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**Camping prohibited within 200 ft. of E. Verde River in  
the Washington Park area**

*Camping prohibited for protection of Chiricahua Leopard Frog critical habitat*

**Payson, Ariz.** (Mar. 5, 2014) – Camping will be prohibited within 200 ft. of the East Verde River in the Washington Park area beginning April 11, 2014.

The prohibited camping area includes Forest Road (FR) 32A (Washington Park Rd.) and the dispersed camp sites located off the road for a distance of one mile from the start of FR 32A proceeding north to the Washington Park trailhead (end of road) then extending 200 ft. from the river's edge. This closure is only applicable to overnight camping within the 200 ft. corridor.

The purpose of this prohibition is to conserve natural resources and to protect critical habitat for the threatened Chiricahua Leopard Frog.

For more information, please contact the Payson Ranger District administrative office at 928-474-7900.