

**ORDER
COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST
RED ROCK RANGER DISTRICT
LADDERS BALD EAGLE BREEDING AREA SEASONAL CLOSURE**

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and or (b), the following acts are prohibited in areas as described in this Order on National Forest System lands administered by the Coconino National Forest, Red Rock Ranger District in Yavapai County, Arizona, and as depicted on the attached map (the “restricted area”), hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Go into or be upon the area as shown; **36 CFR 261.53(a)**
2. Using a vehicle on the road; **36 CFR. 261.54(a)**
3. Being on the road; **36 CFR 261.54(e)**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty; and
2. Person(s) with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
3. Persons floating in water-borne craft upon the waters of the Verde River. Persons may not land, beach, or otherwise delay their deliberate passage through the closure area except for emergencies and for scouting rapids.

AREA DESCRIBED:

This area is known as the Ladders area and is accessed by Forest Road (FR) 500 east of Camp Verde or by boating the Verde River from the Beasley Flats area. The restricted area’s southern boundary is Sycamore Canyon in Sections 31 and 1 to its confluence with the Verde River. The western boundary starts along the Verde River from the Sycamore Canyon confluence, continues upstream approximately 2 miles to the cliffs above “The Falls”, continues north along the river canyon cliffs to an unnamed tributary in the central portion of Section 36. The northern boundary is unnamed tributaries in Section 36 and 31. The eastern boundary is FR 500 to an unnamed tributary that leads into Sycamore Canyon.

PURPOSE:

This order is needed to protect nesting bald eagles during their breeding season.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect on December 1, 2017 and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2018 or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

2. This Order rescinds, replaces and supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in that area addressed by Exhibit A.

Done at Flagstaff, Arizona this 9th day of November, 2017.

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Coconino National Forest

Violation of this Order 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 and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3885, Title 18 USC 3571, and Title 18 USC 3581].

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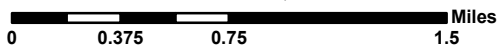


Exhibit A
Coconino N.F. Closure Order No. 04-17-30
LADDERS BALD EAGLE SEASONAL CLOSURE
December 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018



Coconino National Forest
Red Rock Ranger District

Scale 1:42,000



Legend

- Coconino N.F. Closure Area
- Prescott N.F. Closure Area (Closure order No. 09-242)
- Forest System Road
- Forest System Trail
- Verde Wild & Scenic River
- River Mile (RM-0,1,2,3,4)
- Gate (locked)

