



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service  
Kaibab National Forest**

**Camping/Campfire Closure within Proximity to Developed Sites**

**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 Kaibab National Forest, described below and shown on the attached maps incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A-K (the “Described Areas”):

1. Camping. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e).
2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, including charcoal and briquettes, outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).

*Note: a fire structure consists of a metal fire ring at a developed campsite.*

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

1. Persons lawfully camping within the developed campgrounds/cabins identified in Exhibits A-K:

Williams Ranger District:

Dogtown Lake Campground  
Kaibab Lake Campground and Group Areas  
White Horse Lake Campground  
Spring Valley Cabin

Tusayan Ranger District:

Ten X Campground  
Hull Cabin

North Kaibab Ranger District:

DeMotte Campground  
Indian Hollow Campground  
Jacob Lake Campground & Group Campground/Picnic Site  
Big Springs Cabins  
Jumpup Cabin

2. 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).
3. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

## **DESCRIBED AREAS**

All NFS lands within one mile of developed campgrounds and recreational cabins on the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts as specifically shown in Exhibits A-K.

All NFS lands within one half-mile of developed campgrounds and recreational cabins on the North Kaibab Ranger District as specifically shown in Exhibits A-K.

## **PURPOSE**

To comply with the Standards of Recreation Activities and desired conditions for recreation as specified in the Kaibab National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order shall be in effect from September 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:01 AM 2023 through August 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 AM 2033, unless rescinded.
2. Maps identifying the Described Areas are attached and made part of this Order as Exhibits A-K. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibits A-K, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/kaibab/alerts-notices> .
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 Kaibab National Forest Supervisor's Office in Williams, AZ, (928) 635-8200, 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 September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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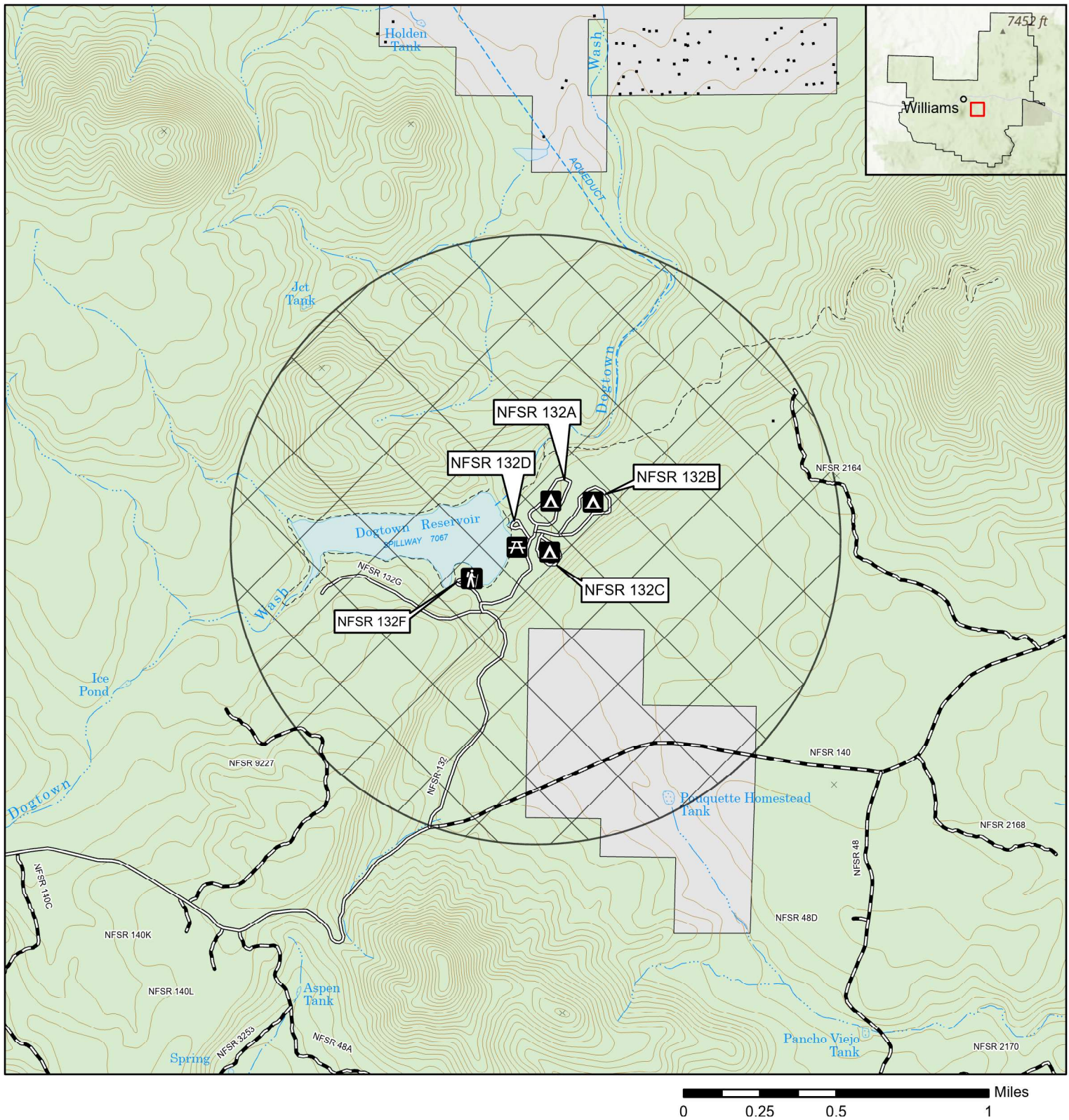
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## Kaibab National Forest - Williams Ranger District



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 Described Area  
 Campground

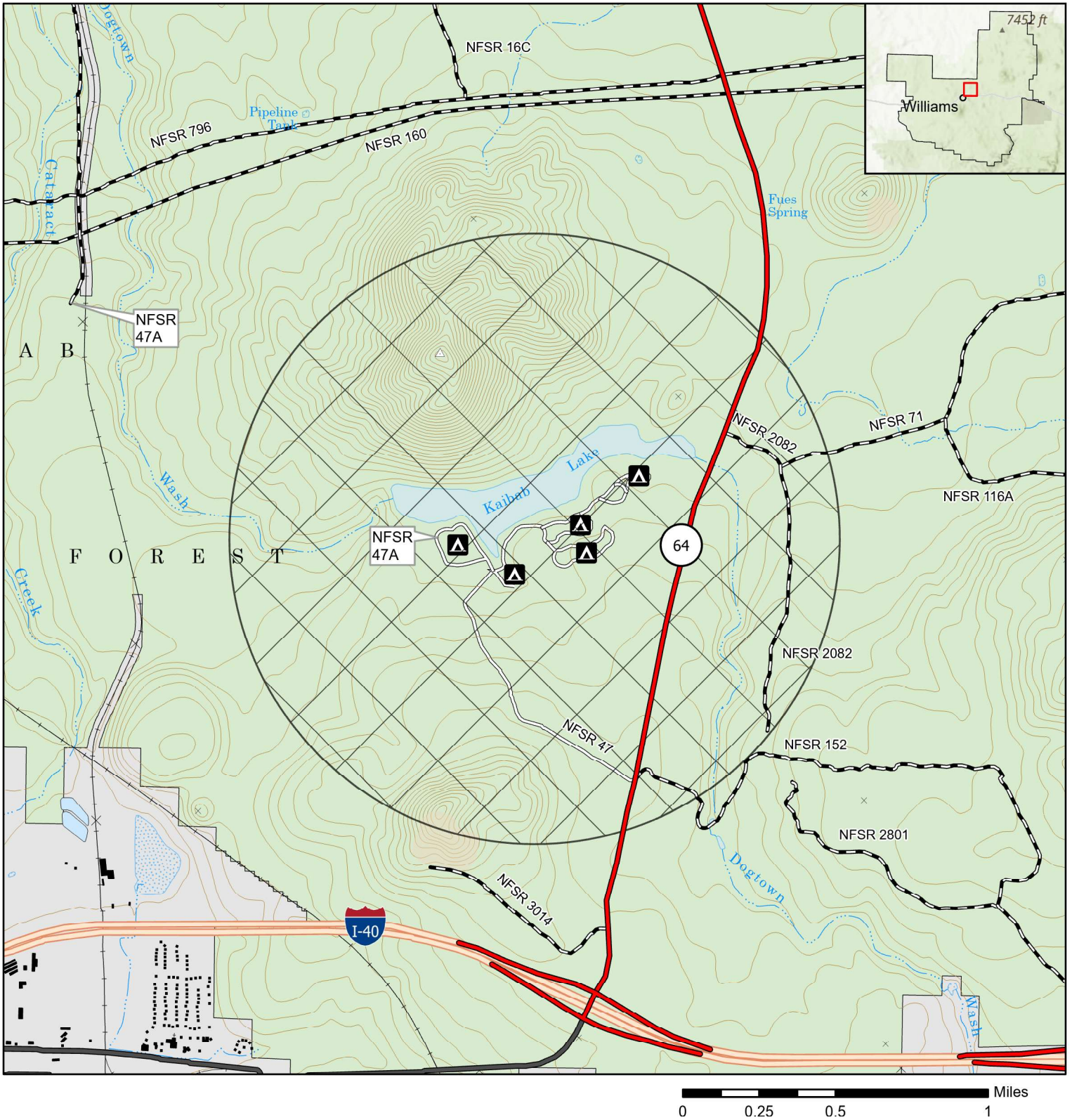




# Kaibab Lake Campground - Dispersed Camping Closure

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Kaibab National Forest - Williams Ranger District



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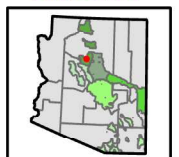
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## Legend

- Described Area
- Campground



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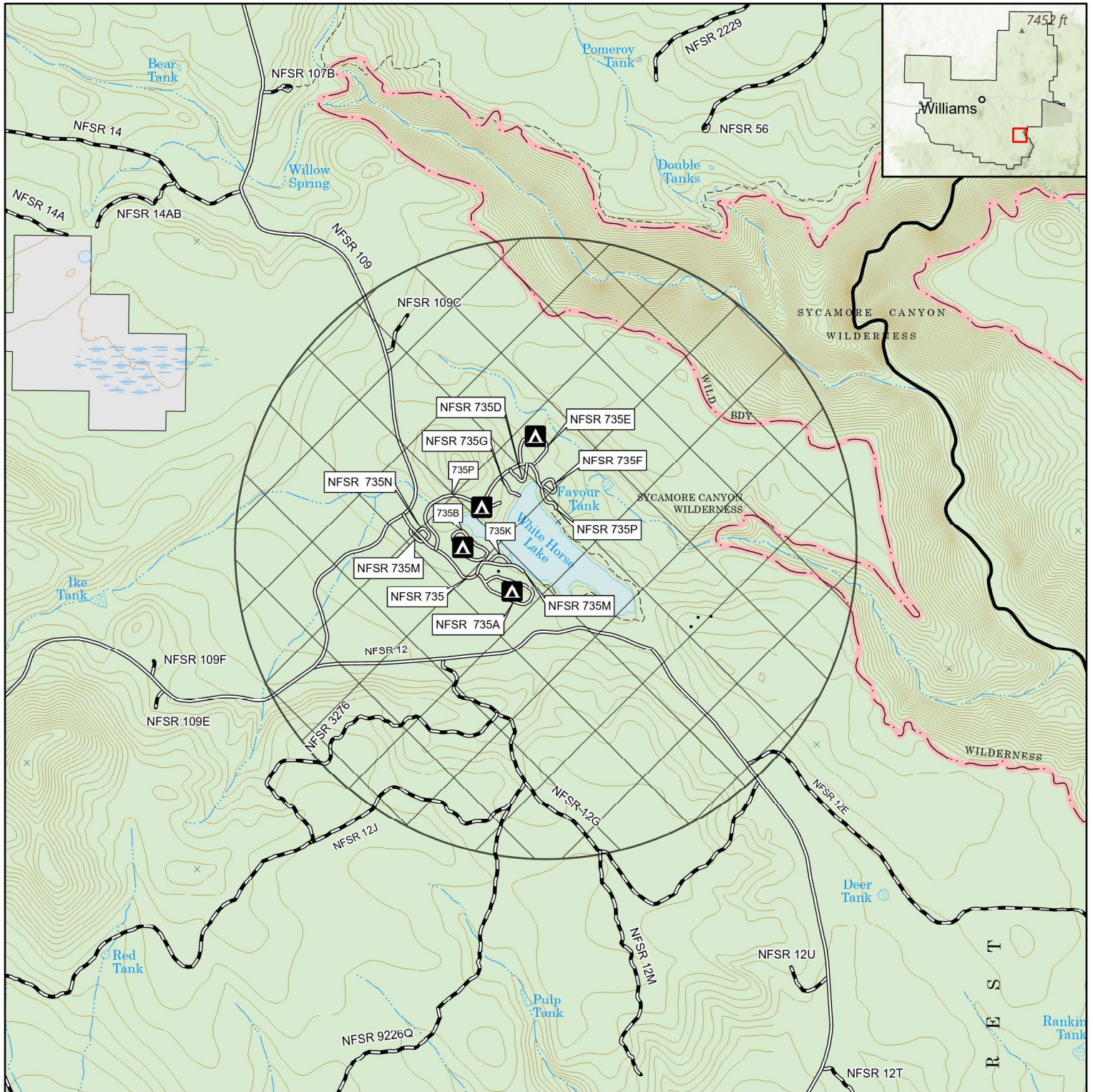




# White Horse Lake Campground - Dispersed Camping Closure

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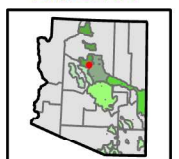
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- Described Area
- Campground

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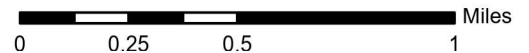
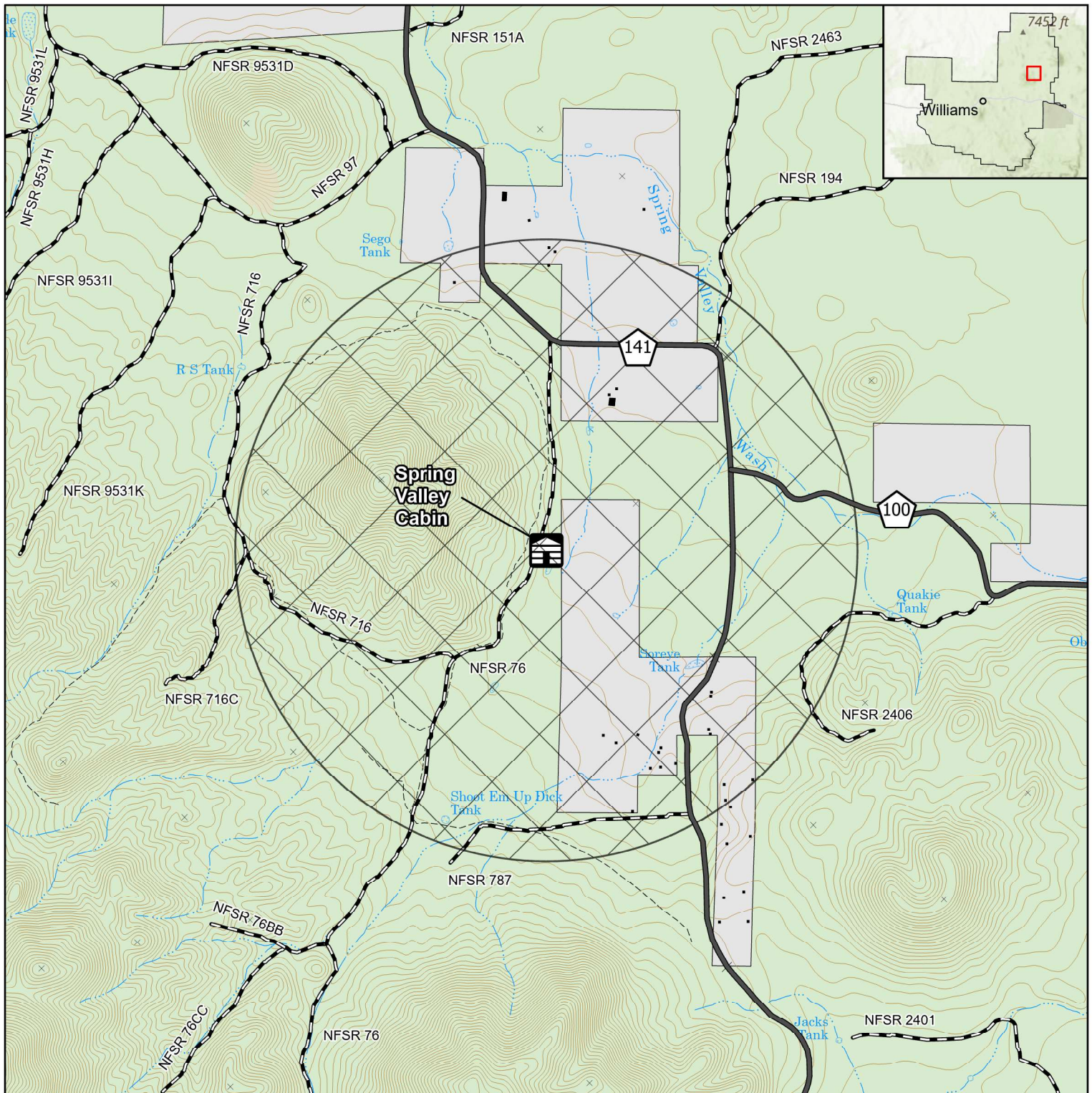




# Spring Valley Cabin - Dispersed Camping Closure

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Kaibab National Forest - Williams Ranger District



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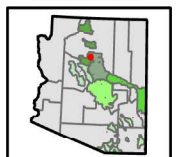
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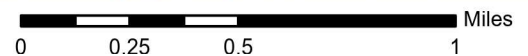
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 Described Area

 Campground

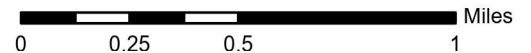
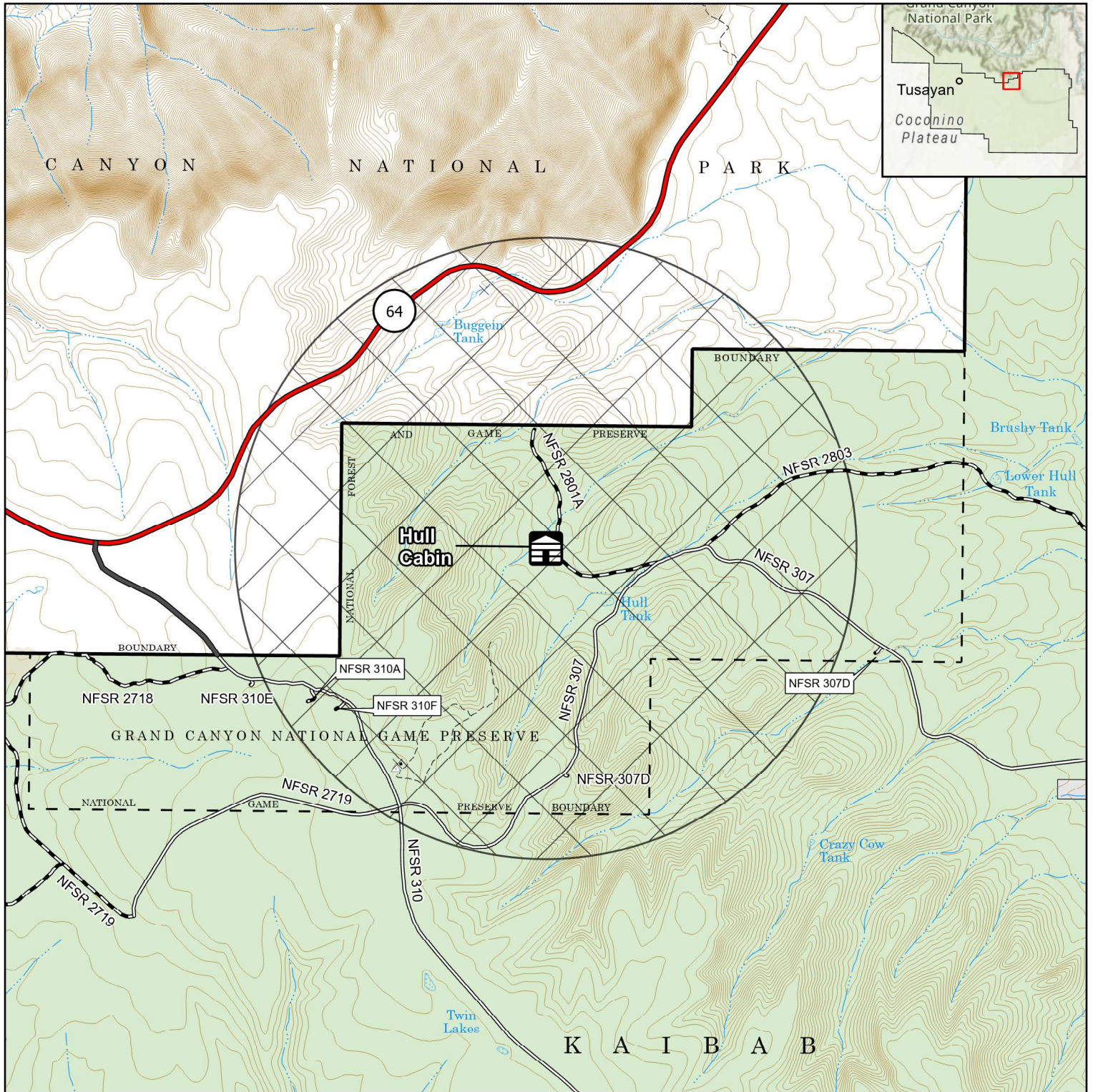




# Hull Cabin - Dispersed Camping Closure

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Kaibab National Forest - Tusayan Ranger District



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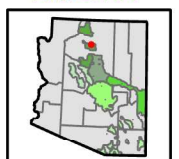
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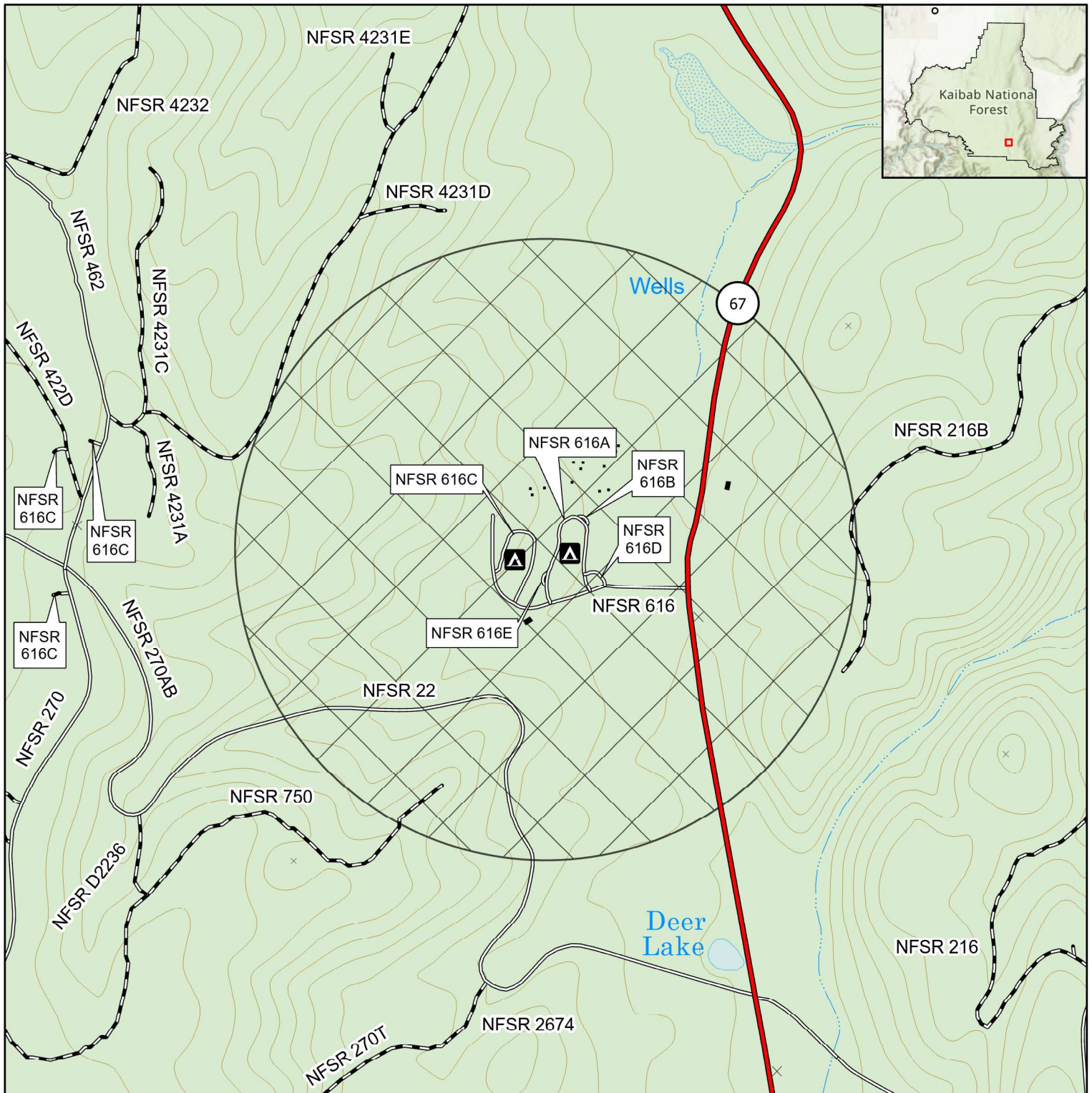




# DeMotte Campground - Dispersed Camping Closure

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Kaibab National Forest - North Kaibab Ranger District



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Map Author: JoeHernandez 8/23/2023

## Legend

-  Described Area
-  Campground

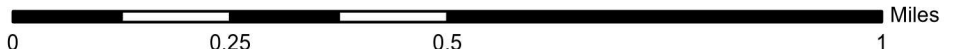
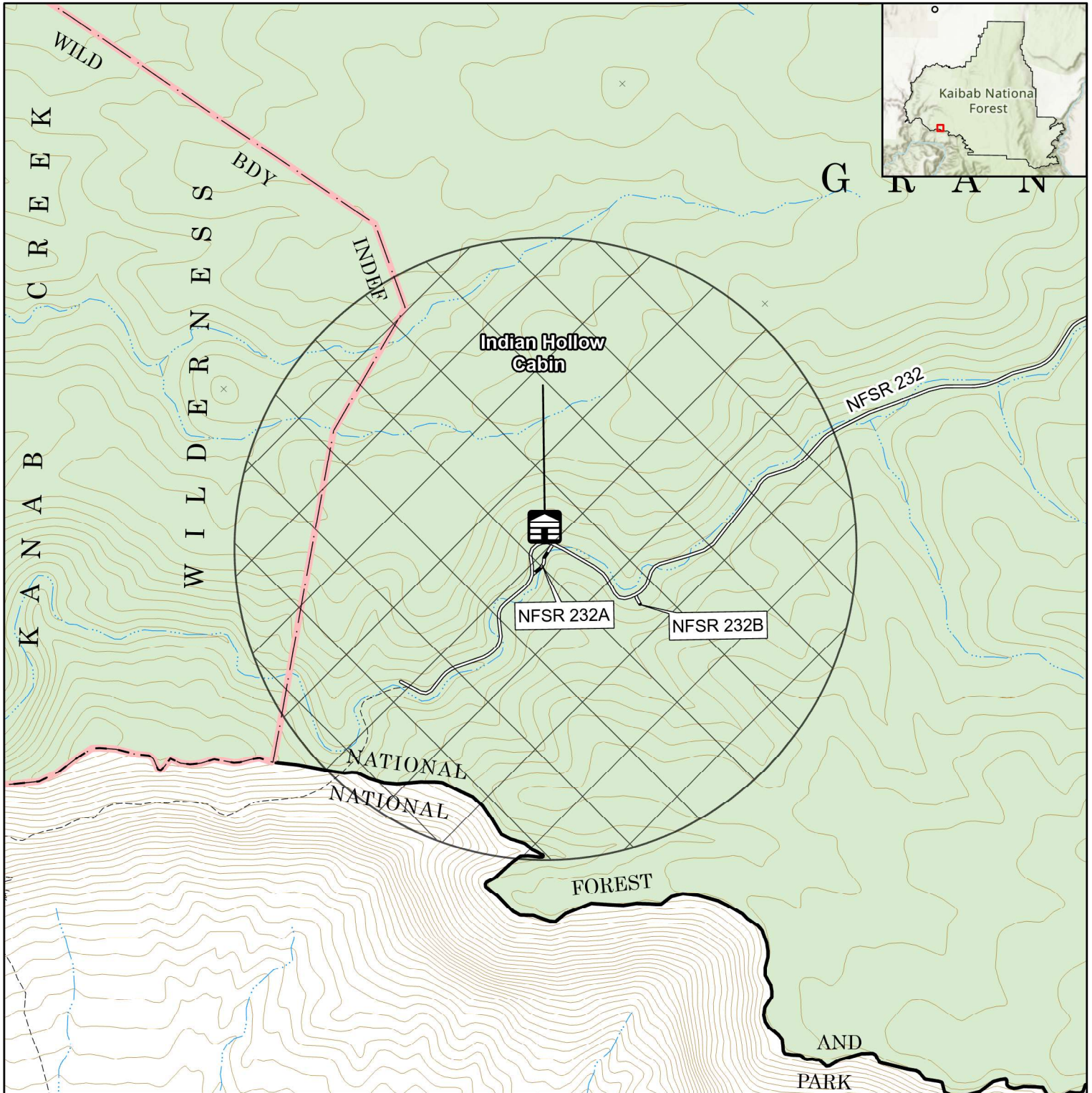




# Indian Hollow Campground - Dispersed Camping Closure

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Kaibab National Forest - North Kaibab Ranger District



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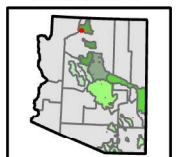
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## Kaibab National Forest - North Kaibab Ranger District

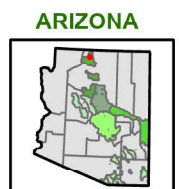


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 Described Area

 Campground

 Group Picnic Area

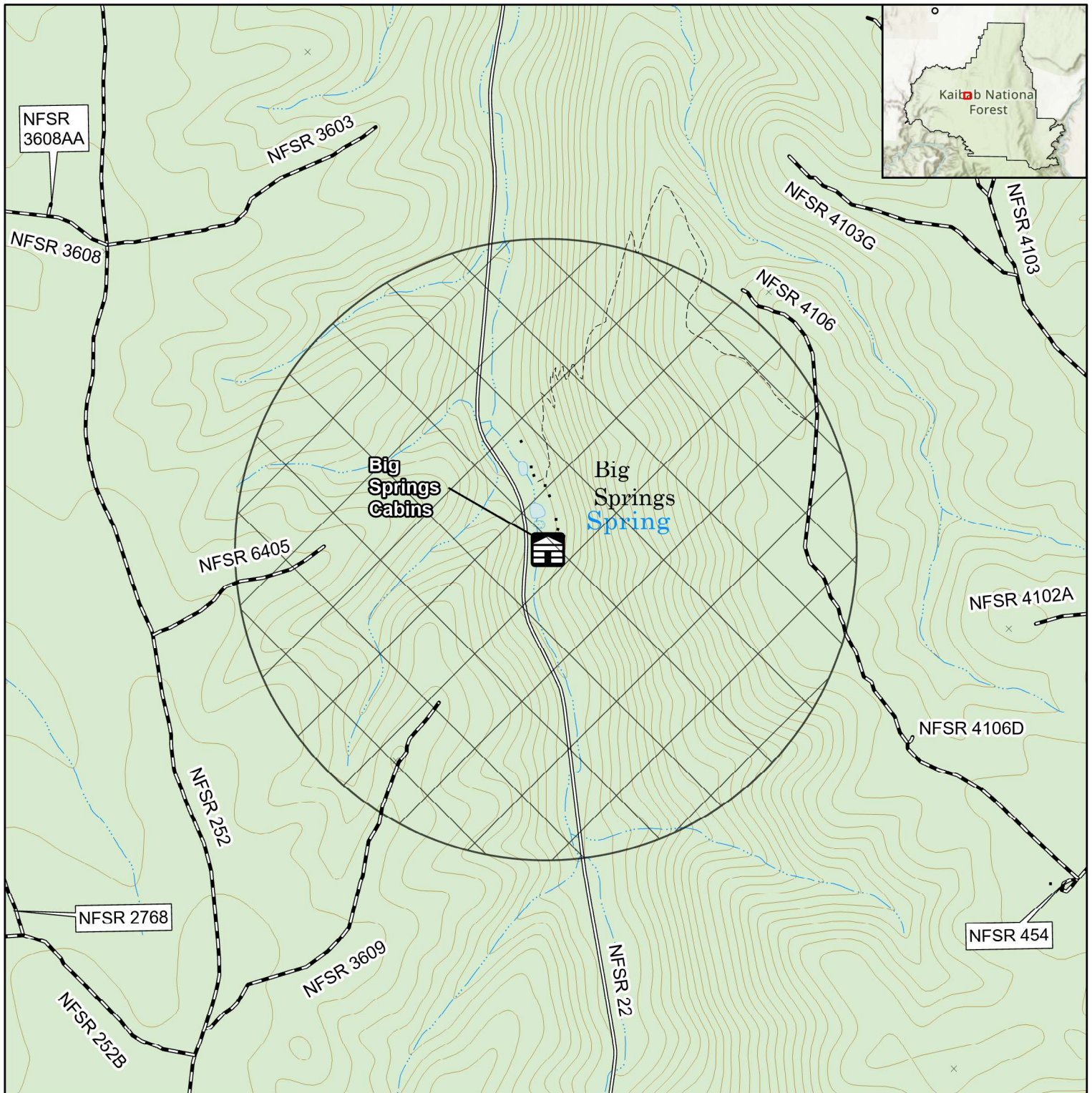




# Big Springs Cabins - Dispersed Camping Closure

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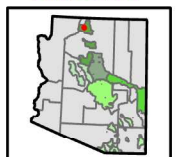
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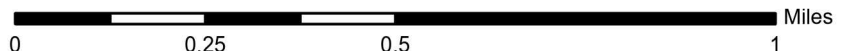
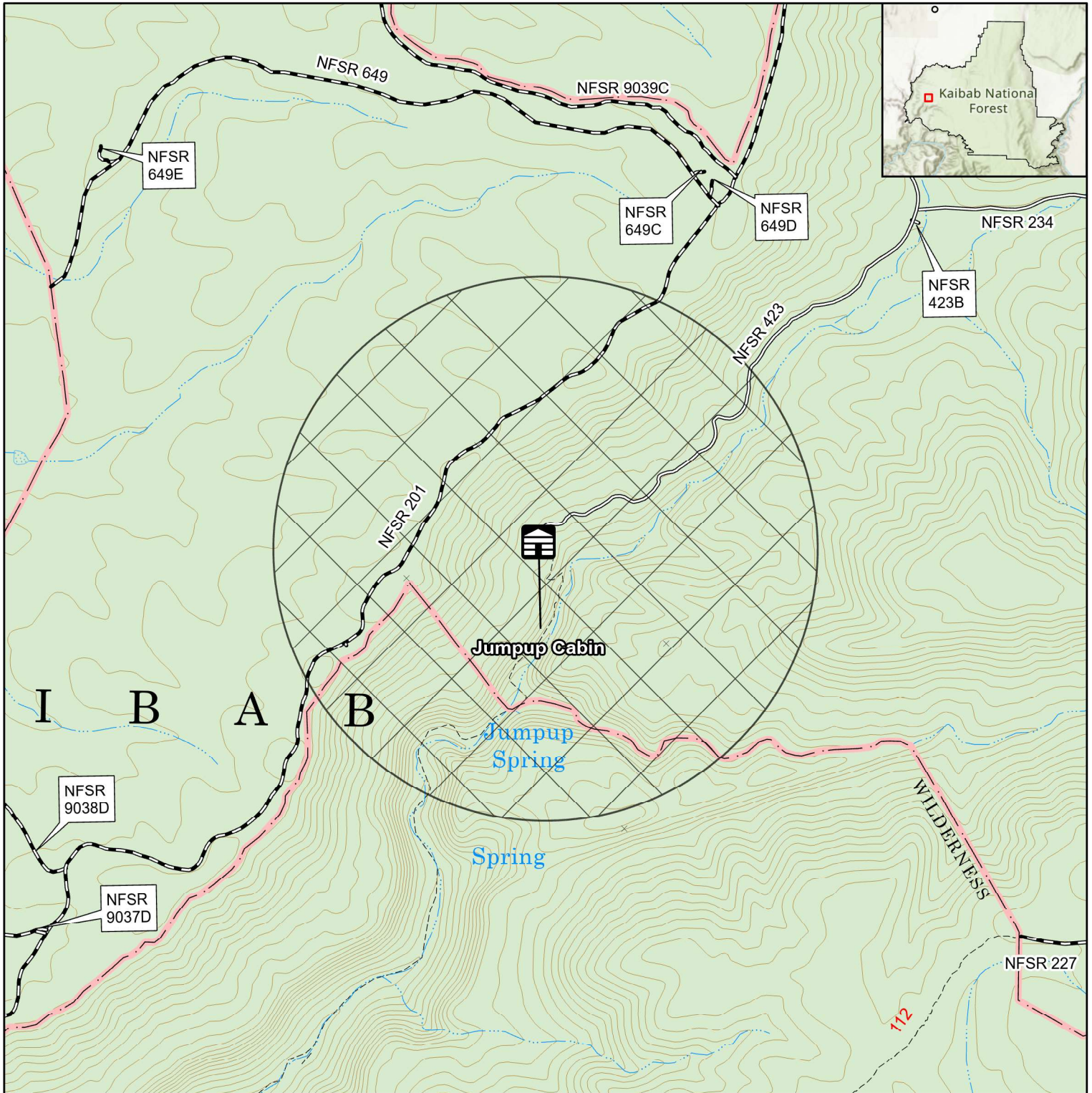




# Jumpup Cabin - Dispersed Camping Closure

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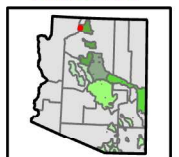
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## **NEEDS ASSESSMENT and CIVIL RIGHTS IMPACTS ANALYSIS**

### **U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Kaibab National Forest**

#### **Occupancy and Use Prohibition: Camping in Proximity to Campgrounds and Recreation Cabins**

##### **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 Kaibab National Forest, described below and shown on the attached maps incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A-K:

1. Camping. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)**
2. Igniting, building, maintaining, or using a fire, including charcoal and briquettes, outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).**

##### **Definitions**

**Camping** refers to the temporary use of National Forest System lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently-fixed structure. (36 CFR § 261.2)

**Fire Structure:** A permanent metal or concrete structure, which is specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire that has been installed and maintained by the Forest Service or equivalent. (36 CFR § 261.2)

##### **Exhibits**

1. Eleven maps identifying the Described Area are attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A-K. For a digital version of this Order, Exhibit A, go to: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab/alerts-notice>.

##### **Purpose and Need**

This prohibition is needed to comply with the recreation management objectives and standards outlined in the Kaibab National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan or Plan). On page 65, the Plan states:

- Areas within ½ mile of cabin rentals, developed campgrounds on the North Kaibab Ranger District, and the East Rim Overlook are closed to dispersed camping and campfires.
- Areas within one mile of developed campgrounds and cabin rentals on the Tusayan and Williams Districts are closed to dispersed camping and campfires.

##### **Background and NEPA**

This order formalizes the long-standing prohibition on camping and campfires in proximity to developed campgrounds and recreation cabins across the forest. For the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts, this distance is one mile. For the North Kaibab Ranger District, it is one half-mile.

These prohibitions have been in place to prevent unpaid campers from utilizing the amenities provided at paid sites managed by the Forest Service and its concessionaire partners – such as water, bathrooms, and trash service. It has been demonstrated that unpaid campers near developed facilities frequently use such amenities, creating additional financial and management burdens on the forest and concessionaires, as the additional use requires increased service by these entities. It also can create user conflicts with the paid campers in these locations.

Additionally, a prohibition on campfires in these areas helps protect campers, structures, and facilities accidental human-caused wildfires.

These prohibitions were codified in the recreation and management standards given in the Forest Plan. The Plan was analyzed in an Environmental Impact Statement and therefore this Order is in full compliance of and accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

### **Described Area**

As depicted on the maps in Exhibit A-K, the Described Area includes all National Forest System (NFS) lands within the boundaries shown. Boundaries are one mile from any developed campground or recreation cabin on the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts and one half-mile from any developed campground, recreation cabin on the North Kaibab Ranger District.

### **Implementation and Enforcement**

This Order shall be in effect from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 at 12:01 AM, through August 31<sup>st</sup> 2033 at 12:00 AM, unless rescinded.

The Order will be disseminated to all established contacts through a press release and a copy of the forest Order will be posted on the Coconino web page <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/kaibab/alerts-notices>.

Closure information will also be posted at Forest Service offices and information kiosks. Local Forest protection Officers will patrol and seek compliance. In the event that additional law enforcement presence is needed, US Forest Service Law enforcement from the Coconino Forest, City of Flagstaff, and/or the Coconino Sheriffs' offices will be contacted for assistance.

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

1. 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).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons within the developed campgrounds and cabins identified in the Order and Exhibit A-K.

### **Mitigation Measures**

No mitigations are needed at this time. The prohibitions within this order have been established and implemented for many years. Knowledge of these prohibitions is widespread among the recreating public. Seven developed campgrounds and ten cabins currently exist within the restricted area to accommodate overnight recreation. Additionally, the vast majority of the Kaibab National Forest remains open to dispersed overnight camping use. While this action will impact recreational use within the Described Area, the Order does not restrict camping in other portions of the National Forest.

**Favorable Impacts**

This Order prevents negative impacts to developed campgrounds and cabins caused by dispersed campers using the amenities and facilities at these sites. It also prevents user conflicts between paid and unpaid campers. It helps protect developed facilities and users from accidental human-caused wildfires (public health and safety).

**Unfavorable Impacts**

This Order reduces the total area available for dispersed overnight use.

**Social Impacts**

This Order would not result in unreasonable negative social impacts. The net impact is a reinforcement of equal opportunity use and access to desirable day-use and designated overnight recreation locations, while preventing user conflicts and wildfire danger at the affected sites.

**Net Civil Rights Impact**

This Order would not result in disproportionate affects to the civil rights of any protected groups. The net impact is a reinforcement of equal opportunity use and access to designated overnight recreation locations, while enforcing the objectives directed by the Forest Plan.

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