

**United States Forest Service
Apache National Forest**

**TEMPORARY MEXICAN GRAY WOLF RELEASE AREA CLOSURE
Engineer Springs Area**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A ("restricted area"), within the Apache National Forest, Greenlee County, Arizona:

1. Going into or being upon the area. 36 CFR 261.53(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 otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA DESCRIBED

The restricted area includes all National Forest System lands within the boundaries as described below and depicted in Exhibit A.

This order affects the area encompassed by the following landmarks: Forest Road 8462 will be closed at the point in section 32 where it makes a sharp turn from heading north to a heading of about 105 degrees to the ESE. The remaining 1/3 mile of the road will be in the closure, and the southern edge of the road forms part of the southern boundary. Where FR 8462 makes a sharp turn back to the north, the boundary heads directly east (90 degrees) to the break in slope above an unnamed drainage. The boundary then heads north along the break in slope, follows it to the west, then southwest, and south. From the point on FR 8462 where the road is closed, the boundary also heads WNW at an angle of 285 degrees until it hits the break in slope and meets the western boundary. The closure area is basically the thinned, open forest on the ridge top, with its boundary lying where the forest thinning ended, the trees become dense, and the terrain becomes steep.

The legal description of the closure area is T 2 N, R 29 E, Section 32 (approximately 32 acres in the northeastern portion), and Section 33 (approximately 38 acres in the northwestern portion). A map of the proposed Closure Area is attached.

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PURPOSE

To provide an area temporarily free of disturbance by the public for the purpose of holding a wild male wolf in short-term captivity during which time he will be introduced to a captive raised female wolf. It is imperative that the wolves have minimal disturbance while in the restricted area, to facilitate their bonding.

IMPLEMENTATION

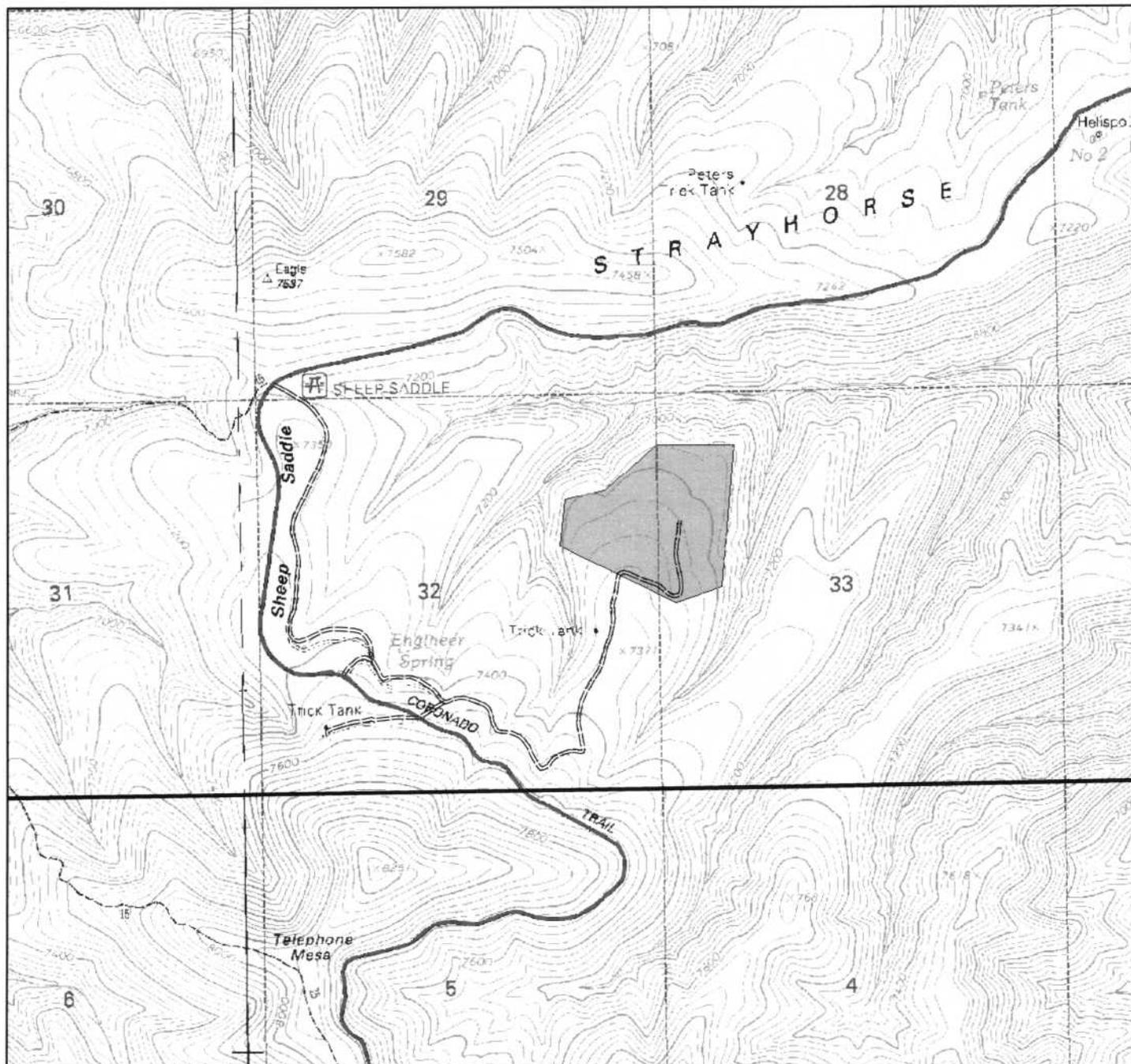
1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective at 8:00 AM, Monday, January 20, 2014 and will remain in effect through 6:00 PM, Monday, March 31, 2014, unless terminated sooner.
2. These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at 36 CFR 261, Subpart A.
3. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].

Done this 14th day of January, 2014, at Springerville, Arizona.


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APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS

Clifton Ranger District
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R 29 E

