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Dear Interested Party:

Enclosed is an Environmental Assessment of a proposal to authorize grazing on the Jakes, Laurel Canyon, North Reef, South Reef, Goodwin, and Kane Springs allotments, Safford Ranger District, Coronado National Forest. Forest Service Regulations at 36 CFR 215 provide for a 30-day comment period to allow an opportunity for the public to submit substantive comments on the action prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official, who is the Safford District Ranger. The proposal was provided to the public and other agencies for comment in a scoping report in April 2004. Comments received during scoping have been considered and incorporated as appropriate into the analysis.

The enclosed document describes the proposed action, identifies alternatives to the proposed action, and provides a summary of the effects of the proposed action and alternatives. It is being provided to you at this time because you previously expressed interest in this project. Comments received in response to this solicitation will be considered prior to making a decision.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments will be accepted. Written comments should be submitted to: Richard A. Gerhart, Analysis Team Leader, Coronado National Forest, 300 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701, or by fax at (520) 388-8305. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments may be provided at the Coronado National Forest Supervisor's Office during normal business hours via telephone (520) 388-8374 or in person. Electronic comments (.txt, .rtf, .doc formats) should be submitted to: comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us.

The opportunity to comment ends 30 calendar days following the date of publication of a legal notice in the *Eastern Arizona Courier*. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. The expected publication date is on or about October 25, 2004.



Appeal Eligibility

Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must submit specific substantive comments (36 CFR 215.2) by the close of the comment period, along with all supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision. Comments must be signed or include an identifiable name and address of the individual or organization that authored the comments. For multiple names or multiple organizations, a signature must be provided for the individual authorized to represent each organization or for each individual that wishes to have appeal eligibility. Individual members of organizations must submit their own substantive comments to meet the requirements of appeal eligibility as an individual; comments received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeanine A. Derby
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Attachment: Environmental Assessment

cc: Acting Safford District Ranger