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Dear Sportsman,

By receiving this letter, you have followed the regulations and signed into the Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area (TMWA) prior to going afield (See attached map for the TMWA boundaries). Thank you. The TMWA is a large area, essentially encompassing the Tucson Mountains and surrounding areas. The TMWA includes Tucson Mountain Park (TMP), a Pima County property (See attached map for TMP boundaries).

The TMWA has been open to hunting for decades. It is the responsibility of hunters to ensure that this remains true for decades to come. Every year the Arizona Game and Fish Department receives numerous complaints from landowners about the actions of unethical hunters. Some of those landowners have contacted their City Council Representatives, County Supervisors, and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to further restrict or eliminate hunting in the area. Your behavior reflects on all hunters and we need your help. In light of several recent incidences involving unethical hunters hunting within neighborhoods, the Department has seen it fit to introduce a ¼ mile archery restriction within the entire TMWA. This is different from previous restrictions, where the ¼ mile archery restriction was limited to the TMP. Please use the attached maps to understand the difference between the TMWA, and TMP.

Areas open to hunting do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened by the Arizona Game and Fish Department Commission) or areas closed to hunting under Arizona Revised Statutes 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, and R12-4-802 and R12-4-803. Saguaro National Park is also closed to hunting.

The TMWA and TMP are opened to hunting for archery-only (see regulations for open seasons, and read applicable notes). Hunting in the TMWA and TMP as well as any other County parks, opened by the Commission, is not permitted within 1/4 of any occupied residence or building, developed picnic area, developed campground, shooting range, occupied building, or golf course (developed areas do not include trails). A copy of the TMP closure areas map is available at the Pima County Parks and Recreation Office, the Arizona Game and Fish Department Tucson Regional Office, and online at <http://www.pima.gov/nrpr/parks/tmp/index.htm>. The TMP closure area map is a guideline. Ultimately, it is up to the hunter to ensure they are beyond the ¼ mile limit of the above closed areas. A copy of the TMWA map is available at the Tucson Regional Office. Sweetwater Preserve, Robles Pass, Feliz Paseos Park, and any other county owned land within the TMWA is closed to hunting by Commission Order. The land ownership of many Tucson metropolitan areas has changed, and what was open to hunting in past years may no longer be available for hunting. Don't assume the areas are open and consult the maps if you are unsure.

Avoid any roads or parking areas that indicate the property is privately owned and/or closed to hunting, especially Sweetwater Drive, Trails End Road, or Tucson Estates Parkway. Hunters who cruise up and down residential roads looking for game reflect poorly on hunters who rightfully avoid using motor vehicles as hunting aids. Do not park near 'No Parking' or 'No Trespassing' signs.

Be respectful and do not enter land posted with 'No Trespassing' or 'No Hunting' signage, 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 any other person having lawful control over the property. Hunters who



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walk down driveways, alongside homes, and enter backyards of unposted private property or undeveloped lands without asking for permission aggravate local sensitivities and increase anti-hunting sentiments by landowners. Several instances similar to these occurred during the 2016-2017 archery seasons, which have resulted in the ¼ mile archery restriction being extended to the entire TMWA.

Every time you take to the field you represent the hunting community. Be aware of your actions and keep in mind that 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 THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT AND PIMA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

GATES PASS AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Dear Arizona bow hunters:

Welcome to the Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area, which encompasses Tucson Mountain Park. We are very fortunate in Pima County to enjoy the wilds of nature in such a large regional park so close to town. As a result of this proximity, the park and huntable areas are also surrounded by private property, residences, homeowners, and pets.

Those of us who live here ask that you hunt ethically and conscientiously, specifically with regard to the following:

Please park in designated parking areas wherever possible; do not hunt along roadways. Avoid parking on Trails End Road and Camino del Desierto.

If you must track an injured animal onto private property, kindly request permission of the landowner.

Most importantly for our safety, allow a distance of at least 500 feet between you and our backyards.

Thank you for respecting our property. Good hunting!

TUCSON MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE AREA, TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK NOTES AND BOUNDARIES:

Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area and Tucson Mountain Park in Unit 38M are open to archery hunting, except those portions within ¼ mile of any occupied residence or building, developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, boat ramp, or golf course are closed to hunting. Developed areas do not include trails. Archery hunters planning to hunt the Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area must check-in with the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Tucson Regional Office prior to going afield.

Tucson Mountain Park is a Pima County Park that occurs within the boundaries of the Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area.

The boundary for Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the Saguaro National Monument boundary (Township 13 South, Range 11 East, Section 33); south about 1 mile to the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline; southeast along El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline to Sandario Rd; south on Sandario Rd about 2 miles to the southwest corner of Township 14 South, Range 11 East, Section 15; east along this section line to the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline; southeast along the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline to AZ Hwy 86 (Ajo Hwy); easterly on AZ Hwy 86 to the Tucson city limits; north along the city limits to Silverbell Rd; northwest on Silverbell Rd to Twin Peaks Rd; west on Twin Peaks Rd to Sandario Rd; south on Sandario Rd to the Saguaro National Monument boundary; west and south along the monument boundary to northwest corner of the Saguaro National Monument boundary (Township 13 South, Range 11 East, Section 33).

Hunters should note that this is a new change, and is in addition to the ¼ mile closure already in place within the Tucson Mountain Park. Hunters are encouraged to reference a map and are responsible for knowing the boundaries, as well as their location in reference to the closed areas.