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WILDERNESS



NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

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COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST
SOUTHWESTERN REGION
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I hereby certify that the legal description and maps herewith represent the location of the West Clear Creek Wilderness on the Coconino National Forest as entered into the National Wilderness Preservation System by the Act of August 28, 1984.

DATE

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for REGIONAL FORESTER

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West Clear Creek Wilderness as established by the Arizona Wilderness Act of 1984, Public Law 98-406, described as a tract of land within the administrative boundaries of the Coconino National Forest in Coconino and Yavapai Counties, State of Arizona, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the N-N 1/64 corner of Sections 10 and 11, T. 13 N., R. 6 E.;

Thence, Easterly along the south line of the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 approximately 0.3 miles to the C-N-NW 1/64 corner;

Thence, Continuing easterly along the south line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 approximately 0.1 miles to the NE-NW 1/64 corner;

Thence, Northeasterly approximately 0.1 miles to a point of the junction of West Clear Creek and a major drainage;

Thence, Northeasterly along the drainage approximately 1.9 miles to a point that lies on the township line between Sections 1 and 36, Townships 13 and 14 North, Range 6 East, approximately 0.4 miles from the township corner common to Townships 13 and 14 North, Ranges 6 and 7 East;

Thence, Southeasterly along a small draw approximately 0.4 miles to a point on a saddle;

Thence, Southerly across a saddle approximately 0.1 miles to a point in a small draw bearing southerly;

Thence, Southeasterly along said small draw approximately 0.2 miles to a junction with a major drainage from the northeast;

Thence, Northeasterly along said major drainage approximately 0.3 miles to a point that lies on the range line between Sections 1 and 6, Township 13 North, Ranges 6 and 7 East, approximately 0.3 miles from the township corner common to Townships 13 and 14 North, Ranges 6 and 7 East;

Thence, Southeasterly along a ridge approximately 0.2 miles to a point on a precipice;

Thence, Southerly and following the precipice as it turns northeasterly for approximately 2.2 miles to a point in a small draw;

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- Thence, Southeasterly along the draw approximately 0.3 miles to a point at the junction of said draw and a major drainage;
- Thence, Northeasterly along said major drainage approximately 1.1 miles to a point on a small saddle;
- Thence, Northerly across a saddle approximately 0.3 miles to a point on Trail No. 17;
- Thence, Northeasterly along Trail No. 17 approximately 0.5 miles to an intersection with the 5600 foot contour;
- Thence, Southerly along the 5600 foot contour approximately 0.3 miles to a point on a precipice;
- Thence, Easterly and following said precipice as it turns northeasterly for approximately 1.2 miles to a point in a major draw;
- Thence, Continuing easterly along said precipice approximately 1.5 miles to a point in a drainage that lies approximately 0.05 miles southerly of a junction of two drainages;
- Thence, Continuing easterly along said precipice approximately 1.5 miles to a point in a drainage that lies approximately 0.5 miles northerly of the junction of said drainage and West Clear Creek;
- Thence, Continuing easterly along said precipice approximately 0.8 miles to a point in a drainage that lies approximately 0.2 miles southerly of the junction of two drainages;
- Thence, Continuing easterly along said precipice approximately 2.5 miles to a point in a drainage that lies approximately 0.2 miles northeasterly of the junction of said drainage and West Clear Creek, and approximately 0.2 miles southerly of the junction of two drainages;
- Thence, Easterly along said precipice approximately 1.0 miles to a point on a ridge, where the precipice turns back sharply to the north;
- Thence, Northerly along said precipice for approximately 1.6 miles to a point in a small draw;
- Thence, Northeasterly along the centerline of the draw approximately 0.04 miles to a point on a precipice, at the junction of two drainages that lies approximately 0.2 miles southerly of Buckhorn Ranch;

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- Thence, Southerly along said precipice approximately 0.3 miles to a point on a ridge, where the precipice turns southeasterly;
- Thence, Southeasterly along said precipice approximately 2.4 miles to a point in a draw that lies approximately 0.5 miles northeasterly of the junction of said draw and West Clear Creek;
- Thence, Mostly easterly along said precipice approximately 2.4 miles to a point southerly of Snake Tank;
- Thence, Easterly approximately 0.1 miles to a point on the precipice northerly of West Clear Creek;
- Thence, Easterly along said precipice approximately 1.5 miles to a point on the precipice and directly below a long narrow spur projecting southeasterly;
- Thence, Northwesterly in a straight line along the eastern edge of said spur approximately 0.2 miles to a point near the mouth of a draw;
- Thence, Northeasterly approximately 0.1 miles across the mouth of said draw;
- Thence, Easterly approximately 0.4 miles along the 6600 foot contour to a point in a small draw;
- Thence, North $84^{\circ}32'$ East, 200 feet;
- Thence, South $80^{\circ}34'$ East, 440 feet;
- Thence, South $73^{\circ}02'$ East, 250 feet to a point on the 6700 foot contour, which is coincidental with a precipice;
- Thence, Southeasterly along a precipice, also being the 6700 foot contour, approximately 0.9 miles to a point in a drainage;
- Thence, Southerly, westerly and easterly along a precipice approximately 3.1 miles to a point on Trail No. 32;
- Thence, Northerly along a precipice approximately 0.5 miles to a point in a drainage that lies approximately 0.2 miles northwesterly of the junction of two drainages;
- Thence, Northerly along a precipice approximately 0.5 miles to a point in a drainage that lies approximately 0.4 miles northerly of the junction of two drainages;

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- Thence, Southerly and easterly along the precipice approximately 1.6 miles to a point that lies approximately 0.2 miles southwesterly of the junction of two roads;
- Thence, Southeasterly along a small ridge approximately 0.1 miles to a point in a drainage;
- Thence, Southeasterly approximately 0.1 miles to a point on a precipice;
- Thence, Southerly along a precipice approximately 1.1 miles to a point on Trail No. 37;
- Thence, Northeasterly along a precipice approximately 2.4 miles to a point in a drainage;
- Thence, Northerly along a ridge approximately 0.1 miles to a point on a precipice;
- Thence, Southeasterly, northerly and westerly along a precipice approximately 1.9 miles to a point on the section line between Sections 21 and 22, approximately 0.1 miles northerly of the corner common to Sections 21, 22, 27 and 28, T. 14 N., R. 9 E.;
- Thence, Northerly along the section line between Sections 21 and 22, approximately 0.3 miles to a point on a precipice;
- Thence, Southeasterly along a precipice approximately 1.9 miles to a point in a drainage that runs westerly;
- Thence, Southerly along a precipice approximately 0.7 miles to a point in a small drainage that runs southwesterly;
- Thence, North $88^{\circ}01'$ East, 125 feet;
- Thence, South $82^{\circ}06'$ East, 187 feet;
- Thence, South $79^{\circ}31'$ East, 304 feet;
- Thence, South $15^{\circ}51'$ East, 119 feet;
- Thence, South $15^{\circ}01'$ East, 172 feet;
- Thence, South $21^{\circ}38'$ East, 192 feet;

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Thence, South $39^{\circ}56'$ East, 295 feet;
Thence, South $51^{\circ}31'$ East, 193 feet;
Thence, South $49^{\circ}46'$ East, 195 feet;
Thence, South $16^{\circ}48'$ East, 161 feet;
Thence, South $15^{\circ}09'$ East, 116 feet;
Thence, South $29^{\circ}17'$ West, 127 feet;
Thence, South $61^{\circ}32'$ West, 173 feet;
Thence, South $57^{\circ}36'$ West, 180 feet;
Thence, South $74^{\circ}27'$ West, 121 feet;
Thence, South $22^{\circ}04'$ West, 106 feet;
Thence, South $04^{\circ}16'$ East, 280 feet;
Thence, South $20^{\circ}36'$ East, 218 feet;
Thence, South $46^{\circ}46'$ East, 102 feet;
Thence, South $03^{\circ}20'$ East, 109 feet;
Thence, South $27^{\circ}08'$ West, 223 feet;
Thence, South $68^{\circ}47'$ West, 151 feet to a point in a drainage on the 6600 foot contour;
Thence, Northwesterly and southwesterly along the 6600 foot contour approximately 0.9 miles;
Thence, South $13^{\circ}54'$ East, 178 feet;
Thence, South $03^{\circ}54'$ West, 255 feet;
Thence, South $26^{\circ}08'$ East, 170 feet;
Thence, South $26^{\circ}29'$ East, 204 feet;
Thence, South $03^{\circ}16'$ West, 135 feet;

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Thence, North $82^{\circ}01'$ West, 114 feet;

Thence, North $75^{\circ}12'$ West, 272 feet;

Thence, North $80^{\circ}15'$ West, 128 feet;

Thence, South $36^{\circ}34'$ West, 128 feet;

Thence, South $24^{\circ}01'$ East, 189 feet;

Thence, South $38^{\circ}37'$ East, 236 feet;

Thence, South $23^{\circ}46'$ East, 311 feet;

Thence, South $31^{\circ}04'$ West, 167 feet;

Thence, South $77^{\circ}11'$ West, 165 feet;

Thence, North $78^{\circ}23'$ West, 98 feet;

Thence, North $44^{\circ}16'$ West, 176 feet to a point that lies on a precipice approximately 0.3 miles northerly of the corner common to Sections 33 and 34, T. 14 N., R 9 E.;

Thence, Along a precipice approximately 4.3 miles to a point that lies on a ridge approximately 0.6 miles northeasterly of the junction of an unnamed drainage and West Clear Creek;

Thence, South $24^{\circ}33'$ East, 100 feet;

Thence, South $11^{\circ}05'$ West, 268 feet;

Thence, South $47^{\circ}40'$ West, 146 feet to a point on the 6700 foot contour;

Thence, Southerly along a precipice approximately 0.8 miles to a point that lies in a drainage approximately 0.06 miles easterly of the junction of said drainage and West Clear Creek;

Thence, Southerly along a precipice approximately 2.3 miles to a point on a ridge bearing westerly;

Thence Southerly down a hill approximately 0.2 miles to a point that lies in a drainage approximately 0.07 miles easterly of the junction of said drainage and West Clear Creek, and 0.02 miles northerly of a road that runs east-west;

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- Thence, Westerly along the centerline of said drainage approximately 0.08 miles to a point in West Clear Creek, approximately 0.04 miles northerly of a road that runs east-west;
- Thence, Westerly along a ridge approximately 0.06 miles to a point on a precipice that lies approximately 0.06 miles northerly of a road that runs east-west;
- Thence, Northerly along a precipice approximately 2.9 miles to a point that lies on a ridge that bears northerly;
- Thence, Southerly along a precipice approximately 1.2 miles to a point that lies on the fork of a drainage approximately 0.06 miles northerly of the junction of two drainages;
- Thence, Westerly along a precipice approximately 3.3 miles to a point that lies on a drainage approximately 0.05 miles northeasterly of Road 142;
- Thence, Continuing along a precipice approximately 1.9 miles to a point that lies on a ridge that bears northwesterly;
- Thence, Northwesterly along a ridge approximately 0.2 miles to a point in Tom's Creek approximately 0.3 miles northeasterly of Road No. 142;
- Thence, North $52^{\circ}11'$ West, 245 feet;
- Thence, North $57^{\circ}16'$ West, 163 feet;
- Thence, North $61^{\circ}46'$ West, 224 feet;
- Thence, North $42^{\circ}00'$ West, 358 feet;
- Thence, North $34^{\circ}07'$ West, 126 feet;
- Thence, North $12^{\circ}48'$ West, 119 feet;
- Thence, North $44^{\circ}40'$ West, 158 feet;
- Thence, North $44^{\circ}33'$ West, 129 feet to a point on a precipice which falls on the 6800 foot contour;
- Thence, North $23^{\circ}54'$ East, 182 feet;
- Thence, North $45^{\circ}45'$ East, 187 feet;

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- Thence, North $49^{\circ}21'$ East, 164 feet;
- Thence, North $48^{\circ}34'$ East, 88 feet;
- Thence, North $65^{\circ}42'$ East, 108 feet;
- Thence, North $86^{\circ}33'$ East, 139 feet to a point that lies in a draw on a precipice which falls on the 6800 foot contour;
- Thence, Northeasterly along a precipice approximately 1.4 miles to a point that lies in a drainage approximately 0.2 miles northwesterly of the junction of said drainage and Tom's Creek;
- Thence, Northeasterly along a precipice approximately 1.5 miles to a point in a drainage which lies approximately 0.2 miles southwesterly of the junction of said drainage and Clover Creek;
- Thence, Northerly and southwesterly along a precipice approximately 1.0 miles to a point in a drainage which lies approximately 0.4 miles southwesterly of the junction of said drainage and Clover Creek;
- Thence, Northerly along a precipice, also being the 6700 foot contour, approximately 1.2 miles to a point in the center of a draw;
- Thence, Northerly along the center of said draw approximately 0.3 miles to a point on a precipice;
- Thence, Westerly along said precipice approximately 0.4 miles to a point in a drainage which lies approximately 0.2 miles southerly of the junction of said drainage and Clover Creek;
- Thence, Westerly along a precipice approximately 1.4 miles to a point in a drainage which lies on the section line between Sections 4 and 9, T. 13 N., R. 9 E.;
- Thence, Northwesterly along a precipice approximately 1.4 miles to a point on a ridge bearing northerly;
- Thence, Northerly along said ridge approximately 0.1 miles to a point on a precipice, also being the 6600 foot contour;
- Thence, Along said precipice approximately 1.1 miles to a point in a drainage which lies approximately 0.3 miles northerly of the intersection of two roads;

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- Thence, Northwesterly along a precipice approximately 0.5 miles to a point on a ridge bearing northwesterly approximately 0.03 miles northerly of Road 142F;
- Thence, Southeasterly along a precipice approximately 0.6 miles to a point in a drainage that lies approximately 0.5 miles northwesterly of an intersection of two roads;
- Thence, Northwesterly and southwesterly along a precipice approximately 1.9 miles to a point on the section line between Sections 31 and 32, approximately 0.06 miles northerly of the corner common to Sections 31 and 32, T 14 N., R. 9 E.;
- Thence, Southerly along a precipice approximately 1.4 miles to a point in a small draw;
- Thence, Easterly along said draw approximately 0.06 miles to a point on a precipice;
- Thence, Southerly along said precipice approximately 0.3 miles to a point on a ridge;
- Thence, South $42^{\circ}46'$ East, 101 feet;
- Thence, South $00^{\circ}09'$ East, 70 feet;
- Thence, South $01^{\circ}57'$ East, 193 feet;
- Thence, South $26^{\circ}29'$ West, 22 feet to a point on the line between Sections 5 and 8 T. 13 N., R. 9 E., which lies approximately 0.08 miles southeasterly of a fork in a drainage;
- Thence, Westerly along said section line approximately 0.1 miles to a point on a precipice, which lies approximately 0.06 miles southwesterly of a fork in a drainage;
- Thence, Northwesterly and southerly along a precipice approximately 3.3 miles to a point in a drainage that lies approximately 0.2 miles southeasterly of a fork in a drainage;
- Thence, Westerly and southeasterly along a precipice approximately 1.2 miles to a point in a drainage that lies approximately 0.3 miles southeasterly of a fork in a drainage;
- Thence, Northwesterly along a precipice approximately 0.3 miles to a point on a ridge that bears northwesterly;

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- Thence, Southerly along said precipice approximately 0.3 miles to a point on a ridge;
- Thence, Westerly along said ridge approximately 0.06 miles to a point in the fork of a drainage;
- Thence, Westerly along a ridge approximately 0.06 miles to a point on a precipice;
- Thence, Northerly along a precipice approximately 1.9 miles to a point that lies on a ridge approximately 0.07 miles southwesterly of a fork in a drainage;
- Thence, Southerly along a precipice approximately 1.0 miles to a point in a small draw that bears southwesterly;
- Thence, Southwesterly along the centerline of a draw approximately 0.06 miles to a point in the centerline of a drainage that lies approximately 0.3 miles southeasterly of the junction of two drainages;
- Thence, South $36^{\circ}23'$ West, 192 feet;
- Thence, South $39^{\circ}42'$ West, 63 feet to a point on a precipice that lies approximately 0.3 miles southeasterly of the junction of two drainages;
- Thence, Northwesterly and southeasterly along the precipice approximately 0.6 miles to a point on a ridge that bears westerly;
- Thence, South $27^{\circ}15'$ West, 567 feet;
- Thence, North $58^{\circ}50'$ West, 54 feet to a point on a precipice on the northerly side of a ridge;
- Thence, Westerly along a precipice approximately 0.5 miles to a point in a small draw;
- Thence, Northerly along the centerline of a draw approximately 0.06 miles to a point in a drainage;
- Thence, Northerly approximately 0.1 miles to a point on a precipice;
- Thence, Northerly circling back to the South along a precipice approximately 3.3 miles to a point in a draw;

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- Thence, Northwesternly along the centerline of a draw approximately 0.08 miles to a point in the centerline of a drainage;
- Thence, Westerly along a ridge approximately 0.04 miles to a point on a precipice;
- Thence, Continuing northwesterly and southwesterly along a precipice approximately 4.2 miles, across a major drainage, to a point that lies approximately 0.3 miles southerly of a fork in a drainage and 0.5 miles southeasterly of another fork;
- Thence, Southwesterly across the drainage approximately 0.04 miles to a point on a precipice;
- Thence, Northwesternly and southwesterly along a precipice approximately 0.5 miles to a point that lies approximately 0.4 miles southwesterly of a fork in a drainage;
- Thence, South $18^{\circ}34'$ West, 138 feet;
- Thence, South $04^{\circ}15'$ East, 56 feet;
- Thence, South $19^{\circ}51'$ West, 94 feet;
- Thence, South $17^{\circ}06'$ West, 244 feet;
- Thence, South $07^{\circ}44'$ West, 132 feet;
- Thence, South $26^{\circ}51'$ West, 124 feet;
- Thence, South $60^{\circ}22'$ West, 122 feet to point in Wilbur Canyon drainage;
- Thence, North $88^{\circ}01'$ West, 215 feet to a point on the 6500 foot contour;
- Thence, Northerly, westerly and southerly along a precipice approximately 5.6 miles, across two major drainages and Trail No. 33, to a point that lies approximately 0.06 miles easterly of a fork in a drainage;
- Thence, Westerly across a drainage approximately 0.08 miles to a point that lies approximately 0.02 miles westerly of a fork in a drainage;
- Thence, Mostly northerly along a precipice approximately 2.0 miles to a point in a small draw;

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- Thence, North $87^{\circ}40'$ West, 325 feet;
- Thence, North $89^{\circ}30'$ West, 190 feet
- Thence, North $84^{\circ}25'$ West, 220 feet;
- Thence, North $80^{\circ}25'$ West, 140 feet;
- Thence, South $74^{\circ}20'$ West, 40 feet;
- Thence, South $57^{\circ}05'$ West, 140 feet to a point in a large draw;
- Thence, Westerly along the precipice southerly of West Clear Creek approximately 2.4 miles to a point that intersects the boundary between Long Valley and Beaver Creek Ranger Districts;
- Thence, Southerly along said precipice and district boundary approximately 1.7 miles to a point where said boundaries are no longer coincidental;
- Thence, Mostly southwesterly along said precipice approximately 1.9 miles to a point in Meadow Canyon drainage which lies approximately 0.3 miles north of the junction of two drainages;
- Thence, Continuing mostly westerly along said precipice approximately 3.1 miles to a point in Rim Tank drainage;
- Thence, Continuing mostly westerly along said precipice, past Bull Hole drainage, approximately 3.8 miles to a point in the drainage to Maverick Basin Tank;
- Thence, Continuing mostly westerly along said precipice approximately 1.6 miles to a point in Oak Hill draw;
- Thence, Mostly southerly approximately 1.6 miles to a point in a drainage that lies on the 5800 foot contour;
- Thence, Southwesterly along the 5800 foot contour approximately 0.8 miles to a point on a precipice;
- Thence, Westerly along said precipice, above West Clear Creek, approximately 5.2 miles;
- Thence, South $69^{\circ}58'$ West, 448 feet;
- Thence, South $67^{\circ}03'$ West, 331 feet;

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- Thence, South 64°23' West, 289 feet;
- Thence, South 60°42' West, 255 feet;
- Thence, South 61°46' West, 298 feet;
- Thence, South 57°44' West, 453 feet to a point in the centerline of a drainage that bears southwesterly;
- Thence, Westerly along the centerline of a drainage approximately 1.1 miles to the junction of said drainage and West Clear Creek;
- Thence, Northeasterly along West Clear Creek drainage approximately 1.9 miles to a point that lies on the south line of Section 3, T. 13 N., R. 6 E.;
- Thence, Southeasterly approximately 0.4 miles, along a line from the intersection of the south line of Section 3 and West Clear Creek to the N-N 1/64 corner of Sections 10 and 11, T. 13 N., R. 6 E., the Point of Beginning.

Lands herein described and topographic features referred to are depicted on 7 1/2 minute United States Geological Survey Quadrangle Sheets, Calloway Butte, Long Valley, Walker Mountain and Buckhorn Mountain, dated 1984. The Quadrangle Sheets are intended to be an integral part of the legal description. The total area of the West Clear Creek Wilderness is 15,449 acres, more or less.