

Order Number: # 03-05-05-25-003



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service  
Coronado National Forest  
Santa Catalina Ranger District**

**AREA CLOSURE, OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Santa Catalina Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area which is closed for the protection of threatened, endangered, rare, unique, or vanishing species of animals. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(a).
2. Possessing, storing, or transporting in the Described Area any bird, fish, or other animal or parts thereof, except in accordance with the Exemptions and Specifications in this Order. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s).
3. Using a campsite in the Described Area that is not in accordance with the Specifications in this Order. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(f).

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons going into or being upon the Described Area from May 1 through December 31.
2. Qualified persons with a disability in control of a service animal as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act. See Prohibition 2 above and Specification 1 below.

**Note:** From January 1 through April 30, service animals must be kept on NFS trails.

3. Persons and pack stock using the following NFS trails, to include 400-foot buffer from the center line of such trails: Cathedral Rock (#26), Finger Rock (#42), Garnet (#411), Linda Vista (#49), Mount Lemmon (#5), Pima Canyon (#62), Pontatoc (#410), Romero (#8), Sutherland (#6), Ventana (#98), and West Fork (#24). See Prohibition 2 above and Specification 1 below.
4. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
5. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

1. Except for service animals and pack animals, no animal may be brought, or allowed to enter, into the Described Area at any time during the year. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, dogs, domestic sheep, and goats. See Prohibition 2 and Exemptions 2 and 3 above.
2. Campsites may not be used by more than fifteen (15) individuals during the day, or by more than six (6) individuals for overnight stays. See Prohibition 3 above.

## **DESCRIBED AREA**

As depicted in the map at Exhibit A, the Described Area is within Township 12 South, Range 14 East, Sections 1, 2, 9-17, 19-25, 27-30, and 34-36; Township 12 South, Range 15 East, Sections 5-8 and 16-20; Township 11 South, Range 14 East, Sections 19, 25, 29-32, 35, and 36; and Township 11 South, Range 15 East, Sections 31-32. The Described Area consists of all National Forest System lands within the area starting at the intersection of Ventana Canyon Trail #98 and the Pusch Ridge Wilderness boundary, then following north along Ventana Canyon Trail #98 until its intersection with Cathedral Rock Trail #26, then following northeast along Cathedral Rock Trail #26 until its junction with West Fork Trail #24 and Mount Lemmon Trail #5, then following north on Mount Lemmon Trail #5 until its intersection with the Wilderness boundary, then following the Wilderness boundary generally west, then generally southwest, then generally south, southeast, and east, back to the point of beginning, which is the intersection of the southern boundary of the Pusch Ridge Wilderness and Ventana Trail #98. All boundary and enclosed trails are included within the Described Area.

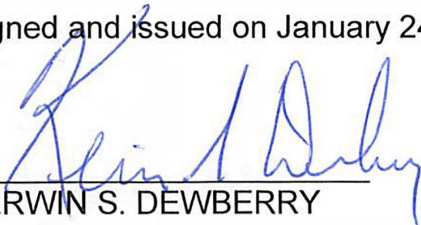
## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect desert bighorn sheep habitat during lambing season in the Described Area.

## IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from February 8, 2025, at 12:00 a.m. through February 7, 2028, at 11:59 p.m., unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/coronado/alerts-notice>.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the Santa Catalina Ranger District in Tucson, AZ at (520) 749-8700, and Coronado National Forest Supervisor's Office in Tucson, AZ at (520) 388-8300, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on January 24, 2025.



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