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News Release

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Road to C.C. Cragin Reservoir to close for season in September

Clints Well, Ariz., Aug. 21, 2015, For Immediate Release — Motor vehicle access to C.C. Cragin (aka Blue Ridge) Reservoir will be restricted beginning Sep. 8, as the main forest road that leads to the reservoir will be closed to vehicles.

Forest Road 751 will be closed at Rock Crossing campground for public safety due to construction traffic using the road, and improvements are made to the boat ramp by the U.S. Forest Service and Arizona Game and Fish Department. Improvement work will include building a retaining wall and making improvements to the road used as the boat ramp, which will provide safer and more efficient access to the reservoir for recreational boaters.

The road closure due to construction will likely continue until seasonal road closures are implemented, meaning Forest Road 751 may be closed until approximately April 2016.

People may visit the reservoir by foot via Forest Road 751 to Rock Crossing Trail, which leads down to the reservoir, but no vehicles will be allowed on Forest Road 751 beyond Rock Crossing campground.

Additionally, the reservoir water level is slowly dropping and will continue to do so through September as inspections and maintenance projects get underway. Salt River Project, which operates and manages the reservoir and dam on behalf of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, will be performing inspections of the dam and tunnel inlet that transfers water to the East Verde River.

For more information about the reservoir status and Mogollon Rim Ranger District, please contact the ranger station at 928-477-2255. Information about C.C. Cragin Reservoir water levels can be found on SRP's website at <https://www.watershedmonitor.com/CCCragin.aspx>.

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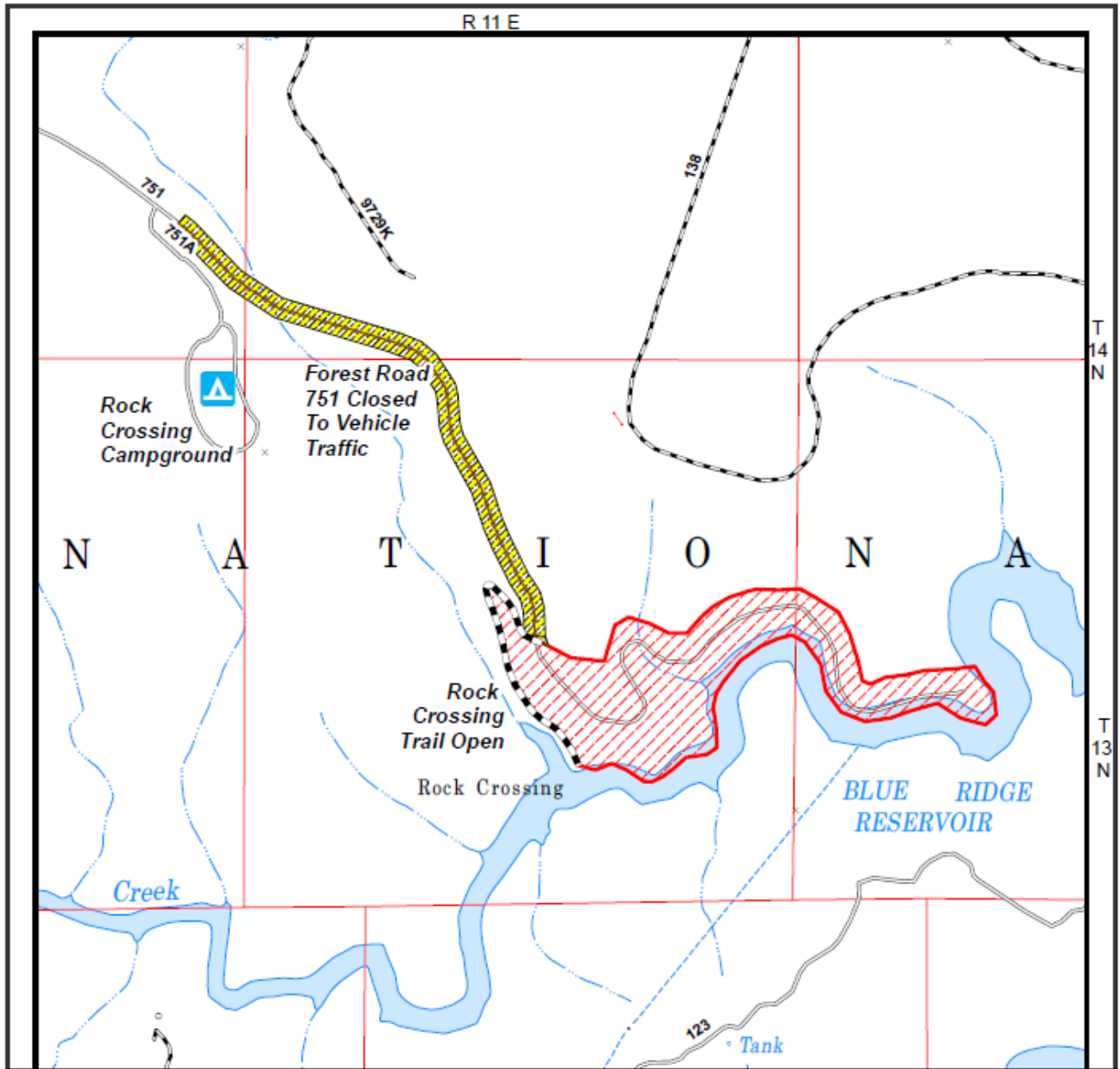
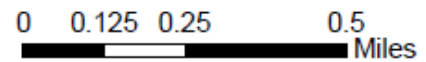


Exhibit A Order # 04-15-10-R
Coconino National Forest
Blue Ridge Reservoir
C.C. Cragin Emergency Closure

Legend

- ■ ■ Rock Crossing Trail
- ▨ Area Closure including Boat Ramp
- ▨ Forest Road 751 Closed to Vehicles
Foot Traffic Permitted, No Motor Vehicles



This road, trail, and area closure only affects National Forest System land, roads, and trails on the Coconino National Forest. The closure does not affect any private, state, county, or other Non National Forest System lands within the closure boundary.

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