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August 15, 2011

Mr. Richard Searle  
Supervisor – Cochise County  
District 3  
Bisbee, Arizona

By Email To:  
rsearle@cochise.az.gov

Re: Camp Tatiyee Land Exchange

Dear Mr. Searle:

In accordance with our phone conversation today, I am enclosing with this letter copies of maps showing private land in Cochise County that is held in a Lawyers Title Insurance Company trust and is involved in a proposed land exchange with the Forest Service.

The land in Cochise County in question consists of:

- 239 acres on the east side of the Rincon Mountains
- 320 acres in Rucker Canyon upstream from the Winkler's ranch on the west side of the Chiricahua Mountains
- 1.1 acres in the East Stronghold in the Dragoon Mountains

All of the land is within the boundaries of the Coronado National Forest and is part of a land exchange our firm has been working on for the Lions Foundation of Arizona since 1996.

In about 1995, the Forest Service advised the Lions Foundation that the Lions organization's lease on a camp the White Mountains in Pinetop-Lakeside for handicapped children (Camp Tatiyee) might not be renewed unless the Lions undertook to acquire the Camp by means of a land exchange with the Forest Service.

Taking serious heed of that, the Lions Foundation agreed to fund and pursue a Forest Service exchange for that purpose, and asked our firm to manage the process. In the years since it began, we have seen Forest Service land exchange policies



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shift dramatically, and for the worse, in endless requirements changes, always more stringent, and, more important, in the shifting of costs to the Lions Foundation for exchange environmental analysis, appraisals, archaeological studies, analyses of threatened and endangered species and even, in this exchange, an environmental impact statement.

Over the time these delays entailed, land values near Lakeside have risen significantly, requiring that the Lions Foundation increase, well beyond their organic means, the amount of land to be offered to Forest Service to equalize values in the exchange.

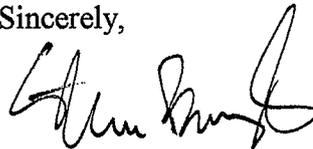
The net effect, from the Lions Foundation standpoint, is that over the past 15 years this effort has paid for hundreds of thousands of dollars in non-reimbursable environmental studies to meet F.S. exchange requirements, and spent millions of dollars of capital in purchases of land to offer to the Forest Service to save Camp Tatiyee.

The reason I contacted you is that, just last week, we were advised by the Forest Service of Cochise County's recent adoption of "Policies Regarding Federal Government Lands". In particular, if that part of Cochise County's policy regarding Federal land exchanges is enforced by the County on the Lions' Camp Tatiyee exchange, the exchange itself, and the years of effort and expense by the Lions organization to accomplish it, will be lost.

For the reasons briefly described above, we respectfully request the consideration of an exception to the policy in regard to the Camp Tatiyee exchange from Cochise County.

I apologize for the quality of the maps attached to this letter. We don't have a color scanner, but at your request we can send you hard copies in color. I would be glad to appear in front of the Board of Supervisors, or any other group you designate, if that would help in your consideration of this, and I thank you for your return of my call this morning.

Sincerely,



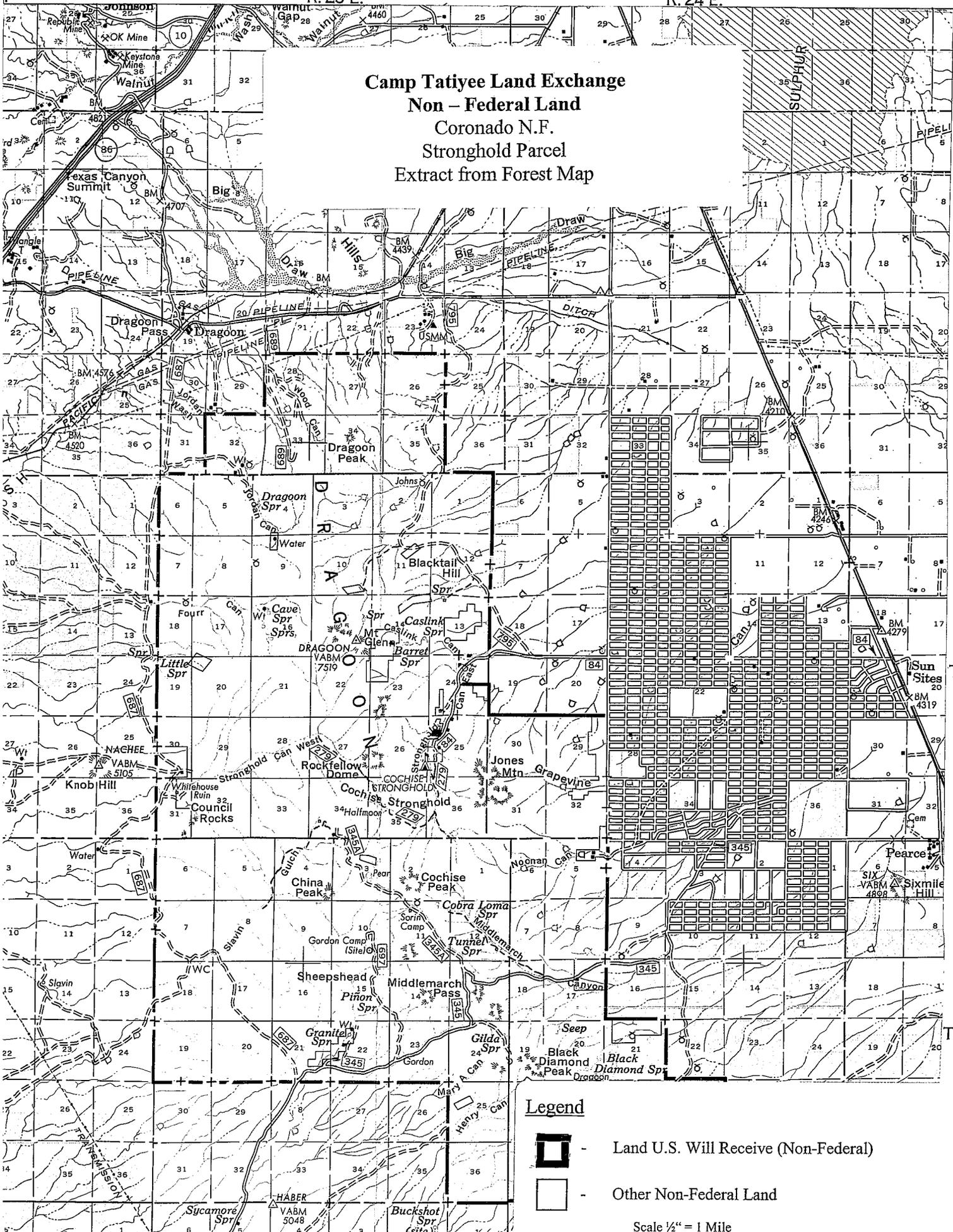
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Enclosures

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**Camp Tatiyee Land Exchange**  
**Non - Federal Land**  
**Coronado N.F.**  
**Stronghold Parcel**  
**Extract from Forest Map**



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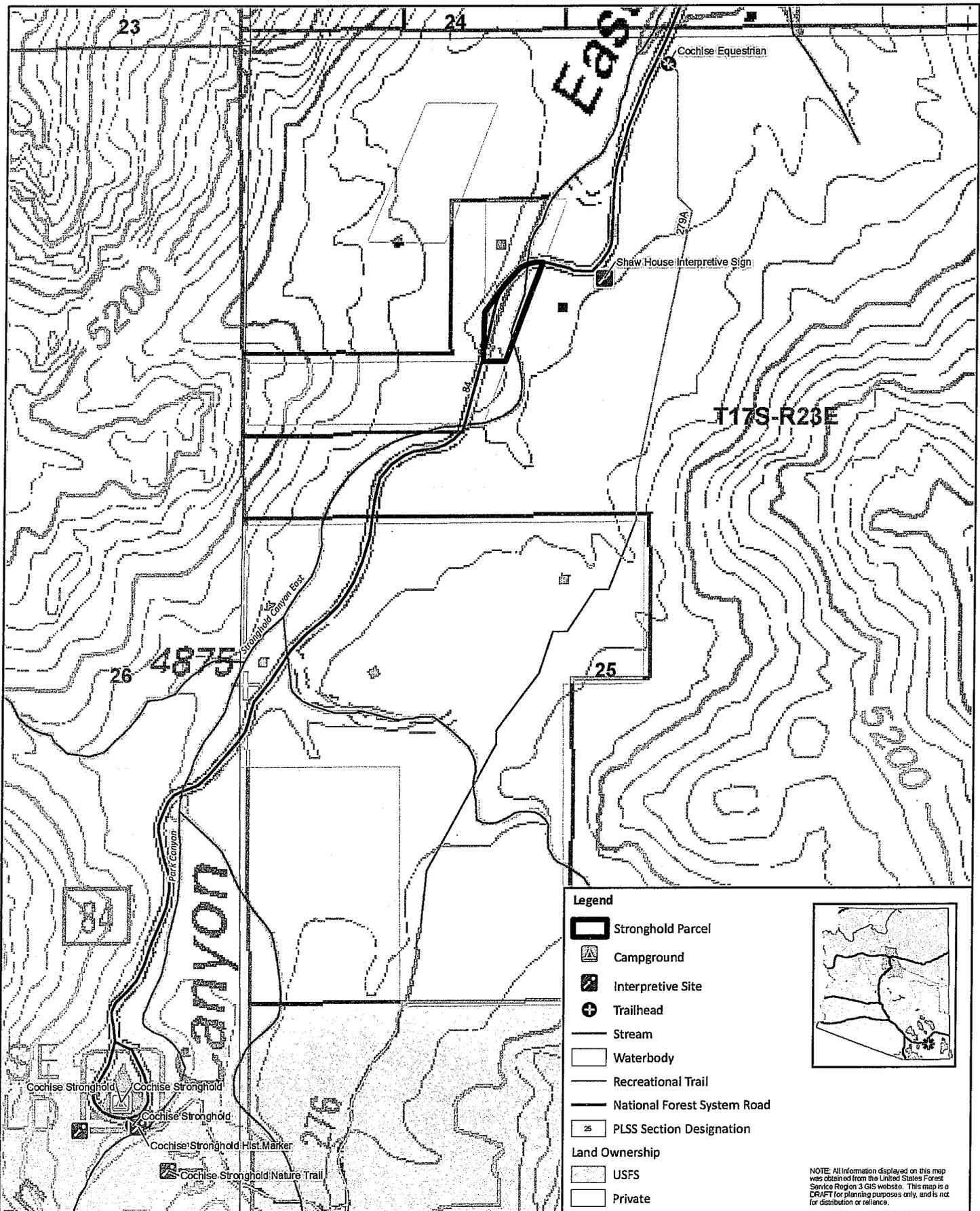
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**Legend**

-  - Land U.S. Will Receive (Non-Federal)
-  - Other Non-Federal Land

Scale 1/2" = 1 Mile



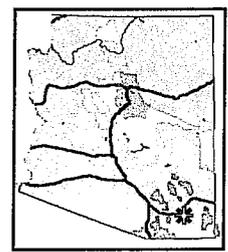
**Legend**

- Stronghold Parcel
- Campground
- Interpretive Site
- Trailhead
- Stream
- Waterbody
- Recreational Trail
- National Forest System Road
- PLSS Section Designation

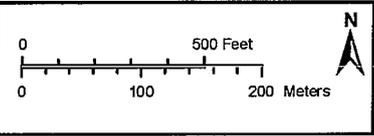
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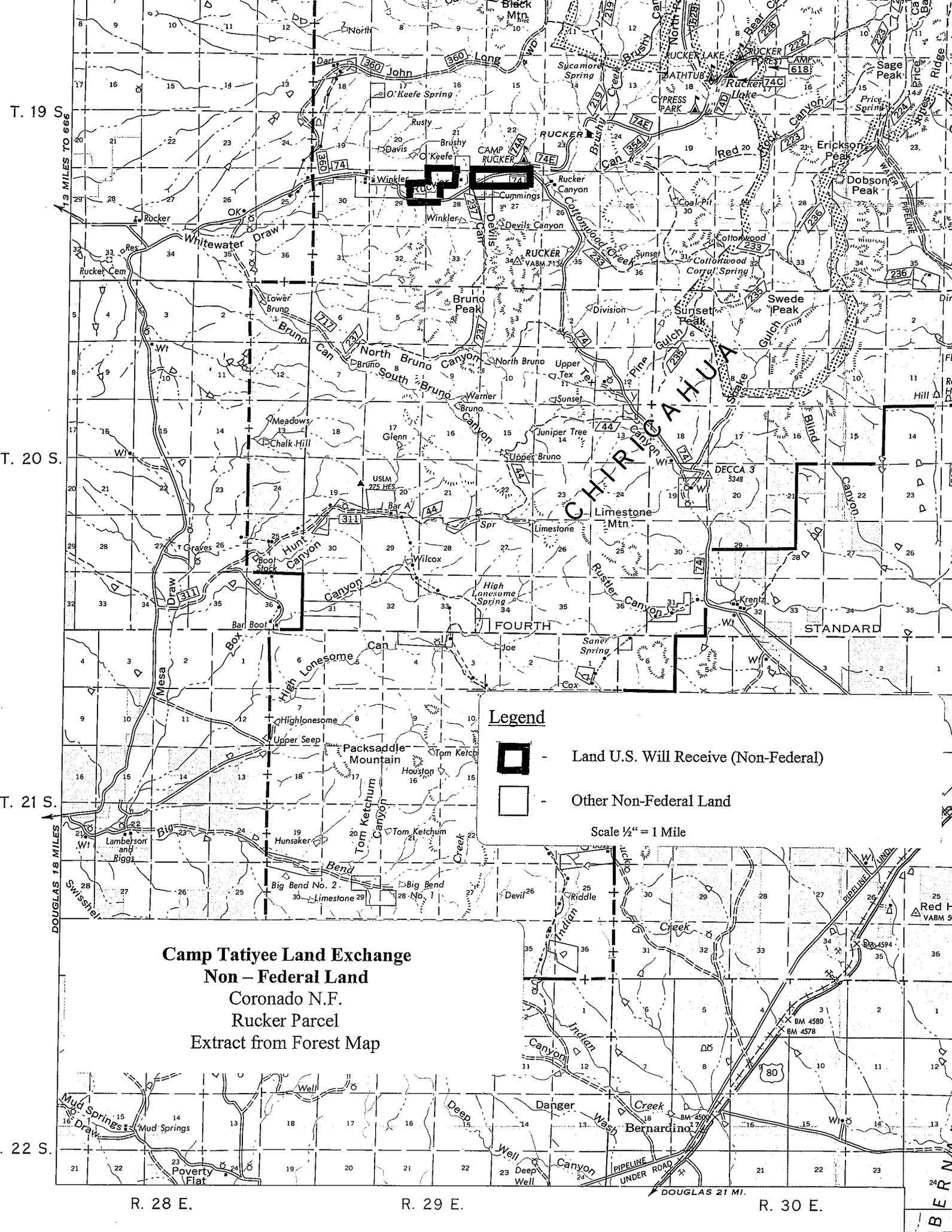
- USFS
- Private

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**Stronghold Parcel:  
To be Transferred to the U.S. Forest Service,  
Coronado National Forest**





**Camp Tatiye Land Exchange**  
**Non - Federal Land**  
**Coronado N.F.**  
**Rucker Parcel**  
**Extract from Forest Map**

**Legend**

- Land U.S. Will Receive (Non-Federal)
- Other Non-Federal Land

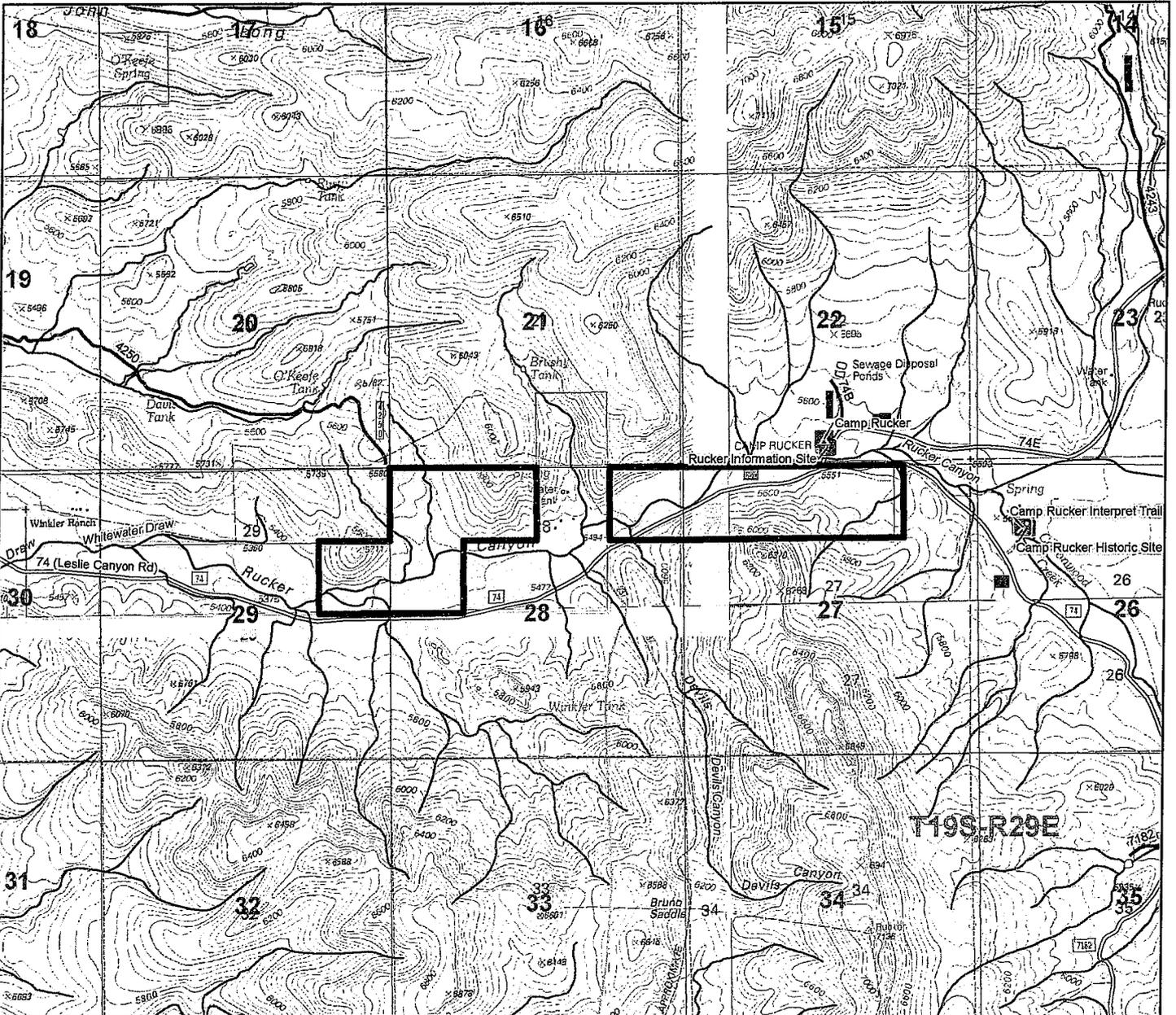
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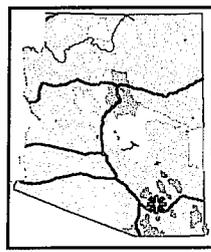
- Rucker Parcel
- Campground
- Interpretive Site
- Stream
- Waterbody
- Recreational Trails
- Designated Scenic Drive
- National Forest System Road

**Land Ownership**

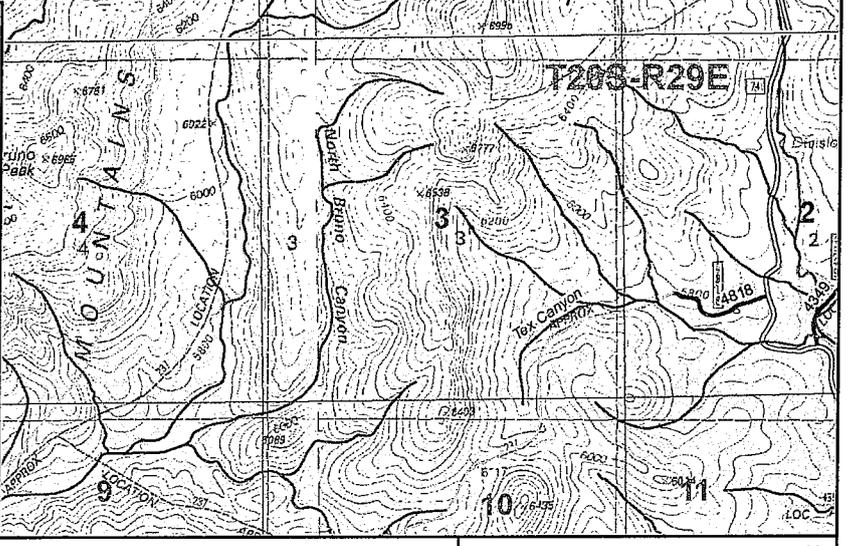
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**PLSS Land Designation**

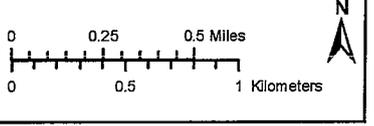
- Sections
- Townships



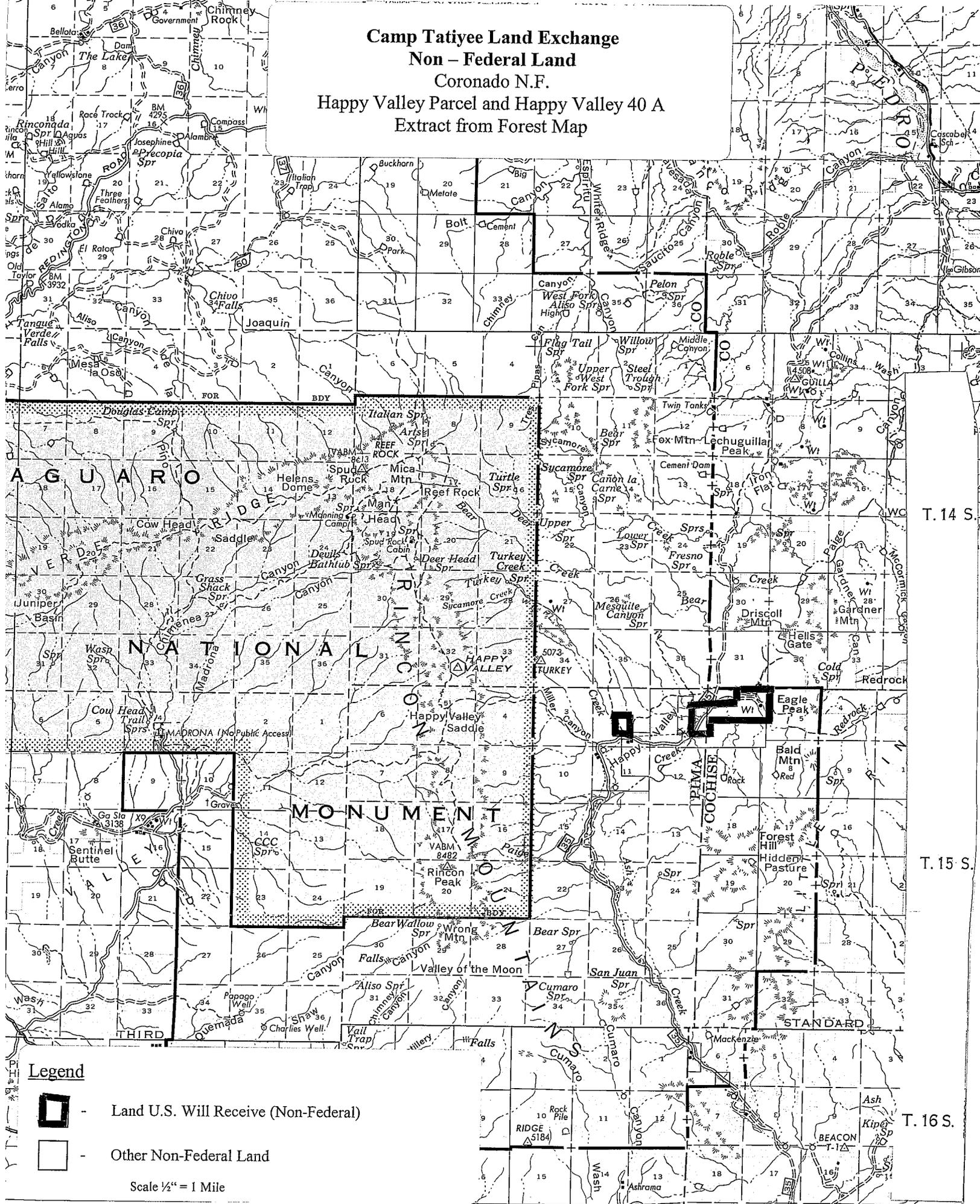
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**Rucker Parcels:**  
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**Coronado National Forest**



**Camp Tatiyee Land Exchange**  
**Non - Federal Land**  
**Coronado N.F.**  
**Happy Valley Parcel and Happy Valley 40 A**  
**Extract from Forest Map**



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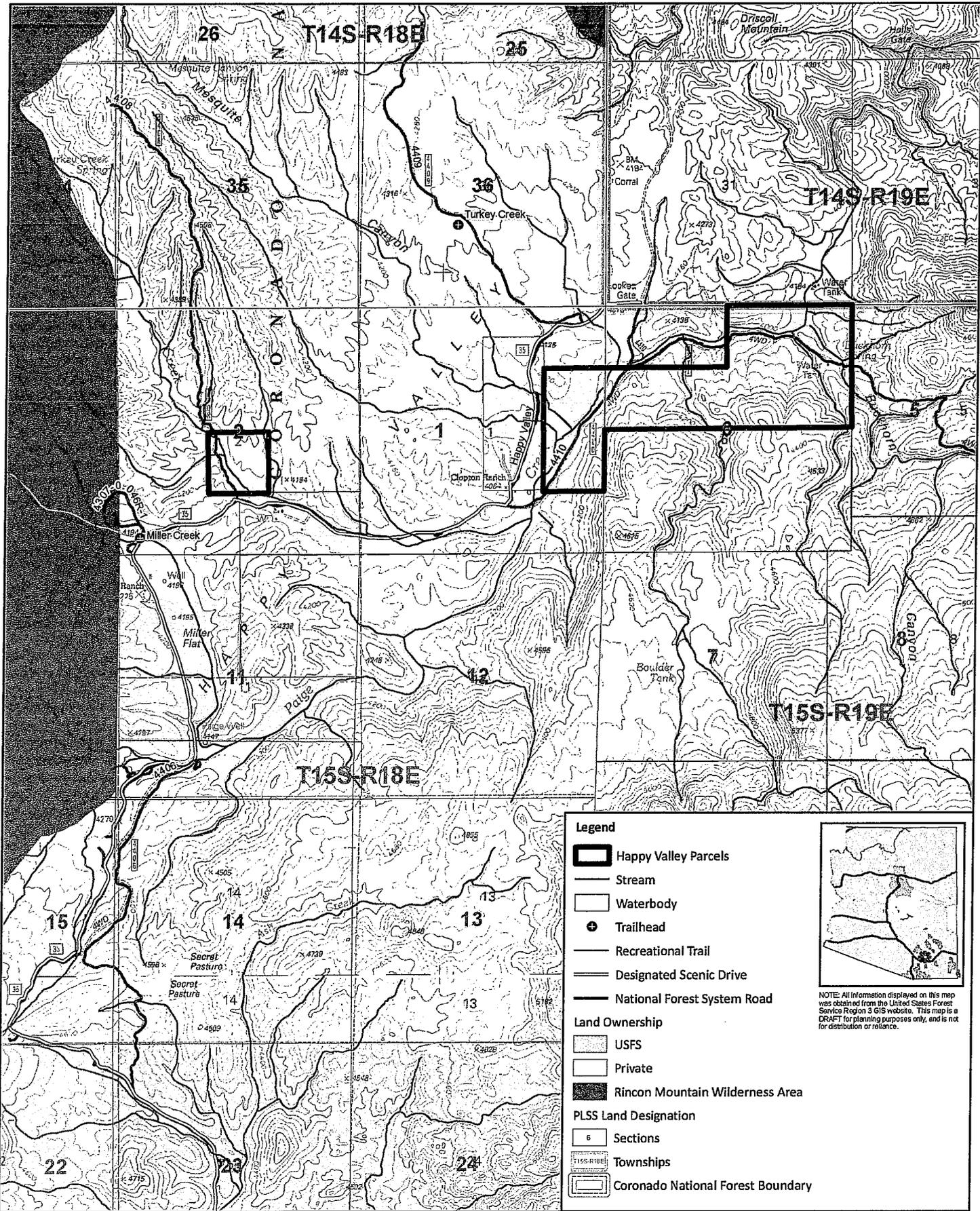
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**Happy Valley Parcels: To be Transferred to the U.S. Forest Service, Coronado National Forest**

