



Prescott National Forest

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PINE MOUNTAIN TRAIL #14

GENERAL INFORMATION: Pine Mountain Trail #14 is part of a loop that provides access to the Pine Mountain Wilderness, Pine Mountain itself, and the Verde Rim. The west side of Pine Mountain was burned during a 1989 wildfire. From this particular trail the traveler can observe fire-related changes in the vegetation toward a composition of native grasses. Stands of young ponderosa pine are beginning to grow back as well. In areas missed by the fire, old-growth juniper trees offer welcome shade. TR 14 is short but steep as it climbs the Verde Rim. There are views of Bishop Creek Drainage on the approach to the top. TR 14 connects with Nelson Trail #159 and Verde Rim Trail #161, which together with Willow Springs Trail #12, provide a round-trip hike or ride in the Pine Mountain area. This remote region, protected under the Wilderness Act since 1972, offers opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation.

CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers and horseback riders.

Please be considerate of others—slow down and know when to yield the trail.

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: TR 14 is an internal trail accessed by way of TR 159. Beginning at I-17, take Dugas Exit #268. Turn right onto Dugas Road (also FR 68) and travel 6.7 miles to the Dugas homestead. Continue on FR 68 for another 2.3 miles to a fork in the road. Bear right to remain on FR 68 and go 1.8 miles to the junction with FR 68G. Turn right to remain on FR 68 and continue 6.9 miles to Salt Flat Campground and the trailhead for TR 71 and TR 159. There is parking for 5-10 vehicles.

TRAVEL TIME: 1 hour from I-17

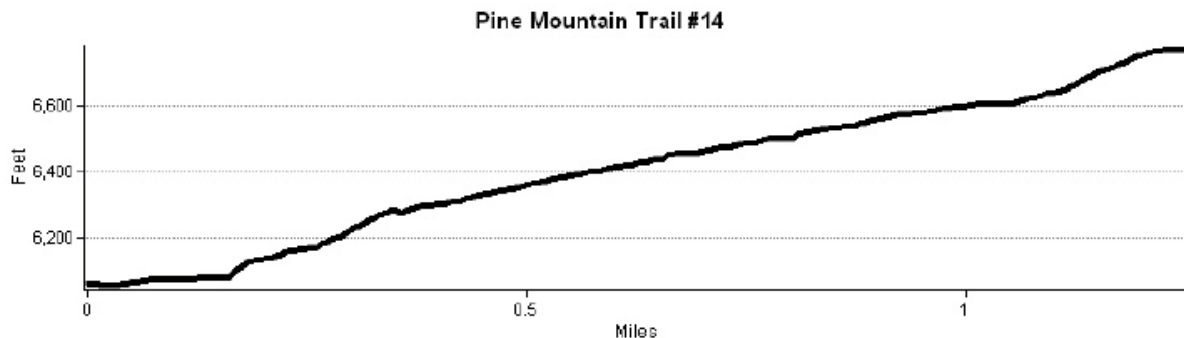
ROAD CONDITIONS: FR 68 is graded dirt. A high clearance vehicle is recommended. 4wd may be necessary when road is wet.

HIKING TIME: 30 minutes, one-way **LENGTH:** 1.2 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Moderate

NOTES: This trail lies within the Pine Mountain Wilderness. Motor vehicles and the use of any mechanized equipment, including bicycles, are prohibited. Wilderness is an important resource and national heritage—please, leave no trace. Although there may be water present along the trail, it has not been tested for quality.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

MAPS AND OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, east half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quad for Tule Mesa. National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Sycamore Canyon Verde Valley.

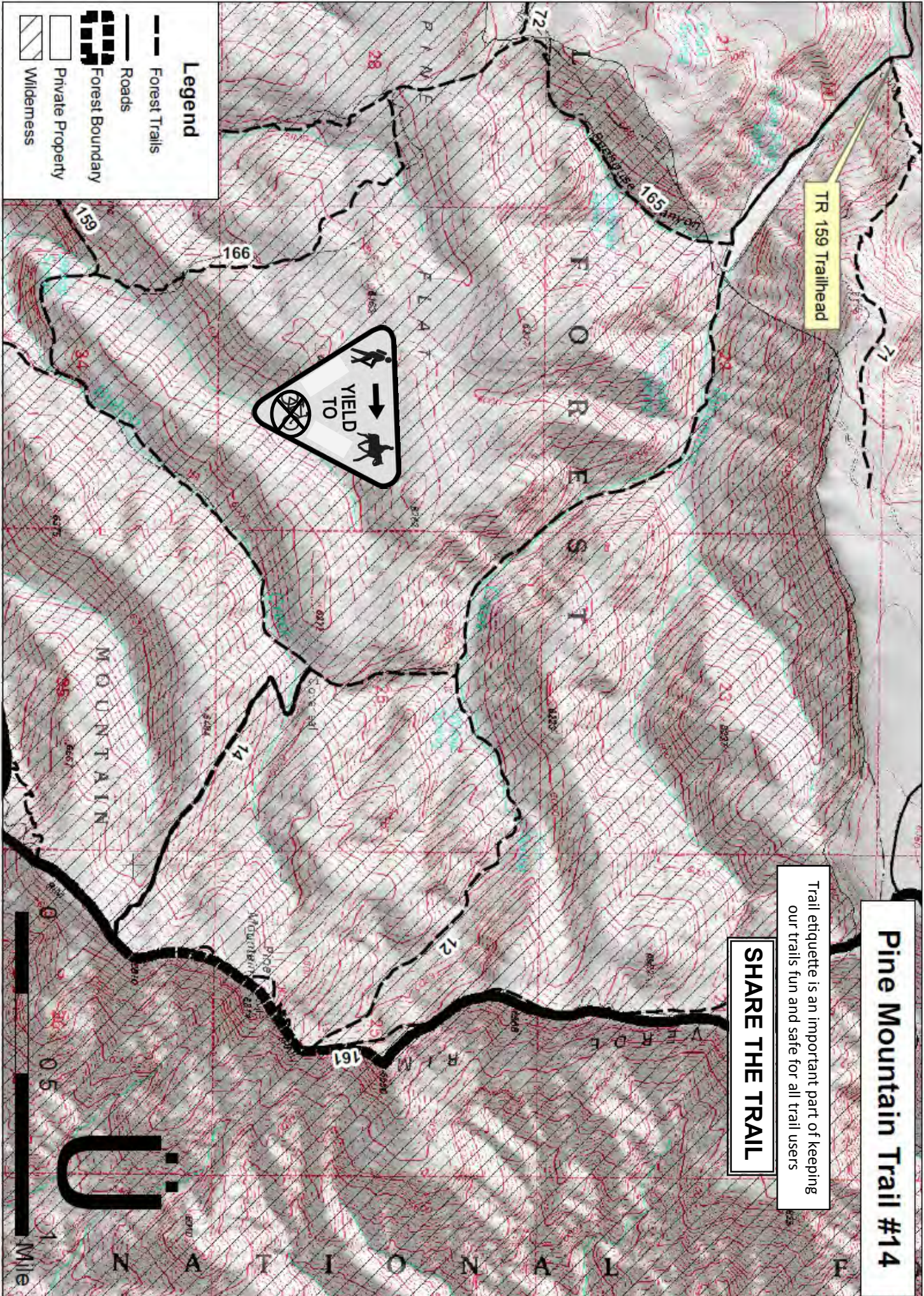


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