FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 16, 2019 – 3:20 p.m.

State Trust Land

Location of Incident: State Trust Land – Yuma, AZ

On October 16, 2019, the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office received an Order from the Arizona State Land Commissioner dated October 11, 2019 in regards to State Trust Land. In the Order, the Arizona State Land Commissioner has signed to close State Trust Land to Recreational Use (Camping). The Commissioner ordered that all recreational land use permits are restricted and overnight camping is prohibited until further Order of the State Land Commissioner. The area described by the Order is East of Avenue 15E to the Gila Mountains within the 4200 block to the 5600 block.

The Yuma County Sheriff’s Office would like to remind the community that Trust Land is not public land. As such, you must have a “Recreational Use Permit” issued by the Arizona State Land Department while on Trust Land.

In Arizona Attorney General’s Opinion #74-13 of August 1, 1974, Attorney General N. Warner Lee sets forth that “No one may enter upon State Trust Land without a permit.” Like many crimes, illegal occupancy of Trust land ranges from minor to major offenses. Even people walking their dog on Trust land in their community must have a permit.

To obtain a State Trust Land Recreational Use Permit or more information about Trust Land, please visit https://land.az.gov/natural-resources/trespass-program.

Information Released By: Lt. Samuel Pavlak - East County Supervisor
STATE LAND DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
BEFORE THE STATE LAND COMMISSIONER

IN THE MATTER OF CLOSING STATE TRUST LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE (CAMPING) FOR THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN ATTACHMENT I.

ORDER NO. 029-2019/2020 CLOSING STATE TRUST LAND TO RECREATIONAL USE (CAMPING)

The records of the Arizona State Land Department (the "Department") reflect:

1. State Land Recreational Use Permits are issued by the Department with the restriction that some State Trust Lands are or may be closed to some or all recreational uses.

2. The land described in Attachment I of this Order ("subject land"), has been adversely impacted by overnight camping.

3. In order to prevent further degradation of soil and vegetation resources, the lands must be closed to overnight camping.

IT IS ORDERED that effective as of the date of this Order, all recreational land use permits are restricted and overnight camping is prohibited on the subject land until further Order of the State Land Commissioner.

GIVEN under my hand and the official seal of the Arizona State Land Department this 11th day of October, 2019.

LISA A. ATKINS
Commissioner

by: [Signature]
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Closing Land to Recreational Use
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Copy to: Natural Resources Division/Interim Division Director/Attn: Steve Rusiecki
Public Records/A.P.I.S./Section Manager/Attn: Celeste Ramey
Public Notice Board

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## ATTACHMENT I

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