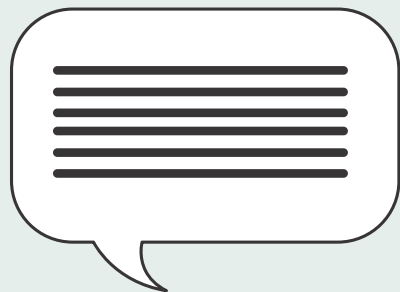


HOW TO EFFECTIVELY COMMENT

ON THE DRAFT FOREST PLAN AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)



TIPS

ORGANIZE THOUGHTS

Make sure your intent/concern is clear. Identify the specific aspects in the plan/EIS you are addressing..

IDENTIFY THE "WHY"

Share your reasoning. Comments that simply state agreement or opposition are unhelpful.

REMEMBER: COMMENTS ARE NOT "VOTES"

Duplicate comments do not carry more weight. Substance has a bigger impact than quantity.

INCLUDE YOUR NAME

To have standing to object, you must include your name and contact information.

WAYS TO COMMENT

CARA

Go to:

www.fs.usda.gov/goto/santafeforestplan.
When the commenting period starts, a link to the commenting tool, CARA will be available. Either upload a comment form or create a comment by selecting 'Enter New Letter' or 'Upload Letters' on the project home page.

SEND AN EMAIL

Send comments to
santafeforestplan@usda.gov.

MAIL A LETTER

James Melonas, Responsible Official
Attention: Forest Plan Revision Team
Santa Fe National Forest; 11 forest Lane, Santa Fe, NM 87508

HAND-DELIVER

11 Forest Lane in Santa Fe between 8am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday. Or deliver to the front desk at District Offices from 8am-4pm

WRITE AT A PUBLIC MEETING

SFNF staff will be available to answer questions and assist.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

CHANGES TO PLAN COMPONENTS

The USFS welcomes suggestions for changes to the wording of a specific plan component, suggestions for new or deleted components, changes to the type of plan component.

CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT AREAS

The USFS welcomes suggestions to location, inclusion, or boundaries of a management area and why.

MONITORING OF DESIRED CONDITIONS

Which desired conditions would be the most important to monitor to determine the success of the Plan?

DRAFT EIS

The USFS welcomes comments on the environmental analysis in the EIS, including recommendations for additional sources

VALUES AND ON-THE- GROUND WORK

What impact will the draft Forest Plan (or any of the alternatives in the DEIS have on your values? Does the draft Plan allow the SFNF to do the right work on the ground?

EXAMPLE

"In the fire and fuels section (page 66 of the Draft Plan), guideline 1 says: "Naturally occurring fires should be allowed to perform their natural ecological role to meet multiple resource objectives and facilitate progress toward desired conditions." This should be a standard instead of a guideline because fire is a natural disturbance that has been missing from the landscape; every opportunity to use it without unnecessary risk should be taken."