

## ORDER

SPECIAL CLOSURE  
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST  
USDA-FOREST SERVICE

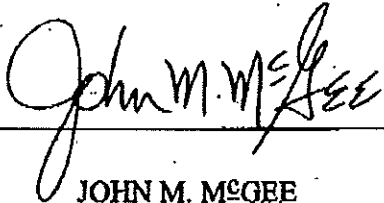
Pursuant to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations 261.50, the following acts are prohibited in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness Area (T. 12 S., R. 15 E. all or portions of sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20; T. 12 S., R. 14 E. all or portions of sections 1, 2, 9, 19, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, and 36; T.11 S., R. 14 E. all or portions of sections 25, 35, and 36; and T. 12 S., R. 13 E. portions of sections 19 and 30:

- (1) It is prohibited to enter beyond 400 feet off designated Forest Service trails between January 1 through April 30 (36 C.F.R. 261.53a).
- (2) It is prohibited to bring in, possess, or allow dogs, except seeing-eye dogs or handi-dogs in the area year round (36 C.F.R. 261.58s).
- (3) It is prohibited to use a campsite or other area by more than a maximum day-group-size of fifteen (15) individuals, and a maximum overnight- group-size of six individuals year round (36 C.F.R. 261.58f).

The prohibitions in this Special Order are in addition to the general prohibitions enumerated in Subpart A, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations 261.

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.



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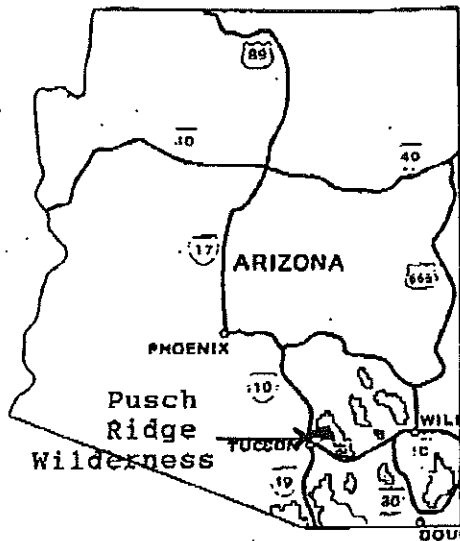
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Coronado National Forest

Date

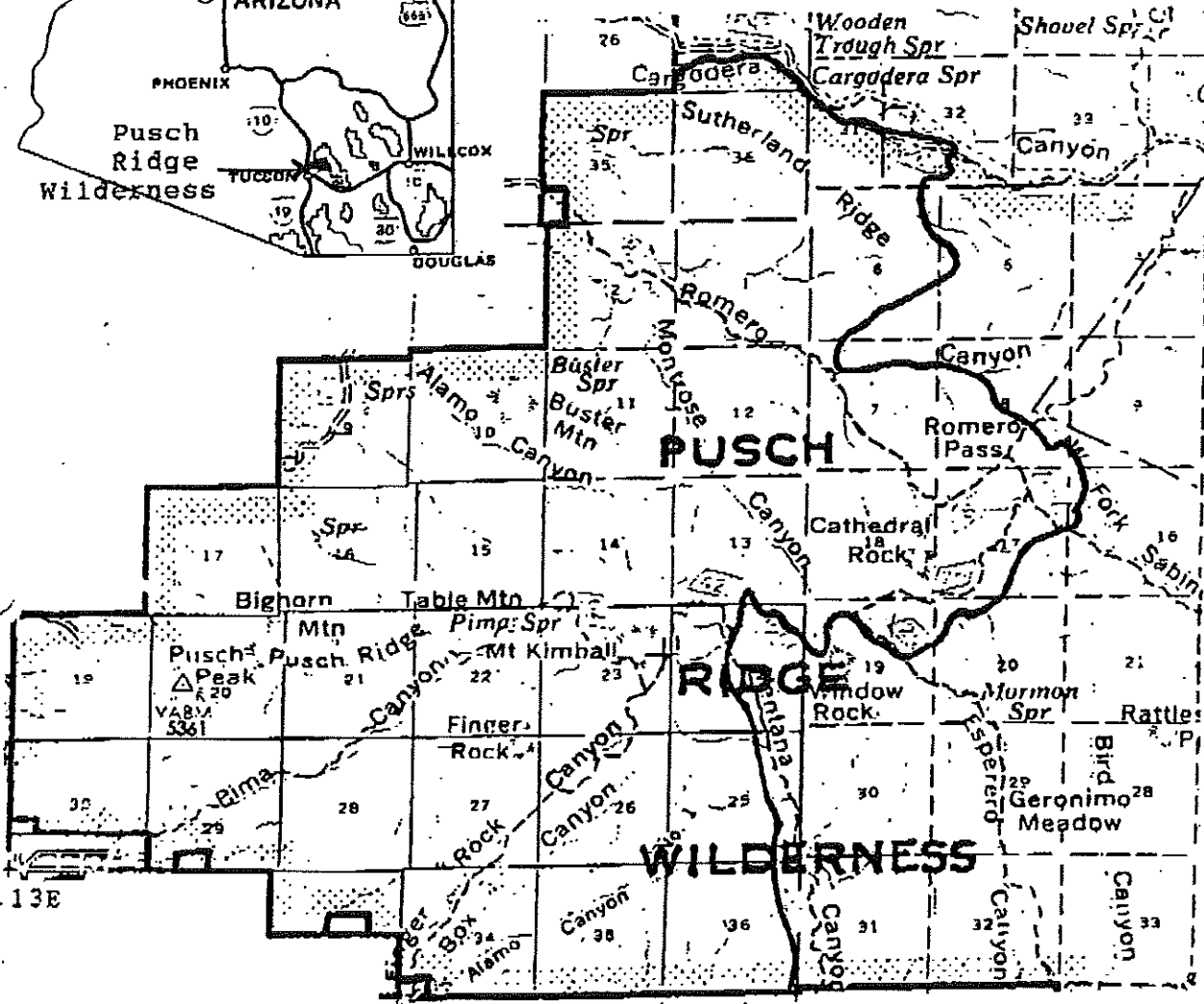
Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine or not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 USC 551).

## JUSTIFICATION

1. Statement of Need. Special management restrictions are needed to limit disturbance to the Desert Bighorn Sheep and to maintain the wilderness character of the area in general.
2. Alternative methods considered. Signing alone would not be enforceable. These special restrictions could be included in the FLMP.
3. Method of enforcement. Both LEOs and FPOs will enforce this order. Any FPO, regardless of functional area of responsibility, is expected to enforce this order. As such, enforcement will be funded mainly by law enforcement, recreation including fee demonstration, trails, wilderness, wildlife, and fire. The Santa Catalina district has a wilderness technician whose primary duty is to patrol the wilderness and make visitor contacts from January through April.
4. Address problems, sensitive areas or issues. There are many problems associated with heavy recreational use in this area. Heavy use could disturb the bighorn sheep, especially during the breeding season.
5. Information and education planned prior to implementation. This is not a new requirement, so many visitors are already aware of these restrictions. Signs explaining the special needs of bighorn sheep are posted at wilderness trailheads. Information is also posted on the forest website.
6. Signing implementation. Signs currently exist at key access points to this area. Signs will be maintained with wilderness appropriations.



T.11S



T.12S

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Trails included in this closure order are Pima Canyon, Finger Rock, Pontatoc, Linda Vista, and Romero.

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ORDER NO. 05-123

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST  
SPECIAL CLOSURE ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of 36 C.F.R. 261.50 (a) and (b), it is hereby ordered that the following acts are prohibited during Occupancy and Use of the Fusch Ridge Wilderness in the Santa Catalina Ranger District, Coronado National Forest (as specifically described as Township 12S, Range 15E all or portions of sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20; Township 12S, Range 14E all or portions of sections 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36; and Township 11S, Range 15E portions of sections 31 and 32; Township 11S, Range 14E all or portions of sections 25, 35, and 36; and Township 12S Range 13E portions of sections 19 and 30):

- to enter beyond 400 feet off designated Forest Service trails between January 1 through April 30. 36 CFR 261.53 (a).
- to bring in, possess, or allow dogs except seeing-eye dogs or handi-dogs in the area year round. 36 CFR 261.58 (s).
- to use a campsite or other area by more than a maximum day-group-size of fifteen individuals, and a maximum overnight-group-size of six individuals year round. 36 CFR 261.58 (f).

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 261.50 (e), the following person are exempt from this order:

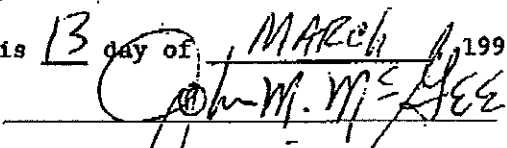
Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited activity.

Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer or member of an organized fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Violations of this prohibition, or the conditions of any permit issued thereunder, are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. (16 USC 551).

This Order of Prohibitions is done at Tucson, Arizona

this 13 day of MARCH, 1996.

  
JOHN M. MCGEE  
Forest Supervisor  
Coronado National Forest