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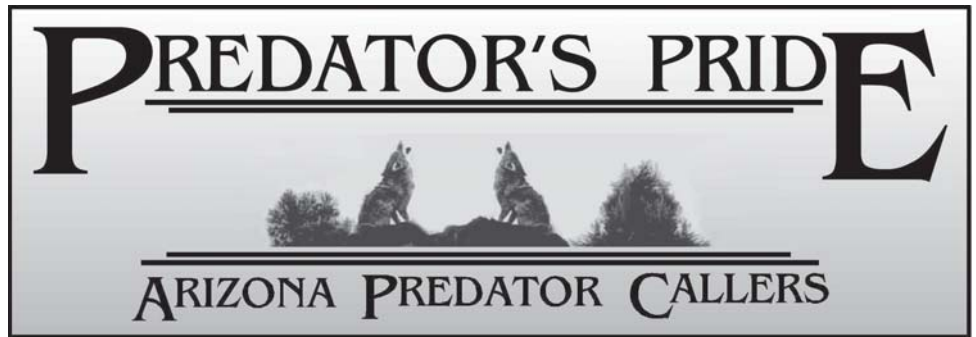
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Coming Events

- APC Meeting.....October 13, 2011
 Novice Hunt #1.....October 22, 2011

Monthly APC meetings are held at the
 Mesa FOP Hall, 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa,
 from 7:00 pm until ??



October 2011

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The President's Message

by **Scott Francom, APC President**



October is quickly approaching and with it comes our first novice hunt. This is an opportunity for many novice members to be teamed up with a veteran hunter and receive one-on-one instruction on the finer points of predator hunting. For many, this hunt will be a turning point for them with respect to predator hunting. They will either continue the activity or let it fall by the wayside. It is the veteran's job to not only teach the novice hunter where and how to call in predators and harvest them, but if possible, to create a situation where the new hunter is able to shoot their first predator. Having a novice predator hunter 'seal the deal' cements in their mind the advice the veteran hunter shared that day. It puts the fire in their eyes and provides the confidence a caller needs to go out on their own and call in coyotes, bobcats, and foxes on their own for the remainder of the season.

With that being said, harvesting a predator, especially a coyote, is not a task one can accomplish at will here in Arizona even though we have a high coyote population. Coyote outwit some of the best predator hunters on a daily basis as they learn from their mistakes and use their superior sense of smell to identify potential threats from a great distance. If being able to provide an almost guaranteed successful hunt is important to you I would offer a tried and tested method to accomplish this. Try hunting Arizona's Gray Fox.

The Gray Fox, found in Arizona, weighs in at 6-10 pounds and is black and gray, with a beautiful belly of white and orange. They are quite small, compared to a coyote, but do not rely on their sense of smell as much when coming to the call. If one is interested in skinning and selling the pelts from their animals harvested, a gray fox pelt will get you around \$15. Good enough for gas money.

One of the reasons the Gray Fox is such a fantastic novice hunt target is the dense population pockets we have in Arizona. Last year on a novice hunt my team competed against another APC team to see who could call in and harvest the most foxes in a day. We called almost 2 dozen by 2PM on Saturday.

Another benefit to targeting Grays is how bold they come to the call. A gray fox will come to the call with reckless abandon IF you are using the right sounds. They will run right up to your feet. They will run circles around you and/or the electric caller. They will even return to the stand after you have shot at them once or twice. Getting them to be this aggressive all lies in 1 aspect of the stand. The sound you are using to call them in. The sound that will most often call in a gray fox is a gray fox distress sound. There are several out on the market but the ones I find the best are the following.

1. Johnny Stewart's Gray Pup Distress
2. Foxpro C85 Platinum Gray Fox Pup
3. Foxpro C86 Steeltown Gray Fox Pup
4. Minaska Outdoors M140 Gray Fox Distress

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Membership Report

Thanks to the following members for renewing their memberships:

- Guido Robarti**
- Eric Vidana**
- Bill Rice**
- Philip Bidegain**
- Alfred Suscavage**
- Alex Johnson**
- Sid Chalasani**
- Mason St. Clair**

We would like to welcome new member **Kyle Carter** to the Arizona Predator Callers.

Please renew your APC membership before it expires. You don't want to miss a single issue of Predator Pride. The membership form is available on the last page of the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance	
Beginning Balance 09-01-11....	\$2,811.44
Check #1801 JAlbin, Postage..(\$26.40)	
Check #1802 SFrancm, food..(\$35.66)	
Deposit	\$265.00
09/30/11 end balance.....	\$3,014.38
Petty Cash Beginning Balance....	\$59.41
Dues Received.....	\$155.00
Raffles Received.....	\$57.00
Deposit to Checking.....(\$200.00)	
Petty Cash Ending Balance.....	\$71.41
Total cash.....	\$3,085.79
Total Inventory of Goods.....	\$2,259.75
Total Assets.....	\$5,345.54

March Meeting Program

"Calling Fox"

We will be honored to have **Willard Bourquein** speak to us on "Calling Fox". Willard is a long standing member of APC and has years of experience calling the gray fox. He will share his calling styles and techniques to get you harvesting fox in greater numbers. This should be a very informative presentation.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is on **Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 7:00 PM.**

The meeting will be held in the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #9 at 1450 East Main Street. The FOP Lodge is on the north side of Main Street between Stapley and Gilbert Road in Mesa.

The meeting is free to APC members and students under 18, and \$5 for non-members. Refreshments and door prizes are included in the admission price.

Please contact Mike Burris, APC Vice-President, at (480) 654-1411 if you have any questions.

APC Video Library

The following individuals have videos checked out. **Please return in a timely manner so others may view also.**

- 9/9/10 Bob Allen.....Calling Coyotes
- 1/13/11 Seraphim Moreira.....Coyote Behavior
- 1/13/11 Christian Ensley.....Deer Processing II
- 1/13/11 Seraphim Moreira.....Eyes Front 3
- 5/12/11 Travis Bradford..Free Grass & No Fences
- 9/25/11 John Albin.....Fooling with Foxes
- 10/14/10 Greg Malenfant.....Mastering Predator Calling
- 1/13/11 Jose Montijo.....Nail Em AZ Style
- 1/13/11 Jose Montijo.....Texas Predator Pursuit
- 1/13/11 Ruben Fuentes.....The Best of the West
- 3/12/08 Conner Griner.....Utah Raging Bull

Thanks *Jerry*



If you have a picture of your hunt, please share it with fellow APC members by sending it to the Predator Pride editor. Send to: johnalbin1@msn.com

President's Message cont'd

Two weeks ago I was down South helping my brother scout for deer. As he was sitting on a hill with his spotting scope I took my rifle down in the valley's and targeted lions. I spend the better part of 3 hours calling for lions using different rabbit distress sounds. I saw no predators come to any stands. I grew board and decided to see if there were any gray foxes in the area and keyed in the buttons code on my remote to bring up a good loud fox distress sound on my Minaska Outdoors Big Country. 45 seconds into the sound byte I had a nice gray running up the wash toward me. As I watched him through my scope a 2nd fox came in from a different angle. Fox #1 saw fox #2 and they hackled up and chased after one another for the 30 seconds. They ran around my stand doing circles around trees and bushes snarling back and forth. I was never presented with a

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President's Message cont'd

quality shot and just enjoyed the show. I did 4 more fox stands that morning and called in a total of 8 foxes. I also saw 3 more around my Chevy truck as I hiked out from my stands.



Enabling a novice hunter to not only see predators while out on his first hunt but to shoot at and hopefully bag a target animal is the apex of a beginning hunter's experience. It solidifies in his head all that you are teaching him that hunt. It gives them confidence to go out on their own and try predator calling. Increase the odds of a successful novice hunt by targeting the easiest predator to call in Arizona- The Gray Fox.

Scott



Hunt and Events Calender

- General Meeting of APC.....October 13, 2011
- Novice Hunt #1.....October 22, 2011**
- General Meeting of APC.....November 10, 2011
- Novice Hunt #2.....November 12, 2011**
- General Meeting of APC.....December 8, 2011
- General Meeting of APC.....January 12, 2012
- Multi-Club Hunt.....January 21, 2012**
- General Meeting of APC.....February 9, 2012
- Antelope Eaters Hunt.....March 3-4, 2012**
- General Meeting of APC.....March 8, 2012
- Save-A-Fawn APC Club Hunt.....March 31, 2012**
- General Meeting of APC.....April 12, 2012
- General Meeting & Awards Presentations.....May 10, 2012

Please get these dates and events onto your calendar.

Club hunting events are in red type.

Dates and events are subject to change.

All APC Board meetings are held on the last Monday of each month. Any APC member is welcome to attend.

The word "coyote" is derived from the Nahuatl (a people found in central Mexico) word "coyotl." The coyote's scientific name, *Canis latrans*, means "barking dog."

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Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman

Our first APC Novice Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2011. All of you first time or novice hunters that would like to have the experience of hunting with one of the clubs expert hunters should sign up for this event.

You will be matched up with one of the more experienced hunters to spend the day learning stand setups, calling techniques and hopefully skinning and fur care of your harvested predator.

More information will be available at the upcoming meeting, October 13th.

Check in on Saturday night will be at the same location we used last year. About a half mile south of Florence Junction on State Route 79 look for the APC sign on the left (east) side of the highway. Look for the APC trailer on the left side of the dirt road you have turned onto. It will be only about a 1/4 mile from the highway.

We will be looking for experienced hunters to volunteer to take out our novices. Give Dusty Mosier a call at: 480-899-1121 or email at:



Mike Burris and novice Mason St. Clair at last years Novice Hunt checkin.

NO HUNTING AREAS:

- Closed to hunting – A large portion of the Phoenix metropolitan area is closed to all hunting. This area closure pertains to hunts in metro units - 25M, - 26M and - 47M. See the maps on the following page. This closure is to ensure hunting only occurs in open, undeveloped, uninhabited public and state trust lands where it is safe to do so.

Areas excluded from this closure are the Arizona Game and Fish Commission's [Base and Meridian Wildlife Area](#); and county islands that are large enough to comply with the quarter-mile rule. However, hunting in these areas is restricted to "limited weapon - shotgun shooting shot" seasons for public safety (no single-projectile firearms—i.e.: rifles, pistols, muzzleloaders).

- Closed to hunting – Golf courses, airports, and posted water treatment facilities statewide are closed to hunting.

- Closed to hunting – City and county parks and/or preserves are closed to hunting, except where specifically opened by commission order.

For a list of the parks and/or preserves that the commission has opened to hunting, see the "Restricted Hunting Areas" section below.

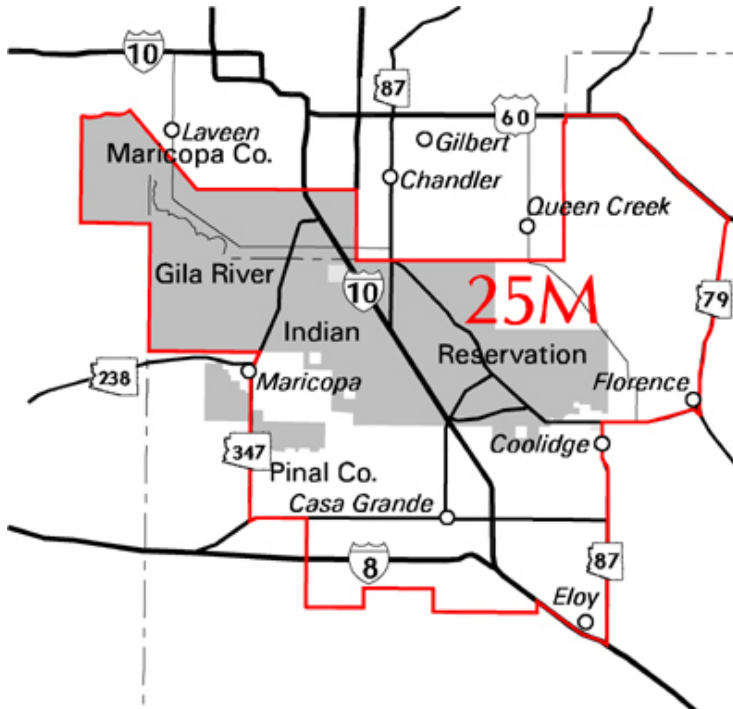
- Closed to hunting – There are also a number of other areas that are closed to hunting due to a variety of reasons. Some of these closures are familiar, some are new based on the recent law changes, and others incorporate the spirit of prior cooperative agreements.

Hunters will need to thoroughly check the notes section of the regulations for the species they plan to hunt before taking to the field.

See the map on page 6 for more detail. When in doubt, always check the Arizona Game and Fish website at:

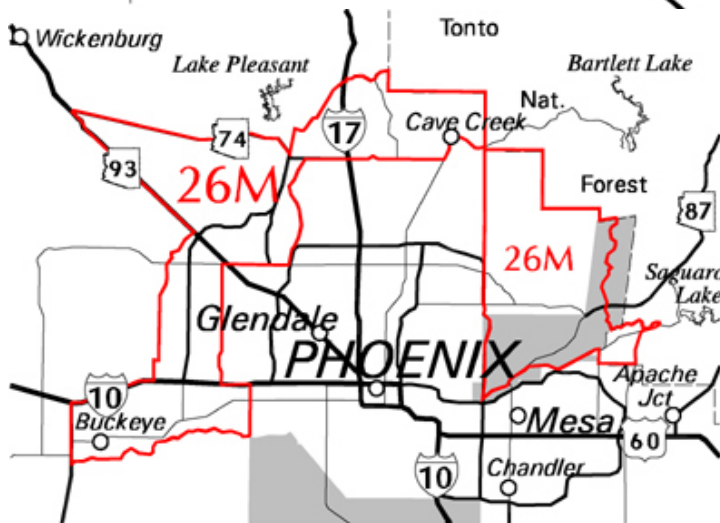
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Know the boundaries Metropolitan Units can be tricky

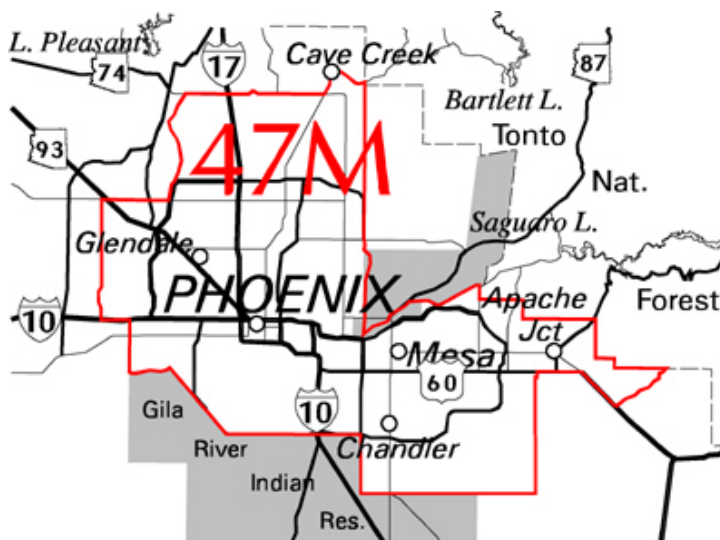


Unit Boundaries

For 25M only - the majority of the unit has either been converted to residential/agricultural uses or lies within the jurisdiction of the Gila River Indian Reservation. Discharge of firearms in the incorporated parts of the unit may be limited by local city ordinance. Hunters will need to take great care to make sure they are not in city limits and more than 1/4 mi from residences. Hunting on the Gila River Indian Reservation, if allowed, is governed by the Tribe.



For 26M only - the majority of the unit is within city limits. Discharge of any firearm in this area may be limited by local city ordinance. Hunters will need to take great care to make sure they are not in city limits and more than 1/4 mi from residences.



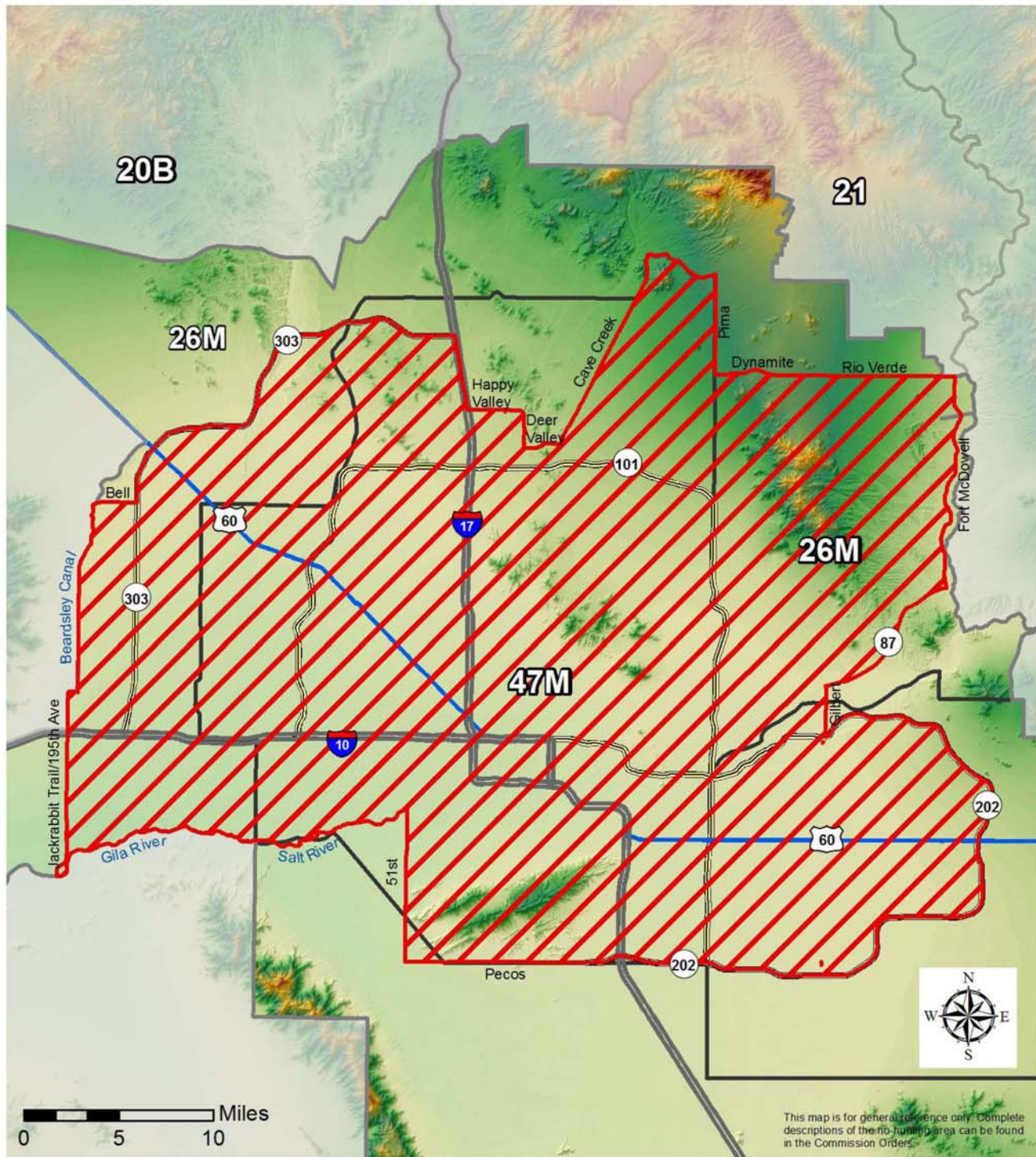
Unit Boundaries for 47M

Beginning at the junction of I-17 and the Carefree Hwy; east along the Carefree Hwy to Cave Creek Rd.; northeast along Cave Creek Rd. to Pima Rd.; south on Pima Rd. to Loop 101; south on Loop 101 to the Salt River; easterly along the Salt River to the Tonto National Forest boundary; northeasterly to the Tonto National Forest boundary; southeasterly along the Forest boundary to Forest Rd. 77 (Peralta Rd.); southwesterly on Forest Road 77 (Peralta Rd.) to U.S. Hwy 60; northwesterly on U.S. Hwy 60 to the Meridian Extension (Maricopa-Pinal County Line); south on the Meridian Extension (Maricopa-Pinal County Line) to Empire Blvd.; west on Empire Blvd. to the Gila River Indian Reservation boundary; north and west along the Gila River Indian Reservation boundary to the Gila River; west along the Gila River to 115th Ave.; north on 115th Ave. to I-10; west along I-10 to Litchfield Rd.; north on Litchfield Rd. to Bell Rd.; east on Bell Rd. to the New River; north along the New River to the Carefree Hwy; east along Carefree Hwy to I-17.



For 47M only - The majority of the unit is within city limits. Discharge of any firearm within the unit may be prohibited by local city ordinance. Hunters will need to take great care to ensure they are not within city limits and are more than 1/4 mile from occupied building(s) when discharging a firearm. To reduce the risk of conflict, hunters are encouraged to hunt in other Game Management Units.

Check out all of this information on no hunting areas in Metro Phoenix at the Arizona Game and Fish website: www.azgfd.gov

No-Hunting Area in Metro Phoenix



This map is for general reference only. Complete descriptions of the no-hunting area can be found in the Commission Orders.

-  No-Hunting Area
-  AGFDGameMgmtUnits

Hunting is not permitted in Units 25M, 26M, and 47M in the following described area: beginning at the junction of I-17 and Loop 303; west and south on Loop 303 to Bell Road; west on Bell Road to the Beardsley canal; south on the Beardsley canal to Indian School Road; west on Indian School Road to 195th Avenue/South Jackrabbit Trail; south on South Jackrabbit Trail to Tuthill Road; south on Tuthill Road to the Gila River; east along the Gila River to 115th Avenue/Salt River junction; east along the Salt River to 51st Avenue; south on 51st Avenue to Pecos Road; east on Pecos Road to the I-10/Loop 202 junction; east, north, and then west on the Loop 202 to Gilbert Road; north on Gilbert Road to AZ Highway 87; east on AZ Highway 87 to Fort McDowell Road; north on Fort McDowell Road to Rio Verde Drive; west on Rio Verde Drive to Dynamite Road; west on Dynamite Road to Pima Road; north on Pima Road to Cave Creek Road; west and south on Cave Creek Road to Deer Valley Road; west on Deer Valley Road to 7th Street; north on 7th Street to Happy Valley Road; west on Happy Valley Road to I-17; north on I-17 to the Loop 303.



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