

# APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS



## "Forest Plan Revision Update-Fall 2006" *A Message from the Forest Supervisor*

I just wanted to touch base and let you know what is happening with the Forest Plan Revision effort.

We recently completed a round of 16 public meetings to begin a dialogue about revising the Forest Plan. I want to extend my appreciation to those of you that participated. Over 300 people attended these meetings and you provided over 650 comments. A listing of these comments can be found on our website <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf/plan-revision/>. These comments cover a wide variety of topics, including Forest Health, Travel Management, Access to the Forest, Multiple-Use, and Forest Service Communication and Management. We will be analyzing and summarizing these comments in early November and this will help guide me in determining what "needs to change" in the current Forest Plan

For those of you that could not attend this first round of public meetings, there are still multiple opportunities for you to become involved. On the back are the key "steps in the journey" outlining what, when, and how you can be involved.

The next round of public meetings is planned for January 2007. The objective of those meetings is to verify what you've told us so far and focus on major issues. Once dates & locations have been identified we'll post the information to the web and distribute the dates to folks on our mailing list.

My staff is currently developing the Comprehensive Evaluation Report (CER). This report will outline the current conditions and trends and will be used, in addition to your input, to determine what we will revise in our Forest Plan. We hope to have an initial draft of the CER for your review by Spring 2007.

Look for our next mailing around the New Year. We plan to include a summary of the comments we heard from you and more information on the next steps in the revision process.

For more information about the plan revision process visit our website, e-mail us at [asnf.planning@fs.fed.us](mailto:asnf.planning@fs.fed.us), or call us at 928-333-4301.

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## Key Steps in the Forest Plan Revision Process

STEP	WHAT YOU CAN DO	WHEN
<b>Initial Public Meetings</b>	Learn about the planning process and let us know what we need to focus on during plan revision.	Summer/Fall 2006
<b>Comprehensive Evaluation Report (CER)</b>	Provide input to the CER—including current conditions and trends on the Forests. Help review the draft CER.	Spring/Summer 2007
<b>Develop the Proposed Plan</b>	Let's work together to develop desired conditions, objectives, special areas, suitability of areas, guidelines, and a monitoring plan.	Summer 2007 — Spring 2008
<b>90-day Comment Period</b>	This is your chance to provide formal written comments regarding the proposed plan you've helped to build.	Spring 2008
<b>30-day Objection Period</b>	A chance to file a formal objection regarding the proposed plan.	Summer 2008
<b>Approve Plan</b>	Forest Supervisor approves the plan. Help us implement the revised plan.	Spring 2009 +