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The Exterior boundary of the
SALT RIVER CANYON WILDERNESS



Tonto National Forest, Southwestern Region
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NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

SALT RIVER CANYON WILDERNESS

Tonto National Forest

I hereby certify that the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Salt River Canyon Wilderness on the Tonto National Forest as entered into the National Wilderness Preservation System by the Act of August 28, 1984.

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Regional Forester

SALT RIVER CANYON WILDERNESS

A tract of land within the Administrative Boundary of the Tonto National Forest in Gila County, State of Arizona and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a summit within the White Ledges with a shown elevation of 4047 feet and approximate longitude $110^{\circ} 42' 55''$ west and latitude $33^{\circ} 42' 19''$ north;

Thence, N 60 W on a straight line for approximately 0.32 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 3573 feet;

Thence, S 24 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.41 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 3400 feet;

Thence, S 33 W on a straight line for approximately 1.04 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 3851 feet;

Thence, S 23 W on a straight line for approximately 0.36 miles to the thread of an unnamed intermittent stream draining from Clay Spring at the confluence with an unnamed intermittent stream draining from the east;

Thence, southeasterly on the thread of said intermittent stream for approximately 0.10 miles to where said intermittent stream bends towards the east;

Thence, S 16 E on a straight line for approximately 0.03 miles to a point 33 feet westerly from the terminus of a jeep trail;

Thence, southeasterly on a line 33 feet right of and parallel to the centerline of said jeep trail, for approximately 1.33 miles;

Thence, S 36 W on a straight line for approximately 0.02 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 3832 feet;

Thence, S 38 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.83 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 4294 feet;

Thence, N 48 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.41 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 4050 feet;

Thence N 23 W on a straight line for approximately 0.53 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 3800 feet;

Thence, S 41 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.41 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 3910 feet;

Thence, S 50 E on a straight line for approximately 0.18 miles to the summit of a small knob, in the saddle of a narrow spur ridge, with a contour elevation of 3840 feet;

Thence, S 21 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.27 miles to a point on said spur ridge with a contour elevation of 4040 feet;

Thence, S 73 W on a straight line for approximately 0.22 miles to the summit of a small knob with a contour elevation of 4040 feet;

Thence, S 60 W on a straight line for approximately 0.29 miles to the summit of a small knob with a contour elevation of 4320 feet;

Thence, S 63 W on a straight line for approximately 0.17 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 4520 feet;

Thence, S 67 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.24 miles to the summit of the largest and most westerly of three small knobs with contour elevations of 4240 feet;

Thence, south on a straight line for approximately 0.31 miles to the summit of a small knob with a shown elevation of 4018 feet;

Thence, S 7 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.25 miles to the summit of a small knob with a contour elevation of 4000 feet;

Thence, S 72 W on a straight line for approximately 0.71 miles to the summit of the smallest and most southerly of two small knobs with contour elevations of 3560 feet;

Thence, S 88 W on a straight line for approximately 1.21 miles to a point on the hydrographic divide between unnamed intermittent streams on the north and south, having a contour elevation of 2840 feet;

Thence, N 87 W on a straight line along said hydrographic divide for approximately 0.24 miles to a point having a contour elevation of 2600 feet;

Thence, N 44 W on a straight line for approximately 0.20 miles to a point 33 feet east of the centerline of the Salt River;

Thence, southwesterly and downstream on a line 33 feet left of and parallel to the centerline of the Salt River for approximately 0.30 miles;

Thence, S 43 E on a straight line for approximately 0.03 miles to Corner Number 4 of Homestead Entry Survey Number 555;

Thence, S 63 W on a straight line for a distance of 0.463 miles to Corner Number 3 of said Homestead Entry Survey Number 555;

Thence, S 47 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.09 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 2720 feet;

Thence, S 47 W on a straight line for approximately 0.70 miles to a point on the hydrographic divide between Mud Springs Wash on the east and an unnamed intermittent stream on the west, having a contour elevation of 3440 feet;

Thence, S 54 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.48 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 3880 feet;

Thence, N 84 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.28 miles to a point on a hydrographic divide between unnamed intermittent streams on the east and west, having a contour elevation of 3800 feet;

Thence, S 80 W on a straight line for approximately 0.36 miles to a summit on a hydrographic divide between unnamed intermittent streams to the east and west, having a shown elevation of 3678 feet;

Thence, N 15 W on a straight line for approximately 0.38 miles to the next summit on said hydrographic divide having a shown elevation of 3479 feet;

Thence, N 23 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.54 miles to the next summit on said hydrographic divide having a contour elevation of 3120 feet;

Thence, N 57 W on a straight line for approximately 0.26 miles to the next summit on said hydrographic divide having a contour elevation of 3160 feet;

Thence, N 82 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.53 miles to a summit on the next hydrographic divide to the west, on the east side of Redmond Wash, having a shown elevation of 3117 feet;

Thence, S 02 E on a straight line for approximately 0.31 miles to the next summit on said hydrographic divide having a contour elevation of 3360 feet;

Thence, S 23 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.22 miles to the next summit on said hydrographic divide having a contour elevation of 3440 feet;

Thence, S 15 W on a straight line for approximately 0.89 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 4130 feet;

Thence, S 60 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.57 miles to the summit of a small knob with a contour elevation of 4200 feet;

Thence, S 53 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.43 miles to the summit of a small knob, located on a precipice, and having a contour elevation of 4560 feet;

Thence, S 18 W on a straight line for approximately 0.82 miles to the confluence of Shute Springs Creek, draining from the northeast and an unnamed intermittent stream draining from the north, at an approximate elevation of 3340 feet;

Thence, generally westerly on the thread of Shute Springs Creek for approximately 0.91 miles, to the confluence with an unnamed intermittent stream draining from the south, at a contour elevation of 2920 feet;

Thence, S 05 W on a straight line for approximately 0.18 miles to a point on a hydrographic divide between Shute Springs Creek to the north and an unnamed intermittent stream to the west, at the edge of a precipice, and having a contour elevation of 3280 feet;

Thence, S 12 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.32 miles to the summit of a small knob with a contour elevation of 3800 feet;

Thence, S 32 W on a straight line for approximately 0.38 miles to the summit of a small knob with a contour elevation of 4040 feet;

Thence, S 46 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.47 miles to a summit on the edge of a precipice, having a shown elevation of 4050 feet;

Thence, S 62 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.75 miles to a point on a spur ridge on the east side of the Salt River Mountains, having a contour elevation of 3280 feet;

Thence, S 5 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.27 miles to the largest and most southerly of two small knobs with contour elevations of 3400 feet;

Thence, S 21 E on a straight line for approximately 0.38 miles to the summit of a small knob with a shown elevation of 3285 feet;

Thence, S 26 E on a straight line for approximately 0.90 miles to the summit of a small knob with a contour elevation of 3360 feet;

Thence, S 33 W on a straight line for approximately 0.24 miles to the intersection with the thread of an unnamed intermittent stream at a contour elevation of 3040 feet;

Thence, generally westerly on the thread of said stream for approximately 1.16 miles to the intersection with a line 50 feet northwest of and parallel to the centerline of a telephone line;

Thence, southwesterly on the line 50 feet right of a parallel to the centerline of said telephone line for approximately 0.42 miles;

Thence, N 13 W on a straight line for approximately 0.15 miles to a summit in the Salt River Mountains with a shown elevation of 4655 feet;

Thence, N 12 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.67 miles to the summit of a small knob with a contour elevation of 4240 feet;

Thence, N 53 W on a straight line for approximately 0.32 miles to the summit of a small knob with a shown elevation of 4170 feet;

Thence, N 15 W on a straight line for approximately 0.13 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 4160 feet;

Thence, N 21 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.24 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 4200 feet;

Thence N 06 W on a straight line for approximately 0.71 miles to a point on the western precipice of the Salt River Mountains, with a shown elevation of 3940 feet;

Thence, northerly on said precipice and generally following a contour elevation of 3800 feet, for approximately 1.36 miles to a point on the hydrographic divide of said mountains between Pinal Creek on the east and H Z Wash on the west, having a contour elevation of 3800 feet;

Thence, northwesterly on said hydrographic divide for approximately 0.13 miles to a point in a saddle with an approximate elevation of 3540 feet;

Thence, N 82 W on a straight line for approximately 0.29 miles to the summit of a small knob with a shown elevation of 3578 feet;

Thence, N 62 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.28 miles to the summit of Klondike Mountain with a shown elevation of 4020 feet;

Thence, generally northerly on the western precipice of the Salt River Mountains for approximately 1.38 miles to Klondike Butte triangulation station, located on said precipice, at an approximate elevation of 2800 feet;

Thence, N 40 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.17 miles to a point on the main ridge of said Salt River Mountains, near their northerly terminus, on a precipice overlooking the Salt River, and having a contour elevation of 2400 feet;

Thence, N 70 E on a straight line for approximately 0.20 miles to a point on the left bank of the Salt River at the confluence with Pinal Creek;

Thence, N 24 W on a straight line for approximately 0.10 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 2520 feet;

Thence, N 40 W on a straight line for approximately 0.22 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 2560 feet;

Thence N 23 E on a straight line for approximately 0.54 miles to the summit of a small knob with a shown elevation of 2807 feet;

Thence, generally northeasterly on a hydrographic divide between unnamed intermittent streams to the east and west, for approximately 1.25 miles to the summit of a small knob with a contour elevation of 2920 feet;

Thence, N 19 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.42 miles to a point on the next spur ridge north of said hydrographic divide, having a contour elevation of 3200 feet;

Thence, N 48 E on a straight line for approximately 0.42 miles to a point on the precipice of the west side of Black Mesa, with a contour elevation of 3840 feet, and located approximately 1000 feet westerly from a stock tank;

Thence, southeasterly on the western precipice of Black Mesa for approximately 0.50 miles;

Thence, northeasterly, climbing along a spur ridge for approximately 0.22 miles to the top of Black Mesa and the triangulation station Black, with a shown elevation of 4354 feet;

Thence, S 88 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.26 miles to the summit of a small knob with a contour elevation of 4280 feet;

Thence, S 78 E on a straight line for approximately 0.45 miles to a point on a hydrographic divide of Black Mesa between the Salt River on the south and an unnamed intermittent stream on the north, having a contour elevation of 3960 feet;

Thence, N 55 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.08 miles to the most westerly of two small knobs on said hydrographic divide, having a contour elevation of 3920 feet;

Thence, easterly on the precipice on the south side of Black Mesa for approximately 2.41 miles to a point on a spur ridge on the north side of an intermittent stream draining southeasterly from Black Mesa Spring, and having a contour elevation of 2560 feet;

Thence, N 62 E on a straight line for approximately 0.22 miles to a point on the hydrographic divide between said intermittent stream and Dry Creek on the east, having a contour elevation of 2600 feet;

Thence, N 70 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.46 miles to the summit of a small knob on said hydrographic divide with a contour elevation of 2760 feet;

Thence, N 01 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.19 miles to a summit on said hydrographic divide with a contour elevation of 2840 feet;

Thence, N 63 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.44 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 3080 feet;

Thence, N 14 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.50 miles to the summit of a small knob with a contour elevation of 2840 feet;

Thence, N 00 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.10 miles to the thread of Chalk Creek at its confluence with an unnamed intermittent stream from the southwest, with an approximate elevation of 2660 feet;

Thence, northwesterly on the thread of Chalk Creek for approximately 0.30 miles to a point of confluence with unnamed intermittent streams from the north and the south, having an approximate elevation of 2700 feet;

Thence, N 89 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.17 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 2920 feet;

Thence, N 80 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.50 miles to a point on a spur ridge bearing east and west, having a contour elevation of 2760 feet;

Thence, N 60 E on a straight line for approximately 0.27 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 2800 feet;

Thence, N 82 E on a straight line for approximately 0.16 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 2800 feet;

Thence, N 69 E on a straight line for approximately 0.51 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 2683 feet;

Thence, N 25 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.41 miles to the summit of a small knob with a shown elevation of 2945 feet;

Thence, N 87 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.51 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 3480 feet;

Thence, N 72 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.33 miles to the summit of a small knob with a shown elevation of 3130 feet;

Thence, S 86 E on a straight line for approximately 0.52 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 2862 feet;

Thence, S 22 E on a straight line for approximately 0.65 miles to a point on a spur ridge on the west side of Cherry Creek with a contour elevation of 2680 feet;

Thence, N 46 E on a straight line for approximately 0.37 miles to a summit on the east side of Cherry Creek with a shown elevation of 2660 feet;

Thence, N 65 E on a straight line for approximately 0.82 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 3024 feet;

Thence, N 87 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.85 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 3080 feet;

Thence, N 48 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 1.15 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 3368 feet;

Thence, N 17 E on a straight line for approximately 0.37 miles to a point on the edge of a bench bearing northwest and southwest, having a contour elevation of 3320 feet;

Thence, N 31 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.23 miles to a point on a small spur ridge of said bench, on the north side of the head of Lower Corral Canyon, having a contour elevation of 3200 feet and located approximately 450 feet east of a spring;

Thence, N 59 E on a straight line for approximately 0.38 miles to a point on a spur ridge of said bench with a shown elevation of 3232 feet;

Thence, N 31 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.33 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 3200 feet and located on the south side of a 4 wheel drive road extending southeast and northwest;

Thence, S 45 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.63 miles to the intersection with the Tonto National Forest and the Fort Apache Indian Reservation Boundary, at a point in a saddle of the hydrographic divide between Upper Corral Canyon to the north and Lower Corral Canyon to the south, and located approximately 800 feet southeast of Mile Post No. 41 of said boundary;

Thence, S 11 1/2 E on the boundary between the Tonto National Forest and the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, for approximately 0.81 miles to the point where said boundary intersects the thread of the Salt River;

Thence, generally northeasterly on said boundary as it follows the thread of the Salt River upstream, for approximately 9.32 miles, to a point north of the terminus of Forest Development Road (FDR) Number 303B;

Thence, southeasterly on a line 33 feet right of and parallel to the centerline of said FDR 303B for approximately 1.46 miles, to a point in a

saddle of the hydrographic divide between Butte Creek to the north and an unnamed intermittent stream to the south, with a contour elevation of 3800 feet;

Thence, southerly on said hydrographic divide for approximately 0.46 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 4000 feet;

Thence, S 21 1/2 E on a straight line for approximately 0.50 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 3807 feet;

Thence, S 26 W on a straight line for approximately 0.32 miles to the west end of a long summit with a contour elevation of 4000 feet;

Thence, S 54 W on a straight line for approximately 0.37 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 4130 feet;

Thence, S 38 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.72 miles to a summit with a shown elevation of 4270 feet;

Thence, S 35 1/2 W on a straight line for approximately 0.92 miles to a point on a hydrographic divide of the White Ledges between an unnamed intermittent stream to the north and an unnamed intermittent stream draining from Division Spring to the south, and having a contour elevation of 3880 feet;

Thence, S 21 W on a straight line for approximately 0.58 miles to the summit of a small knob with a contour elevation of 3360 feet;

Thence, S 65 W on a straight line for approximately 0.50 miles to the summit of a small knob with a contour elevation of 3200 feet;

Thence, S 71 W on a straight line for approximately 0.89 miles to the Point of Beginning;

Lands herein described and topographic features referred to are based on 7 1/2 minute United States Geological Survey Quadrangle Sheets HAYSTACK BUTTE dated 1966, preliminary 7 1/2 minute sheets ROCKINGSTRAW MOUNTAIN N.E., S.E., S.W. and N.W., and United States Forest Service 15 1/2 minute Quadrangle No. A-275, titled BLUE HOUSE MOUNTAIN, dated 1972 (enlarged to the same scale as the United States Geological Survey Quadrangle Sheets). These quadrangle sheets are attached to and made a part of this description. The total area of the Salt River Canyon Wilderness is 32,100 gross acres more or less.