

# **APPENDIX G:**

## **COMMENTS TO THE DRAFT EIS**

### **AND**

#### **FOREST SERVICE RESPONSE**

The Forest Service received 11 comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Appendix G has the actual comment letters with the Forest Service Responses. These documents are too large to put on this website. If you want to view the letters and responses, please call the Mogollon Rim Ranger Station at (928) 477-2255 and request either a hard copy, or a CD with Appendix G.

**SUMMARY:** In response to the comments the following changes have been made in the FEIS. These updates and changes resulted in some changes to actual numbers from the Draft EIS (especially in the economics analysis), but did not change the comparisons among alternatives or the rationale use to make a decision.

- The District name has been changed from the Blue Ridge Ranger District to the Mogollon Rim Ranger District.
- The Economic Analysis was run to update figures used to account for the value of AUMs on the allotment, update fees to 2003, and to account for a slight change in numbers. A table was added to compare costs of improvements that would be borne by the permittee and the US Forest Service.
- The livestock numbers increased slightly by alternative, based on a change made in the calculated forage used per AUD, to align with Forest Service Direction.
- A Report on the Status of Management Indicator Species on the Coconino National Forest was summarized and used to better explain effects.
- The discussion of Cumulative Effects was extensively rewritten to clarify the additive effects of this project to past, present, and future foreseeable projects.
- Clarifying information was added to explain text misunderstood by the reviewers, or to add information that was missing; and numbers were corrected in a few tables.
- Alternative K was added to the EIS to address an issue brought up by the permittee.
- North McClintock Pastures was added into Alternative G as a pasture that may be grazed, with meadow enclosure and drift fence.
- A summary of the EIS was added.
- A soil and water section was added to the Monitoring Plan.