

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST
SANTA CATALINA RANGER DISTRICT**

TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) the following acts are prohibited in the area described in this order, and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A (the "restricted area"), all within the Santa Catalina Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, Pima County, Arizona:

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Enter beyond 400 feet off designated Forest Service trails in the restricted area from January 1 through April 30 (36 C.F.R. 261.53a).
2. Bring in, possess, or allow dogs, except seeing-eye dogs or handi-dogs, in the restricted area at any time during the year (36 C.F.R. 261.58s).
3. Use a campsite or other area in the restricted area by more than a maximum day use group-size of fifteen (15) individuals and a maximum overnight group-size of six individuals at any time during the year (36 C.F.R. 261.58f).

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 otherwise 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.

RESTRICTED AREA DESCRIBED:

This order effects Occupancy and Use of the Pusch Ridge Wilderness Bighorn Sheep Management Area described herein as encompassing:

1. 12S, R14E all or portions of sections 1, 2, 9, 10, 19, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 35, and 36; T12 S, R15E, all or portions of sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20; T11S, R14E all or portions of sections 25, 35, and 36; and T11S, R15 portions of sections 31 and 32.
2. This management area is contained within the Pusch Ridge Wilderness and Coronado National Forest and is further described by the following boundaries:
 - a. The western portion of the Pusch Ridge Wilderness along the south boundary to its intersections with the Ventana Canyon Trail # 98 and west and north to the wilderness boundary intersection with the Sutherland Wash Trail #6
 - b. The north and east boundary are along Sutherland Wash Trail #6 to a point 8.0 miles from the trail's beginning in Catalina State Park, thence south along the ridge line to a junction with the Romero Trail #8, thence east on Romero Trail 1.0 miles to its junction with the West Fork Trail, then south to the West Fork Trail #24 junction with Cathedral Rock Trail #26, thence southwest on Cathedral Rock Trail to its junction with Esperero Trail # 25 to its junction with Ventana Canyon Trail #98, thence south on Ventana Canyon Trail to its intersection with the Pusch Ridge wilderness boundary.

- c. **Boundary trails on the north and east sides of the management area are closed to dogs except as specified in Prohibition #2.**
- d. **National Forest system trails within the closure order area are Pima Canyon, Finger Rock, Pontatoc, Linda Vista, and Romero**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the temporary area closure is for the protection of Bighorn sheep reproduction and habitat.

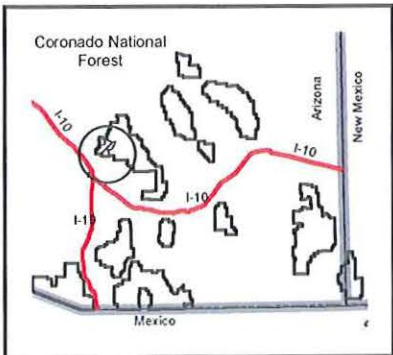
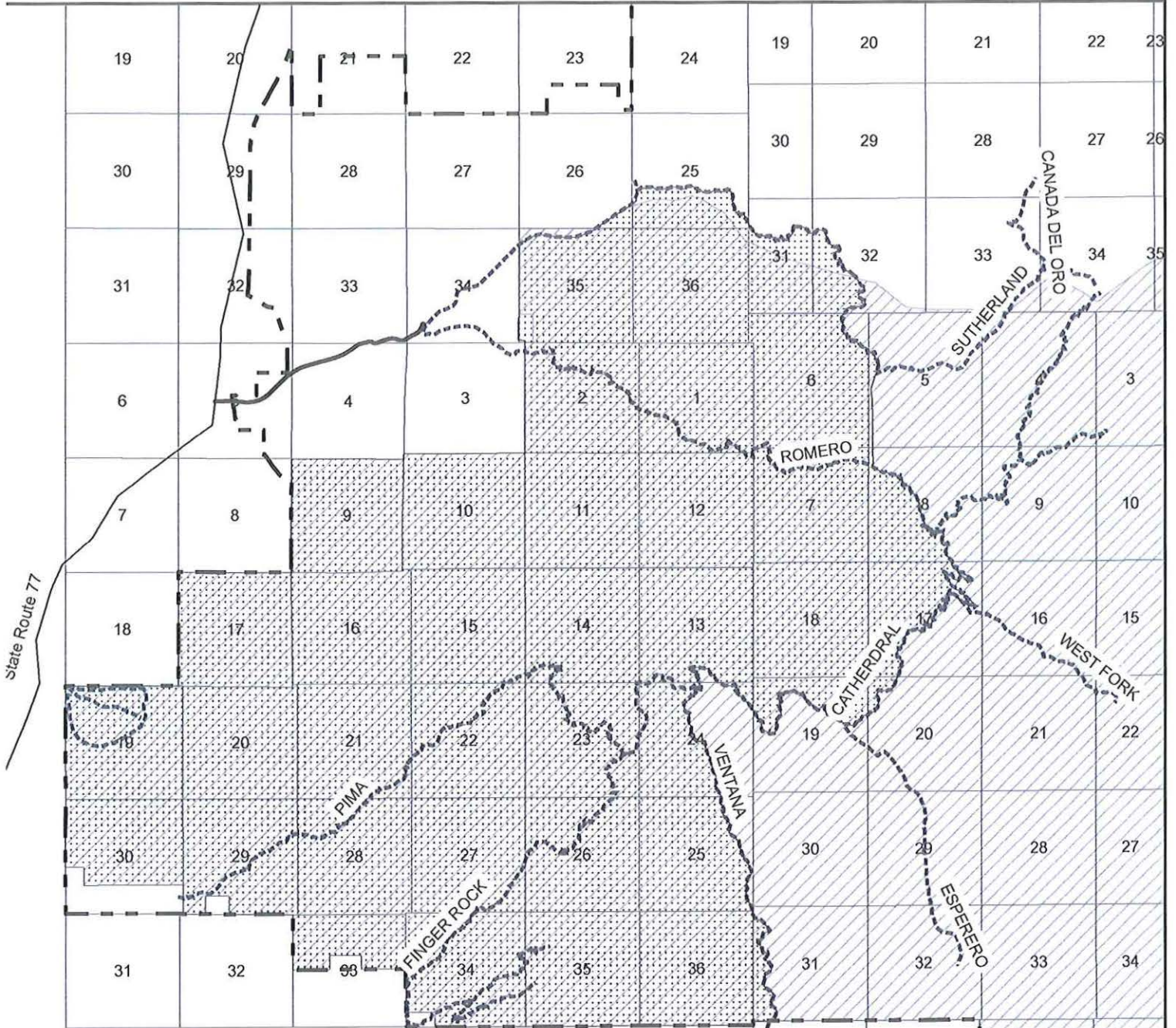
IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order shall be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2014 or until it is rescinded, whichever is earlier.
2. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this order.
3. Any violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b) (6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b) (7)].

Signed in Tucson, Arizona this 19 day of December 2013


JIM UPCHURCH
Forest Supervisor
Coronado National Forest

Order Number 03-05-05-319 Santa Catalina Ranger District Coronado National Forest



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- Trails
- [- - - -] Coronado National Forest
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