

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

SYCAMORE CANYON WILDERNESS

I hereby certify that the description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness on the Coconino, Kaibab, and Prescott National Forests as it existed March 6, 1972, the date of Public Law 92-241. This description and map supersedes the maps and description filed November 11, 1973, by R. L. Safran, Acting Assistant Regional Forester.

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The Exterior Boundary of Sycamore Canyon Wilderness, Coconino, Kaibab, and Prescott National Forests, Arizona, as reported to Congress pursuant to Section 2 of Public Law 92-241.

Description

Beginning at a point on the primary rim of the west side of Sycamore Canyon, which point is approximately 100 feet east of the north quarter corner of sec. 34, T. 20 N., R. 4 E., Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, and which overlooks the junction of Sycamore Canyon and Little L O Spring Canyon; thence northwesterly along the southwest rim of Sycamore Canyon to the head of a small canyon tributary to Sycamore Canyon just east of White Horse Lake;

Thence southeasterly, northerly, northwesterly, northerly across Sycamore Canyon on the well-defined rim;

Thence easterly and southeasterly to a point on the rim above the confluence of Sycamore Canyon and Big Spring Canyon, northeasterly along the north rim of Sycamore Canyon to a crossing of Sycamore Canyon about 1 mile below L O Spring; thence southerly, southwesterly, and southeasterly to a point on the east rim of Sycamore Canyon, about .5 mile northeast of and overlooking the confluence of Sycamore Canyon and Volunteer Canyon;

Thence along the north rim of Volunteer Canyon northeasterly, southeasterly, northeasterly, easterly along the rim across Volunteer Canyon about 750 feet west of the corner common to secs. 11, 12, 13, and

14, T. 20 N., R. 4 E., southwesterly, northeasterly, southerly, southwesterly, and southeasterly to a point on the east rim of Sycamore Canyon about 1/2 mile northeast of and overlooking the confluence of Sycamore Canyon and Little L O Spring Canyon;

Thence along the rim of Little L O Spring Canyon northeasterly, northwesterly, northeasterly, southeasterly, northerly, easterly along the rim across Little L O Spring Canyon, southerly, southwesterly southeasterly, southwesterly, northwesterly, southwesterly, and southeasterly to a point on the east rim of Sycamore Canyon about one-quarter of a mile east of and above Kelsey Spring;

Thence along the primary rim southeasterly and southwesterly across an unnamed watercourse located about the center of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ section 36, T. 20 N., R. 4 E., thence southwesterly to a point about 3/8 mile west of section corner common to sections 1 and 2, T. 19 N., R. 4 E., and section 36, T. 20 N., R. 4 E.

Then leaving the primary rim of Sycamore Canyon and following the water divide between unnamed water courses approximately 1.6 miles to the summit of Hog Hill; thence along the water divide which becomes a secondary rim which intersects with the primary rim of Sycamore Canyon in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 12, T. 19 N., R. 4 E.; thence along the primary rim of Sycamore Canyon northeasterly, southeasterly, and easterly to a point on the east rim of a tributary canyon to Sycamore Canyon, which is about 1/4 mile northwest of Turkey Butte;

Thence southwesterly, southeasterly, and southwesterly along the sinousities of the well-defined rim to the head of Buck Ridge;

Thence southwesterly along the well-defined rim of Sycamore Canyon to the northwest corner of Casner Mountain; thence southerly and southeasterly along the main rim around and below Casner Mountain, and southwesterly to Sycamore Pass along the water divide between Sycamore Canyon and drainages of Spring Creek;

Thence westerly, southerly, and southwesterly to the junction of the Black Mountain Rim with the well-defined rim of Sycamore Canyon; thence southwesterly along the sinuosities of the well-defined canyon rim around the north side of Black Mountain to a promontory point 1 mile southeast of Parson Spring;

Thence southerly along a well-defined rim, across a narrow canyon, to another promontory point; thence easterly along the north rim of the main canyon draining Black Mountain's west side, crossing the canyon on a rim and traversing westerly along the canyon's south rim to a promontory point which is about 1 mile east of and overlooking Summers Spring; thence westerly approximately .6 mile down the main ridge from the southwestern corner of the promontory point to a sharp change in the topography where the land slopes more steeply into Sycamore Creek; thence southerly approximately 1.1 miles along this break which becomes, at its southern end, the water divide between Sycamore Creek and the Verde River; thence around a small basin on the water divide and descending into and crossing Sycamore Creek approximately 1 mile measured along the stream course of Sycamore Creek above the confluence of the Verde River and Sycamore Creek, and about 200 feet north of the north boundary of the "Packard Place" thence ascending northwesterly along the prominent ridge approximately 1.2 mile to the southern end of Packard Mesa;

Thence northerly and northeasterly approximately 4.0 miles along the sinuosities of the primary rim of Sycamore Canyon, which rim forms the eastern edge of Packard Mesa, to a point on the ridge dividing Packard Mesa from Sycamore Basin;

Thence northwesterly along this ridge to its junction with massive, standing, sandstone cliffs; thence continuing northwesterly and northerly along the base of these vertical and near vertical cliffs to a point which is about 2 miles southeast of Henderson Flat, at which point a main drainage and the boundary ascends northeasterly to the mesa top; thence along the well-defined rim westerly, northwesterly, westerly, and southwesterly past the Henderson Triangulation Point and continuing along the sinuosities of the rim around the head of Cedar Creek and its many tributary canyons, around the Lonesome Pocket, Limestone Pocket, Deadman Pocket, across Jacks Canyon on the rim to a point which is about 150 feet north of the southeast corner of sec. 23, T. 19 N., R. 3 E., which lies approximately .7 mile south of Pocket Lake;

Thence in a generally easterly direction along the main rim around the heads of forks of Jacks Canyon to a point .5 mile east and 400 feet south of the south quarter corner of sec. 13, T. 19 N., R. 3 E.; thence southeasterly approximately .3 mile along the sinuosities of the primary rim of Sycamore Canyon to a point which is the intersection of a secondary rim with the primary rim; thence northeasterly along the secondary rim across the mesa, passing approximately 450 feet to the northwest of the Pocket Triangulation Station, and intersecting again with the primary rim of Sycamore Canyon; thence along this primary rim around and across Tule Tank

Wash, Lee Canyon, J D Dam Wash to a point on the rim which is approximately 250 feet west of the south quarter corner of sec. 7, T. 19 N., R. 4 E.; thence continuing on the primary rim around forks of Tule Canyon to and around the Sycamore Point Overlook;

Thence continuing along the well-defined rim of Sycamore Canyon northerly and northeasterly, northwesterly, northerly, easterly, northwesterly, southeasterly, northerly, northwesterly, easterly, northwesterly, northeasterly and easterly, and northwesterly across Colcord Canyon on the well-defined rim;

Thence southeasterly along the primary rim, turning generally northerly and northwesterly to the point of beginning which is approximately 100 feet east of the north quarter corner of sec. 34, T. 20 N., R. 4 E., Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, containing 47,762 acres, more or less. There is no privately owned land included within the boundary above described.

The above described area has been plotted on a 1-inch equals 1-mile scale map dated November 17, 1975, which is attached and made a part of this description.