a designated route.



Common Questions & Answers...

1. What is Travel Management?

The Travel Management Rule (TMR) is a federal regulation that all National Forests and Grasslands are required to implement. The Travel Management Rule limits motorized use to designated roads, trails, and areas.

2. What routes and areas can I drive or ride an ATV/motorcycle on?

The roads, trails and areas open to motor vehicle use will be displayed on a free Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) available at all Coconino National Forest (CNF) offices. Visitors will be responsible for carrying this map to inform them of the designated system. The MVUM will contain a table with all the road numbers of roads open for motorized travel.

- Roads and trails not on the MVUM are closed to public motorized use.
- Travel off of the designated road system is prohibited, except as identified on the MVUM.
- The MVUM can be updated annually to make adjustments and fix errors.

3. Am I allowed to go off-road to gather fuelwood?

Yes. Off-road motorized use for fuelwood collection would continue to be authorized under a fuelwood collection permit. Off-road motorized use is subject to the terms in the permit, which include:

- Driving off-road is allowed for cutting and loading wood,
- Driving off-road to scout for wood is not allowed,
- The most direct route should be used to cut and load wood from the nearest designated route.

4. Why is Motorized Big Game Retrieval (MBGR) only allowed for elk? Why not for deer?

MBGR was the most polarizing and controversial topic during the public comment period. In an effort to provide a compromise on the topic, MBGR was included for elk only. This was based on several different things:

- Consideration of all the public input received,
- Coordination with the Arizona Game and Fish Department,
- Consideration of the ability to pack an animal out (elk posed the greatest challenge),
- The need to reduce the impacts from off-road motorized use,
- The need to meet management objectives outlined in the Forest Plan.

5. Can I still car camp?

Yes. However, driving off-road to camp is limited to roadside parking along all open system roads (as displayed on the MVUM), or in designated camping corridors (as displayed on the MVUM).

6. I found an error on your map. How do I provide comments and updates?

If you discover errors on the MVUM, please provide your comments via our public web site at <http://go.usa.gov/Qww>, or contact us by phone or e-mail using the information below in “Who to Contact...”. If you would like more information about TMR and want to download the MVUM, please visit the TMR web site at <http://go.usa.gov/PEB>. (Web addresses are case-sensitive, so please enter exactly as shown)

7. Will Forest Roads that are currently closed ever open up again?

The Travel Management Rule implemented in May is only a start. Forest Roads that are currently closed may be designated as “open” in the future—or vice versa—depending on public input and comments, the need to meet resource objectives, and manage travel more efficiently.



Who to Contact...

Coconino National Forest
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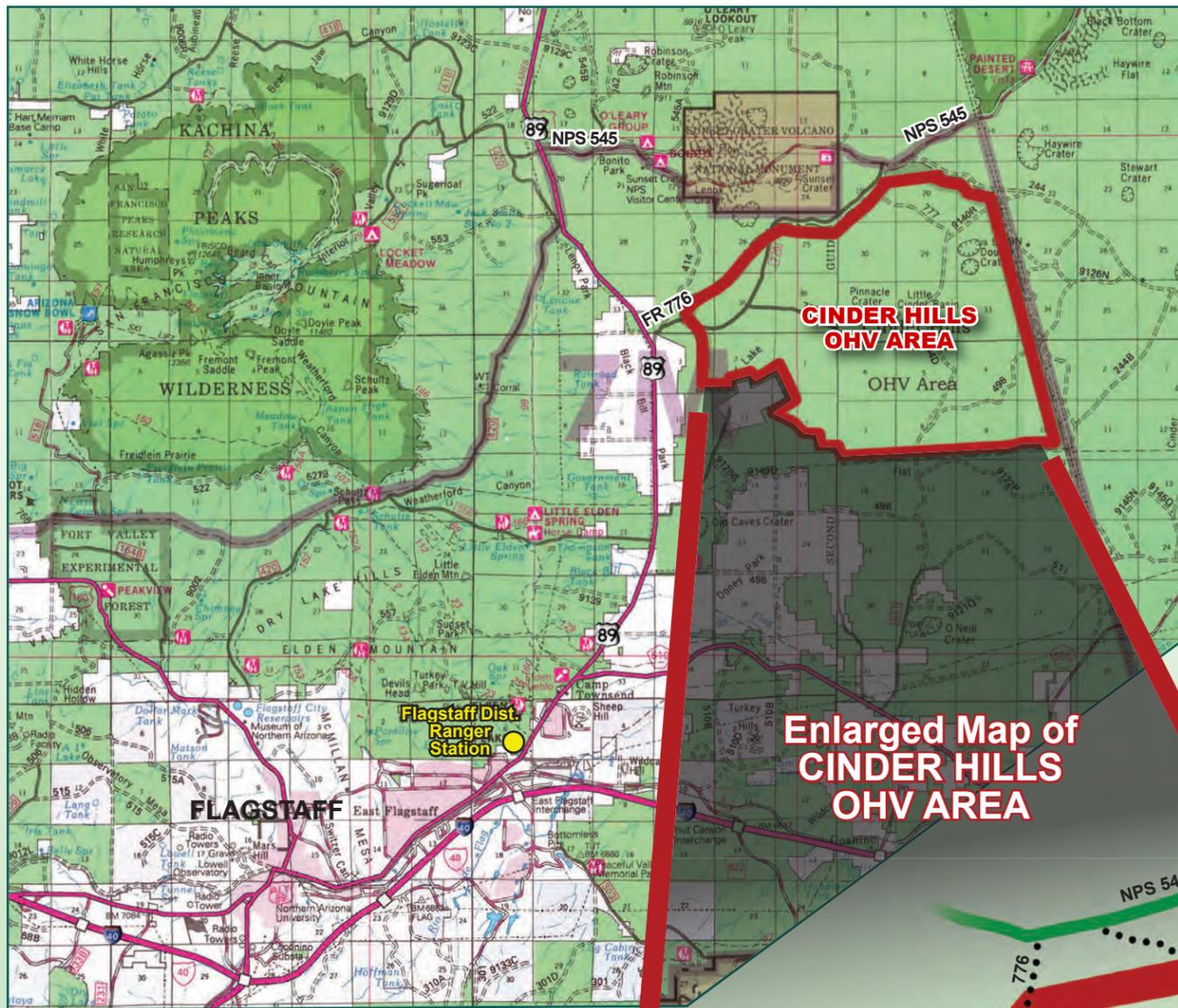
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I Just Wanna Ride...

Motorized travel enthusiasts have many options for recreation on National Forest System lands. There are more than 3,000 miles of forest roads open to motorized travel. These roads range from well-maintained passenger car roads to rough high-clearance vehicle roads. In addition, there are some routes and areas designated specifically for motorized recreation, and you can find information about these areas on the Motor Vehicle Use Map web pages of the Coconino National Forest web site at <http://go.usa.gov/PEa>. One of the areas that is popular for uninhibited cross-country recreation is the Cinder Hills OHV Area...

Ride Without Roads At Cinder Hills!

In this 13,700-acre area, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts can ride on developed routes or drive cross country. The area is located 7 miles northeast of Flagstaff off of US Highway 89, on Forest Road 776. You may also access the area from Forest Road 545. Cinder Hills OHV Area is located in the ponderosa pine forest surrounded by numerous volcanic cinder cones and craters. The area is open year-round. After riding/driving, recreationists can relax or visit nearby recreation sites: Bonito Campground, Sunset Crater and Wupatki National Monuments. All of these sites can be accessed six miles farther north on Highway 89. Contact the Flagstaff Ranger Station for more information at (928) 526-0866.

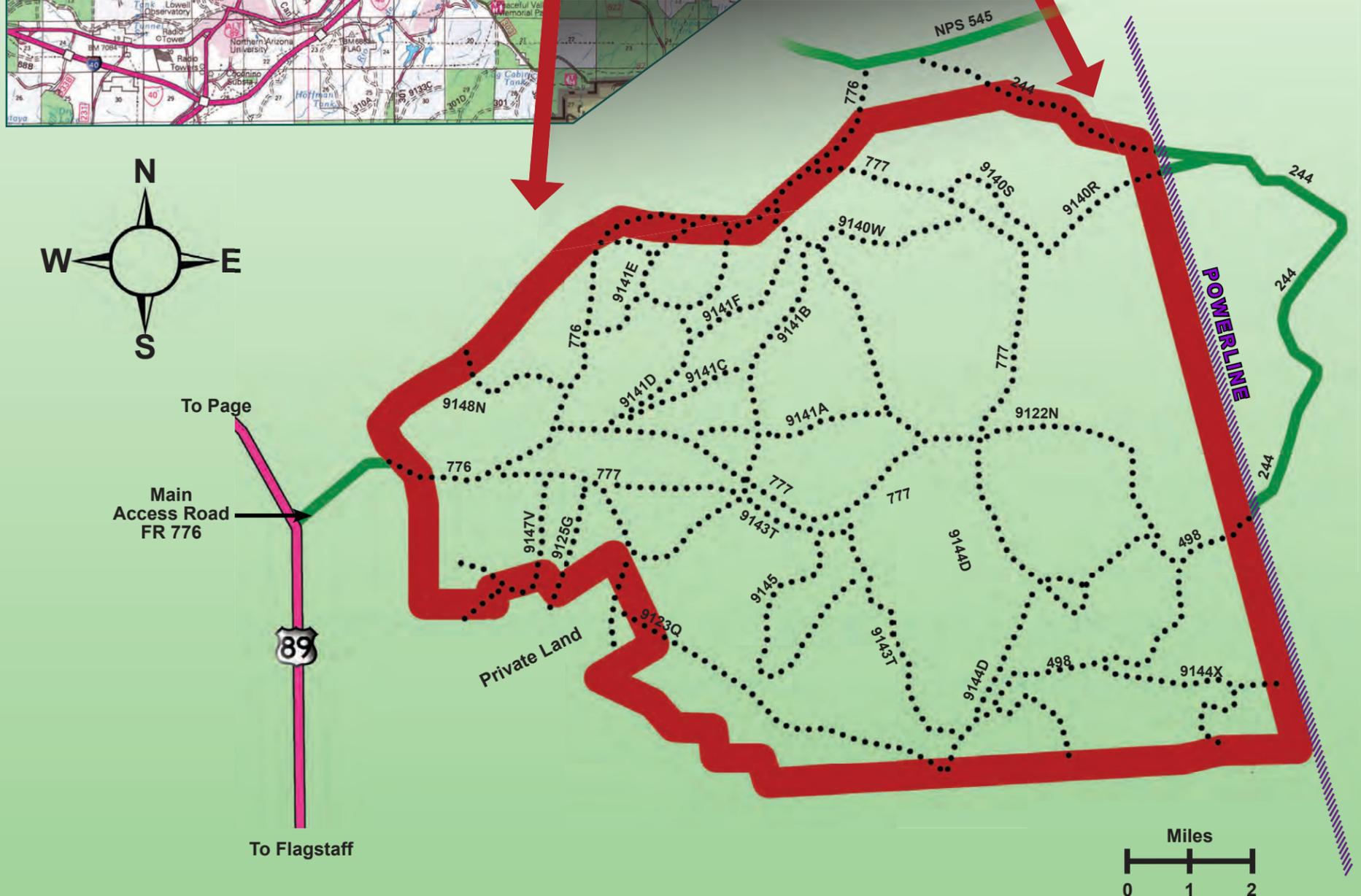


DIRECTIONS:

From the Flagstaff District Ranger Station, take Highway 89 North toward Page for approximately 8 miles. Forest Road 776 will be on your right, which leads into the Cinder Hills OHV Area.

You may also access the area by using NPS 545, which is approximately 3.5 miles further north on Highway 89 from the Forest Road 776 turnoff. NPS 545 goes through Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument and leads you to the northern most point of the OHV Area.

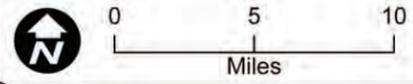
Enlarged Map of CINDER HILLS OHV AREA



Off-Road Elk Retrieval Areas

Off-road Elk Retrieval Areas Coconino National Forest

-  Towns
-  National Forest boundary
-  Hunt unit boundary
-  Motorized off-road elk retrieval permitted
- Major public roads**
-  Interstate highway
-  Federal or State highway
-  Other public road



This map depicts areas where motorized off-road elk retrieval is permitted.

When an elk has been legally taken within Arizona Game and Fish Department hunt units 6A, 6B, 7E, 7W, or 8, the individual who legally took the elk may drive, or be driven to, the downed animal. Under no circumstances may a second vehicle be used to retrieve the elk.

The vehicle driven to the elk should be of sufficient capacity that only one trip is necessary. The number of individuals who participate in the retrieval is limited only by the vehicle's capacity, and the willingness of other to walk to and from the downed elk.

The vehicle used to retrieve the elk may be operated on Coconino National Forest non-wilderness lands that are not subject to other off-road driving restrictions, and that are within Arizona Game and Fish Department hunt units 6A, 6B, 7E, 7W, or 8, and that are within 1 mile of roads designated for public motorized use on the Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM).

Motor vehicle use off designated MVUM roads is not permitted for retrieval of any species other than elk. Motor vehicle use off designated MVUM roads is not permitted for retrieval of any species, including elk, in Arizona Game and Fish Department hunt units 5A, 5BS, 5BN, or 11M.

In addition to the published MVUM, there are several other options for viewing or using the MVUM:

- View or download a copy of the MVUM using your computer.
- Download a copy of the MVUM to your smartphone or tablet (both Android and iOS are supported), and use it as a live, navigational aid when travelling on MVUM-designated routes.
- Download a representation of the MVUM to your Garmin GPS receiver, and use it as a live, navigational aid when travelling on MVUM-designated routes.

For more details, go to <http://go.usa.gov/PEa>, or scan this code with your smartphone or tablet's QR code scanner.

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