

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARY OF THE BLUE RANGE WILDERNESS GILA
NATIONAL FOREST AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO PORTION OF THE
APACHE NATIONAL FOREST, SOUTHWESTERN REGION, DECEMBER 15,
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NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

BLUE RANGE WILDERNESS

GILA NATIONAL FOREST

STATE OF NEW MEXICO PORTION OF THE APACHE NATIONAL FOREST

I hereby certify that the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Blue Range Wilderness on the Gila National Forest and the State of New Mexico portion of the Apache National Forest as covered into the National Wilderness Preservation System by P.L. 96-550 (12/19/80).

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Beginning at a point on the Arizona - New Mexico State line at a point 300 feet south of Forest Road 232 (Pueblo Park Road) in unsurveyed Township 8 South, Range 21 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian;

Thence easterly along a meandering line which runs parallel to and 300 feet southerly of the centerline of the Pueblo Park Road (FR 232) for a distance of approximately 11.73 miles to a point 300 feet southerly of Pueblo Park Road and 300 feet westerly of the centerline of the Tucson Electric Power Company single circuit 345,000 volt powerline;

Thence southerly on a line which runs parallel to and 300 feet westerly of the centerline of the previously mentioned Tucson Electric powerline for a distance of approximately 10.65 miles to a point which is the break in slope at the north edge of the mesa top and which falls near the center of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, T9S, R20W, NMPM (near Tucson Electric powerline tower number F-198);

Thence westerly approximately 0.48 mile along the break in slope on the north edge of the mesa top to a small knoll at the western edge of the mesa;

Thence proceeding in a northwesterly direction 1.36 miles ascending along the ridge top to Indian Peak, a high rounded hill in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, T9S, R21W, NMPM, (approximate description of this route is as follows:

S87⁰W, 510 feet,
N61⁰W, 1820 feet,
N44⁰W, 835 feet,
N81⁰W, 1345 feet,
N10⁰W, 1054 feet,
N26⁰W, 1620 feet);

Thence west - northwesterly 3.74 miles along the crest of the ridge to a prominent peak which is 1.41 air miles N43⁰E of Whiterocks Mountain Bench Mark (the approximate description of this route is as follows:

N66⁰W, 1632 feet,
N16⁰W, 1745 feet,
N77⁰W, 1964 feet,
N54⁰W, 1143 feet,
N84⁰W, 1196 feet,

N52^oW, 1023 feet,
N33^oW, 1002 feet,
N53^oW, 1200 feet,
N50^oW, 1076 feet,
N74^oW, 812 feet,
N87^oW, 1832 feet,
N78^oW, 1273 feet,
S62^oW, 1729 feet,
N79^oW, 635 feet,
N63^oW, 1490 feet);

Thence southwesterly approximately 1.51 miles along the crest of the ridge to the bench mark on White Rocks Mountain, Elevation 8827, the Monument being a brass tablet in cement;

Thence descending southwesterly along the crest of the ridge 0.31 mile to the point where the Arizona - New Mexico State line is intersected;

Thence north along the Arizona - New Mexico State line approximately 8.02 miles to the point of beginning. Containing 29,304 acres.

All offset distances (i.e. 300 feet from the centerlines of FR 232 and the Tucson Electric powerline) are measured perpendicularly from the centerline of the reference.

The description of the Wilderness boundary is based on the location of the man made improvements (i.e. Forest Road 232 and Tucson Electric Company's Single circuit 345,000 volt power transmission line) as they existed on the day of enactment of Public Law 96-550 (December 19, 1980).

The man made features are accurately shown on aerial photographs taken in October, 1980 under contract number 613060 for the Gila National Forest.

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