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Dear Sportsman: A Message from the Arizona Game and Fish Department:

The portion of the Tucson Wildlife Area in Tucson Mountain Park (TMP) has been designated and open for hunting for decades. As a result of changes in State law, the open areas for archery hunting within the park need to be revised. The changes have resulted in some new closure areas and some areas previously closed by Park Rule are now open. The Department and Pima County have worked together to map the new closures.

This letter is intended to better inform you of changes and enlist your help in ensuring all hunting in Tucson Mountain Park and the Wildlife Area as a whole is done legally and responsibly. Common sense is just as important as following the letter of the law, if one wishes to avoid urban hunting problems. Your behavior reflects on all hunters and we need your help.

Hunting remains legal in Arizona, in Pima County and in the City of Tucson, within certain limitations. A hunter must avoid parks closed to discharge of firearms and archery equipment, and posted land, regardless of whether it is posted in accordance with Title 17 (Game and Fish laws) or Title 13 (Criminal laws). Hunters must also leave private unposted land if asked to do so by the owner or legal representative of the owner (which includes police, caretakers and immediate family members). By Commission order, hunting in open parks is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. For more information regarding opportunities for hunting in cities and municipalities visit http://www.azgfd.gov/h_f/hunting_rules.shtml.

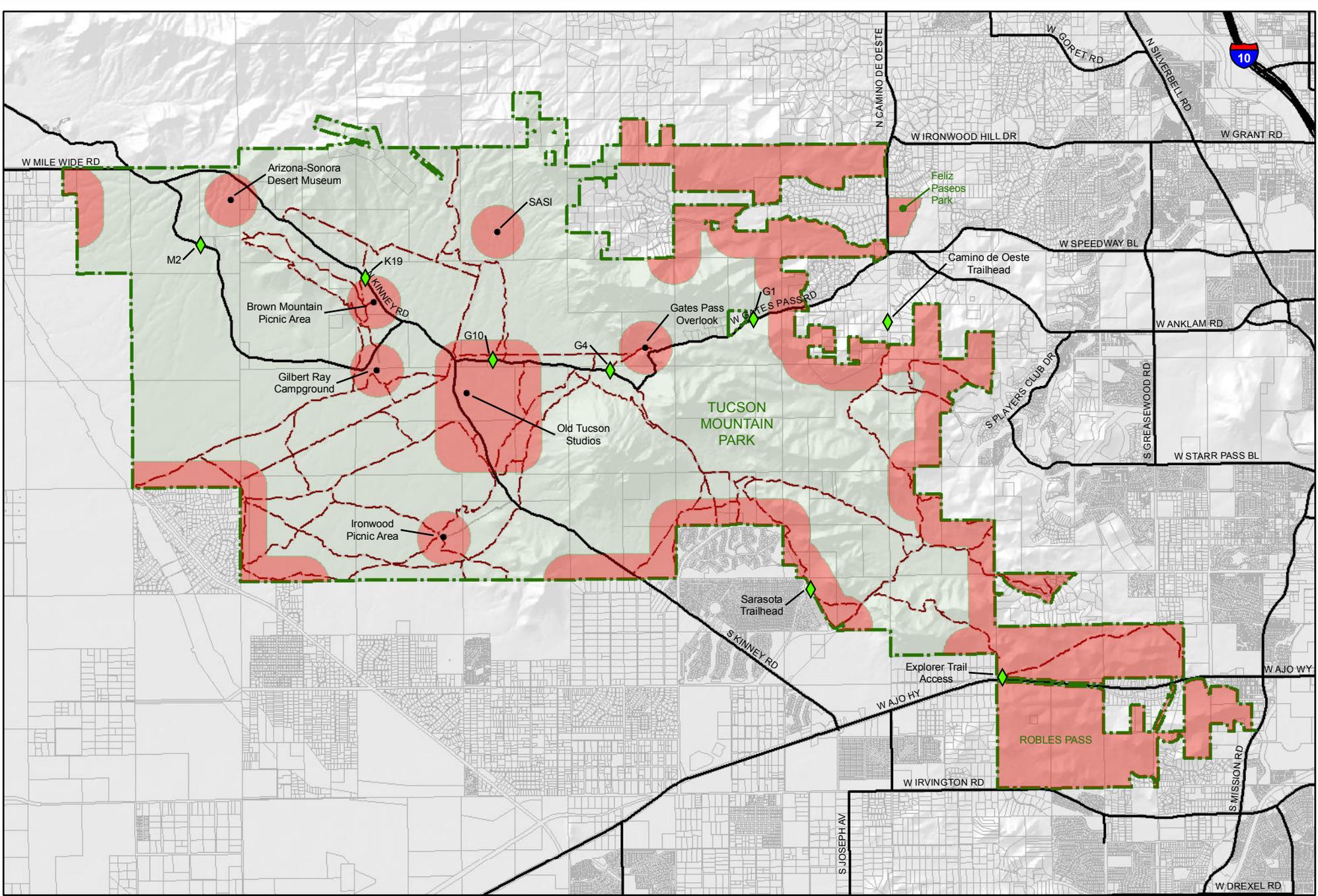
Hunters who cruise up and down suburban or urban roads looking for game cause problems for other hunters who rightfully avoid using motor vehicles as hunting aids. Hunters who park next to 'No Trespassing' signs aggravate local sensitivities and increase anti-hunting sentiments by landowners. Hunters who walk down driveways, alongside homes and enter backyards of unposted private property without asking for permission also do a disservice to other hunters.

Some landowners complain hunters are killing 'neighborhood wildlife' and should be stopped. Some of those landowners intend to contact or recontact their City Council representatives or County Supervisors to further restrict hunting in selected areas. Blatant, 'in-you-face' actions by hunters will not help ensure continued hunting in the Tucson metropolitan area. By the same token, landowners who harass hunters by loudly beeping car horns or swearing at the hunters unnecessarily increase hunter-landowner tensions and should be controlled.

There is an updated map of the Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area in the computer adjacent to the Region V front desk. Downloadable maps are there for your GPS unit. A copy of the Tucson Mountain Park closure areas is also available at Pima County Parks and Recreation office and online at <http://www.pima.gov/nrpr/parks/tmp/index.htm>. Avoid any roads that indicate the roadway is privately owned and/or hunters are unwelcome, especially Sweetwater Drive. Also, avoid the U.S. National Park Service, U of A and Pima County properties which are marked on that downloadable map but are not posted on the ground. The land ownership of many Tucson metropolitan areas has changed in recent months and what was 'hunt-able' in past years may no longer be available for hunting. Don't assume the areas are open.

Common sense, courtesy and responsible behavior will help maintain urban hunting opportunities into the future. Help us keep opportunities open by using the OGT Hotline [1-800-352-0700] to report wildlife violations.

**THIS MESSAGE IS BROUGHT TO YOU IN PARTNERSHIP BY PIMA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES,
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**TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK
ARCHERY HUNTING CLOSURE ZONES
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- Archery Hunting Closure Areas
- Hunter Access Parking
- Designated Trails

Archers should never knowingly shoot from, across, or into any designated trail, developed recreation area or residential area

