Order Number 03-0268

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST
SANDIA RANGER DISTRICT

OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the area as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit B, within the Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

1. Entering into or being upon the described area which is closed for the protection of certain rare species of birds. 36 CFR 261.53(a)

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Owners or lessees of private land to the extent necessary to gain access to their land.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED

Portions of land located within T. 12 N., R. 4 E., Section 25 (excluding the N ½ of the N ½) of Section 36 and within T. 12 N., R. 5 E., Section 30. S ½ SW ¼ and Section 31. N ½ NW ¼, NMPM, more specifically described as follows and depicted on the SPECIAL AREA CLOSURE MAP.

Beginning at a point 30 feet east of the junction of the Piedra Lisa Trail (#135) and Juan Tabo Drainage, proceed northerly paralleling the Piedra Lisa Trail maintaining a 30 foot separation to the south boundary of the N ½ of the N ½, section 25. Proceed easterly along said boundary to a junction with the land formation known as the "Knife Edge of the Shield." Proceed southeasterly following the "crest" of the "Shield" and the "Eastern Ramp" to a point 30 feet west of the Crest Trail (#130). Proceed southerly paralleling the

Crest Trail to the south boundary of the N ½ of the N ½, section 31. Proceed westerly to the common section boundary with Section 36. Proceed southerly along said boundary to the south boundary of the N ½ of the N ½, section 36. Proceed westerly along said boundary to a point 30' east of the Waterfall canyon route. Follow this route with the 30' offset to the point of origin.

This closure area includes the following climbing routes and hiking trails:

1. Shield routes 2-20 and the Ramp, as described in Hikers and Climbers Guide to the Sandias by Mike Hill. 1993.
2. UNM Spire routes 1-5, as described in Hikers and Climbers Guide to the Sandias by Mike Hill. 1993.
3. Prow routes 1-5, as described Hikers and Climbers Guide to the Sandias by Mike Hill. 1993.
4. Fletcher Trail, as described in Hikers and Climbers Guide to the Sandias by Mike Hill. 1993
5. Movie Trail, as described in Hikers and Climbers Guide to the Sandias by Mike Hill. 1993

PURPOSE

For the purpose of minimizing adverse interactions between rare and sensitive species and humans and pursuant to Title 36 code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 261.50 (a) and (b), human use and entry is restricted in those areas of the Cibola National Forest as shown on the attached map (Exhibit B) and hereby made part of this Order.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order is effective March 1 through August 15, 2009 and March 1 through August 15, 2010, unless otherwise rescinded.
2. Any violation of this prohibition 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 by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581]
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by the Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 9th day of February, 2009

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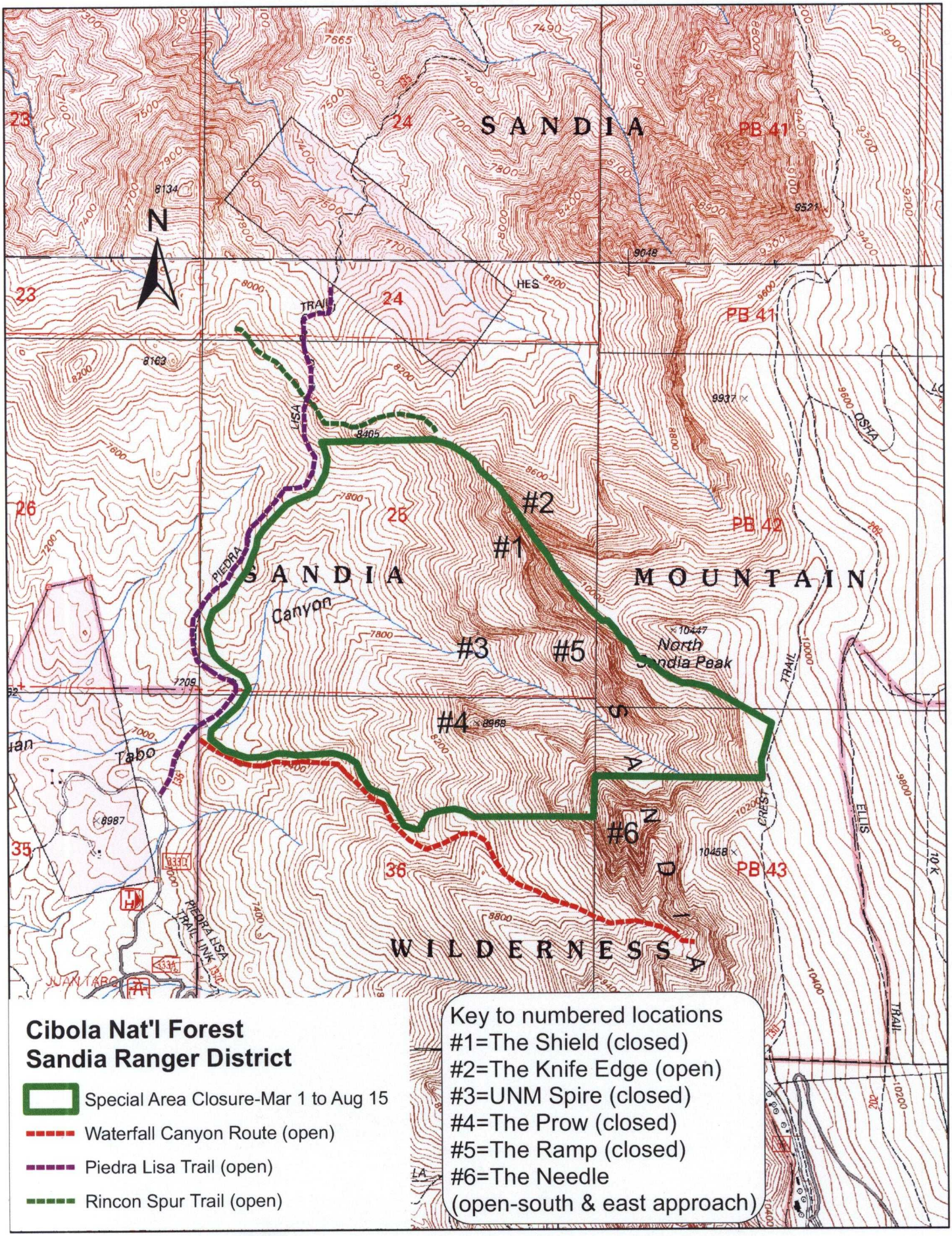

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SANDIA MOUNTAIN
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Cibola Nat'l Forest
Sandia Ranger District
Special Area Closure-Mar 1 to Aug 15
Waterfall Canyon Route (open)
Piedra Lisa Trail (open)
Rincon Spur Trail (open)
Key to numbered locations
#1=The Shield (closed)
#2=The Knife Edge (open)
#3=UNM Spire (closed)
#4=The Prow (closed)
#5=The Ramp (closed)
#6=The Needle
(open-south & east approach)