

ORDER
USDA - FOREST SERVICE
COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST
Red Rock Ranger District – Bicycle Restriction

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to Title 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in areas as described in this Order on National Forest System lands administered by the Coconino National Forests, in Coconino and Yavapai Counties in Arizona, and as depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Possessing or using a bicycle off of National Forest System Roads or trails in the restricted areas. **36 CFR 261.56.**

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.

RESTRICTED AREAS DESCRIBED (see number 4 for excluded area):

1. Schnebly Hill Area: SR89A to the west, Caner Canyon to the north, Schnebly Hill Road to the east and south.
2. Transept Area: Junction of Verde Valley School Road and Forest boundary in Section 11, then north to junction with Templeton Trail, then east to switchbacks next to private property, then further east to SR179, then south along SR179 to Forest boundary, then west to Verde Valley School Road.
3. Scheurman Mt. – Airport Area: Junction of Lower Red Rock Loop Road and Forest boundary in Section 28 west and north along Lower Red Rock Loop Road to SR89A, then east to Sedona High School and then east along boundary with private/Forest boundary north of Carroll Canyon, continuing east along private boundary north of the Sedona Airport to Brewer Road, then southwest generally following Oak Creek along Forest/private boundary to junction of Ridge Trail with Chavez Ranch Road, follow Chavez Ranch Road west to Upper Red Rock Loop Road, and then west to connect with Lower Red Rock Loop Road.
4. Possessing or using a bike is permitted ONLY in the following slickrock locations that are within the restricted areas, adjacent to a designated trail: Cow Pies, upper and lower Hangover saddles, slickrock between Hiline Saddle and “the Hiline chute”, slickrock bench above Yavapai Vista, and slickrock bench at junction of Templeton and Cathedral Rock trails.

PURPOSE:

This order is needed to prevent impacts to the highly erosive soils, Oak Creek water quality, archaeological sites, and the Casner Canyon RNA resulting from bicycle use off of National Forest system roads and trails.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until May 1, 2015 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 13th day of March, 2013.

Earl Stewart

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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, 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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