



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST  
SANDIA RANGER DISTRICT**

**FOREST SYSTEM ROADS, TRAILS AND AREAS:  
OVER SNOW VEHICLE CLOSURE**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the area, roads, and trails described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A and B, within the Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

1. Possessing or using an over snow vehicle off National Forest System roads in the restricted areas as shown on Exhibits A and B. **36 CFR 261.56**
2. Using any over snow vehicle on National Forest System roads in the restricted areas as shown on Exhibits A and B. **36 CFR 261.54(a)**
3. Using any over snow vehicle on forest development trails in the restricted areas as shown on Exhibits A and B. **36 CFR 261.55(b)**

**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 fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

**AREA DESCRIBED**

**The restricted areas are described as follows:**

1. Beginning at Sandia Crest Observation Site easterly along State Highway 536 to the Forest boundary, thence southerly along the Forest boundary to the junction with Forest Road 190 (Cienega Canyon road), thence westerly along Forest Road 190 to the beginning of Forest Trail 148 (Cienega Canyon Trail), thence westerly along Forest Trail 148 to the Wilderness boundary, thence northerly and northwesterly along the Sandia Wilderness boundary to the junction with the Crest Trail, thence northerly along the Crest Trail to Sandia Crest Observation Site.
2. Beginning at the junction of NM 536 and 165 northerly along 165 to the first hairpin curve, thence westerly along the trail leading to the capulin area and continuing 200 feet around any facility in the Capulin Area and rejoining NM 536. This area includes Forest Road 438 and 438B.

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3. National Forest land locally known as "The Pit", T11N, R5E, Section 9 Longitude 106°24'5" and latitude 35°11'30", NMPM, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.
4. Beginning at Otero Trailhead southerly along Otero Canyon drainage to the Department of Defense withdrawal, thence following the withdrawal boundary to the Forest/Isleta boundary, thence easterly to the Forest/private land boundary, thence northerly to the forest boundary, thence westerly, then northerly along the forest boundary to the west ¼ corner of Section 19, T9N, R6E, NMPM along the section line to the NW corner, thence northerly following the private land to State Highway 337, thence northerly and westerly along State Highway 337 to the Otero Trailhead.

The closed areas are shown on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A and B.

**PURPOSE**

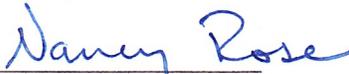
The purpose of this Order is to provide for public health and safety due to high use of the roads, trails and areas.

This Order is in addition to all Closure Orders in effect for the Sandia Ranger District, and does not alter or negate the effect of those Orders. This Order supersedes any previous Order prohibiting or restricting the same, or similar, acts in the above-described areas.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be in effect from the date signed, and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2012, whichever event occurs first.
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 organizations 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2011.

  
NANCY ROSE  
Forest Supervisor  
Cibola National Forest

Assessment of Need (Justification) and Enforcement Plan

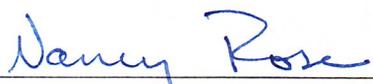
1. Background. This order is being prepared to update the format of the order prohibiting snow mobile (over snow vehicle) use on the Sandia Ranger District. The purpose of this order has been and is to minimize conflicts between visitors and protect small areas adjacent to wilderness and withdrawn areas (see Special Area Closure maps attached to Order # 03-0362. Many winter visitors engage in non-motorized use of the areas described. Intrusion into withdrawn land has been known to occur. The special closure will allow for minimum conflict between Cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and other non-motorized winter visitors and reduce potential intrusion into wilderness and withdrawn areas. An order is needed to be able to cite persons unwilling to comply with the special closure.

2. Intent of Subpart B order. This order is written to minimize conflicts and provide protection of Forest System Areas, Trails, and Roads in the Sandia Ranger District.

3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities will occur in order to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Kerry Wood, Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest	Revised: 1/11/11
Review proposed order (Law Enforcement)	Aban Lucero, Patrol Captain, Southwest Region, USFS	1/12/11
Approve proposed order	Nancy Rose, Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest	2/3/11
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	Volunteers, Forest Service LEOs and FPOs, and all available staffs	
Prepare news release for local media describing the PAO order and management objectives/post to website/notify COIDC/copy to each receptionist/frontliners		
Notices will be used at access points advising of the closure for implementation.	Appropriate Staff Law Enforcement Officers Forest Protection Officers Cibola National Forest employees Volunteers	

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

  
FOREST SUPERVISOR

DATE 2/3/2011

# Over Snow Vehicle Closure

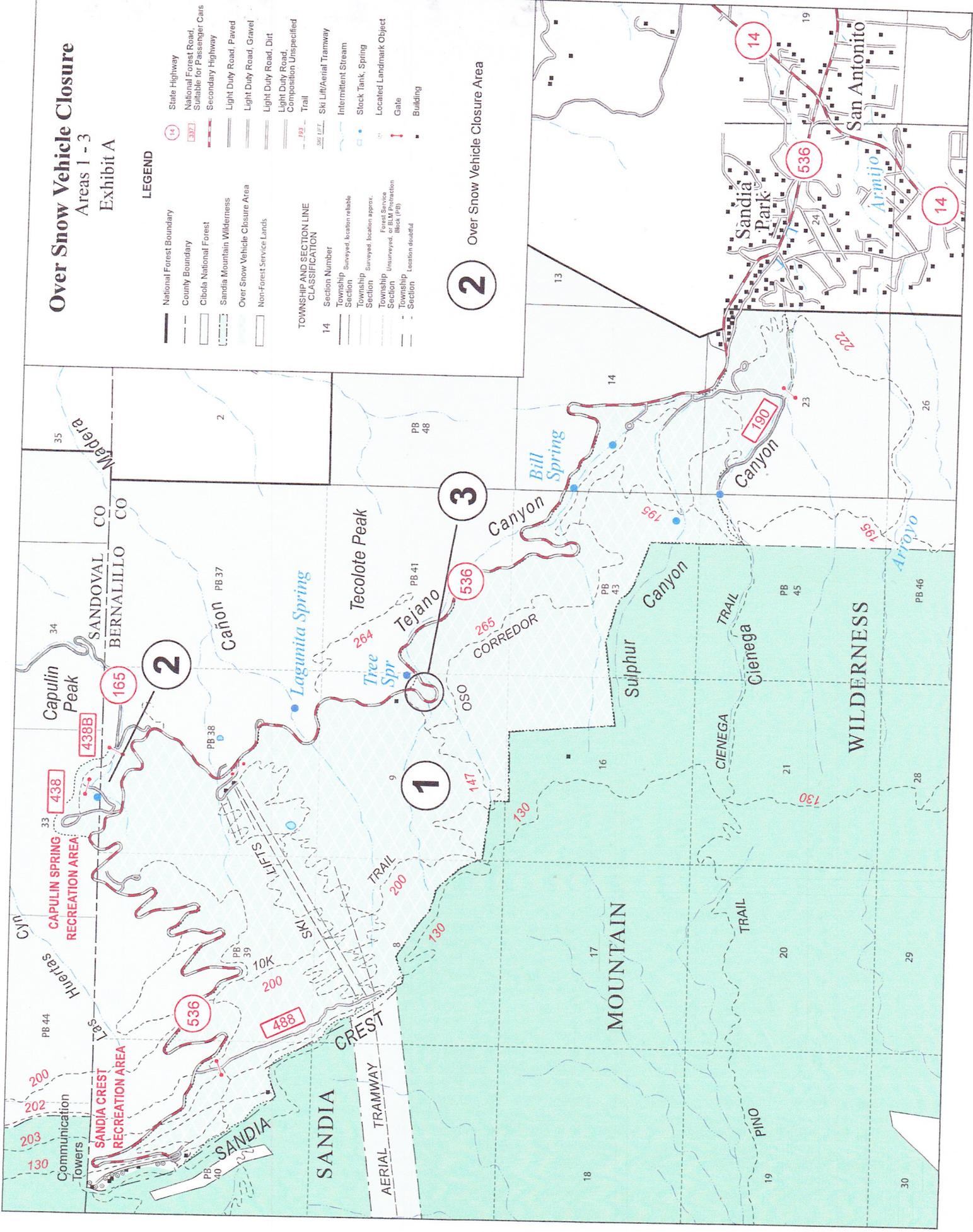
## Areas 1 - 3

### Exhibit A

#### LEGEND

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|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
|  | National Forest Boundary       |  | State Highway                                     |
|  | County Boundary                |  | National Forest Road, Suitable for Passenger Cars |
|  | Cibola National Forest         |  | Secondary Highway                                 |
|  | Sandia Mountain Wilderness     |  | Light Duty Road, Paved                            |
|  | Over Snow Vehicle Closure Area |  | Light Duty Road, Gravel                           |
|  | Non-Forest Service Lands       |  | Light Duty Road, Dirt                             |
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| TOWNSHIP AND SECTION LINE CLASSIFICATION |                                      |
|  | Section Number                       |
|  | Township Surveyed, location reliable |
|  | Township Surveyed, location approx.  |
|  | Township Unsurveyed                  |
|  | Township Forest Service Unsurveyed   |
|  | Township Black (PB)                  |
|  | Township location doubtful           |
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|  | Intermittent Stream     |
|  | Stock Tank, Spring      |
|  | Located Landmark Object |
|  | Gate                    |
|  | Building                |

**2** Over Snow Vehicle Closure Area



WILDERNESS

MOUNTAIN

San Antonio

Sandia Park

Bill Spring

Lagunita Spring

Tealote Peak

Teajano

Capulin Peak

Sandia Crest

Aerial Tramway

Arroyo

Sulphur Canyon

Cienega

TRAIL

PINO

TRAIL

# Over Snow Vehicle Closure

Area 4

Exhibit B

## LEGEND

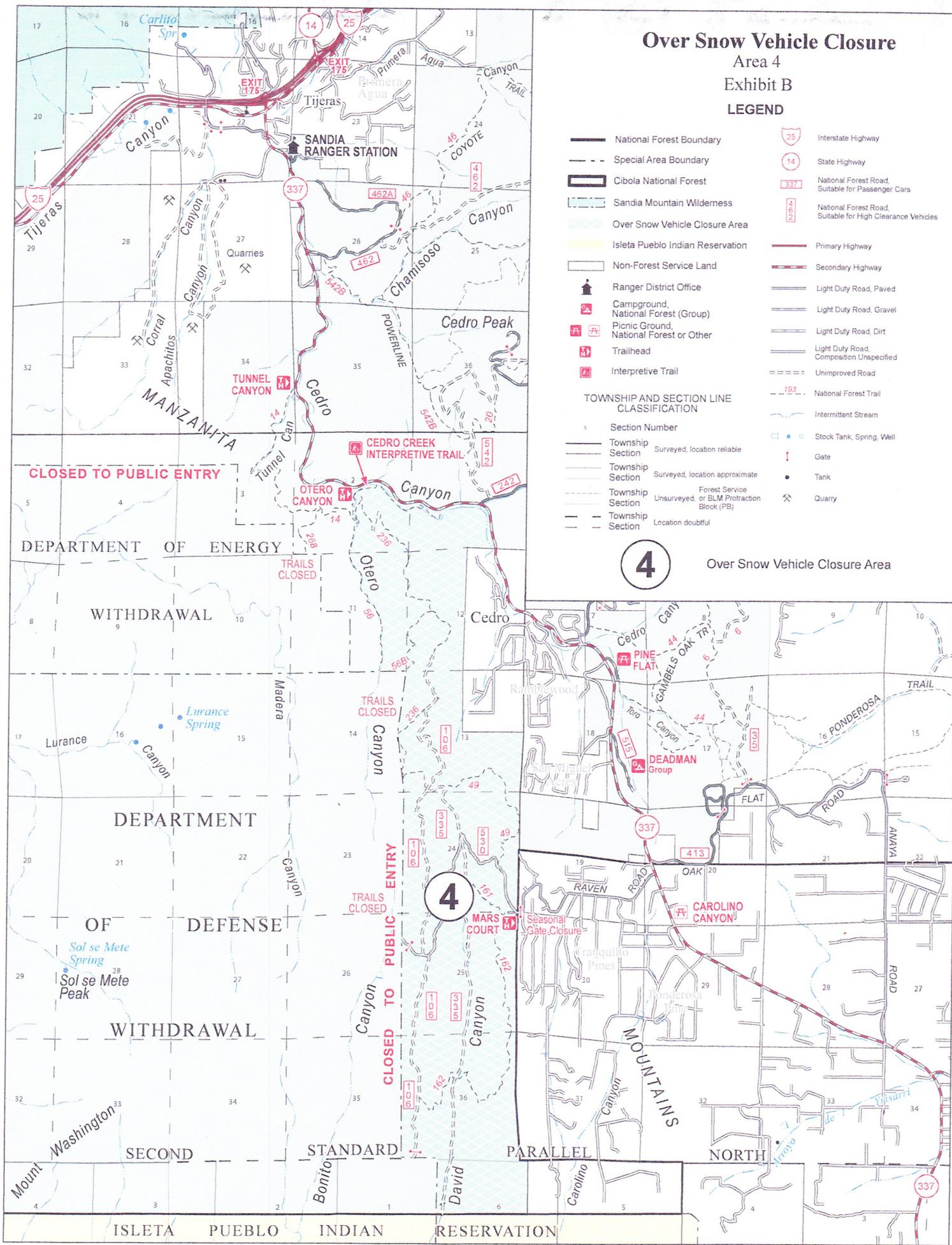
- National Forest Boundary
- Special Area Boundary
- Cibola National Forest
- Sandia Mountain Wilderness
- Over Snow Vehicle Closure Area
- Isleta Pueblo Indian Reservation
- Non-Forest Service Land
- Ranger District Office
- Campground, National Forest (Group)
- Picnic Ground, National Forest or Other
- Trailhead
- Interpretive Trail
- Interstate Highway
- State Highway
- National Forest Road, Suitable for Passenger Cars
- National Forest Road, Suitable for High Clearance Vehicles
- Primary Highway
- Secondary Highway
- Light Duty Road, Paved
- Light Duty Road, Gravel
- Light Duty Road, Dirt
- Light Duty Road, Composition Unspecified
- Unimproved Road
- National Forest Trail
- Intermittent Stream
- Section Number
- Township Section
- Stock Tank, Spring, Well
- Gate
- Tank
- Quarry

### TOWNSHIP AND SECTION LINE CLASSIFICATION

- Section Number
- Township Section

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Over Snow Vehicle Closure Area



CLOSED TO PUBLIC ENTRY

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OF DEFENSE

WITHDRAWAL

SECOND

STANDARD

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ISLETA PUEBLO INDIAN RESERVATION