

FOREST PLAN REVISION - COMMENTS - July 10, 2007 through October 9, 2007		
<i>This document contains comments received between July 10, 2007 through October 9, 2007</i>		
Comment	Source	Date
<p>Forests in Arizona are biologically diverse and culturally important. I recognize and hope that the USFS recognizes the need to conserve these values now and for future generations. Please use the framework that was presented to you by the Arizona Forest Plan Revision Coalition in 2006 for planning decisions regarding collaboration, fire protection, fuels management, cultural resources, economics, recreation, forest restoration, livestock grazing, invasive species, mining, off-road vehicles, roads, and transportation among others. These are all issues that I believe are important and which must be addressed in the plan revision process.</p> <p>I also believe that the Forest Plan revision requires an Environmental Impact Statement rather than a Categorical Exclusion because there will be decisions made in the document that directly affect the forest and its resources. Without an EIS, the Forest Service cannot seek to understand the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the Forest Plan, nor can it adequately examine a range of alternatives.</p> <p>Please place me on your mailing list to remain involved in the Forest Plan revision process.</p>	<p>emails: 2744-1-Harwich, MA / 2745-1-Denver, CO / 2746-1-Lebanon, KY / 2747-1-Paonia, CO / 2748-1-NM / 2749-1-Albuq, NM / 2750-1-Wheat Ridge, CO / 2751-1-Tulsa, OK / 2752-1-Fishtail, MT / 2753-1-Baltimore, MD / 2754-1-Saint Paul, MN / 2755-1-Parlin, NJ / 2759-1-Cincinnati, OH / 2760-1-Keauhou, HI / 2761-1-unknown / 2762-1-Sandia Park, NM / 2763-1-Evergreen, CO / 2766-1-Santa Fe, NM / 2767-1-Scotch Plains, NJ / 2768-1-Reno, NV / 2769-1-Atlanta, GA / 2770-1-Placitas, NM / 2771-1-unknown / 2772-1-unknown / 2773-1-unknown / 2774-1-Albuquerque, NM / 2775-1-Portage, MI / 2776-1-Santa Fe, NM /</p>	7/10/2007
FYI - The link you sent does not work - when typed into the browser it states "page not found."	email-2450-2-Snowflake, AZ	7/12/2007
This is my opinion on how the Forest should be managed: Priority no.1 should be thinning, to keep a healthy forest, instead of letting it be destroyed by fire and [diesis].	email - 1239-2-Snowflake, AZ	7/11/2007
Do not do prescribed burnings, it pollutes the air and it's real hard on people with respiratory problems.	email - 1239-2-Snowflake, AZ	7/11/2007
Maintain and enhance access to all the Public. After all, we taxpayers are the real owners of the Forest. (Not the enviro extremists)	email - 1239-2-Snowflake, AZ	7/11/2007
Stop closing roads and trails, don't concentrate the ever increasing number of OHVs into smaller areas, and then complain about the resulting damage.	email - 1239-2-Snowflake, AZ	7/11/2007
All roads and trails outside of Wilderness areas should be "multiple use". It makes no sense, and it's probably not possible to provide different trails for all the different user groups. Hikers and equestrians who want quiet and solitude can go to the many Wilderness areas. Unfortunately, OHVs don't have that choice. Anyone that is concerned with protecting our natural resources should be glad to share the trails with other users.	email - 1239-2-Snowflake, AZ	7/11/2007

Wildlife concerns should not be used as an excuse to close roads and trails to motorized vehicles, and leave them open to hikers and equestrians. Hikers and equestrians moving silently through the Forest are in effect stalking and spooking wildlife. The sound from motorized vehicles give wildlife a chance to leisurely move out of the way. Motorized vehicles move through the area quickly, allowing wildlife to resume their normal activities sooner, such as a bird returning to the nest. The fact is that wildlife adjusts to motorized vehicles, not to people. Instinct tells them that motorized vehicles don't shoot at them, people do.	email - 1239-2-Snowflake, AZ	7/11/2007
Get rid of the wolves before they attack and kill someone. Wolves kill for sport, not just when they need to eat, like other predators. All large animals that run in packs will attack other animals and people. Even domestic dogs are dangerous when they run in packs. And when wolves and other animals have not been shot at, they loose fear of people, and are more likely to attack, especially a child.	email - 1239-2-Snowflake, AZ	7/11/2007
Please add me to your mailing list	note - 2756-1-Pinetop, AZ	7/13/2007
I have a second home in the Heber/Overgaard area and I would love to have a place to go to shoot sporting clays. I am up there 3 out of 4 weekends a month during the summer and at least once a month the rest of the year. It gets too hot in the Valley to enjoy a round of clays during the summer time so to have a place to go up there would be great. I would use the facility a lot.	mailed comment form - 2757-1-Phoenix, AZ	7/11/2007
The following questions and comments are submitted by the Arizona Forest Revision coalition, on behalf of the coalition and our members, who enjoy the natural and scenic beauty of our public lands. The Arizona Forest Plan Revision Coalition is an informal alliance consisting of conservation groups, as well as several individuals with strong interests in forest planning. These groups include Soerra club - Grand Canyon chapter, Friends of Anderson Mesa, Center for Biological Diversity, Grand Canyon Wildlands Council, Arizona Wilderness Coalition, Arizona Zoological Society, The Wildlands Project, Forest Guardians, Maricopa Audubon Society, Sky Island Alliance, and the Arizona Wildlife Federation. We appreciated your response to our Arizona Forest Planning Principles and we hope for a similar serious consideration of the following issues.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
We have already expressed to you our understanding regarding the legal framework under which planning in Regional 3 forests may proceed now that the 2005 NFMA regulations have been enjoined.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
We have requested clarification of how the forest planning processed (sic) will proceed in Arizona, and would like to reiterate that these processes should move forward only under the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) structure as required by NFMA and the 1982 regulations.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
In line with this, we have submitted comments on the National Forest System Land Management Planning Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), an important process we hope the Forest Service will sincerely invest in. We remain hopeful for the best possible outcome: Forest plans throughout the country will be strengthened and fortified with a conservation framework that is timely, legal and protects national forest lands.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
In any event, because it appears that forest planning is continuing, we wish to provide the following comments and scientific guidance to you and all forests in the region as you proceed with forest plan revision. We offer these ideas and suggestions to ensure that the applicable scientific information is considered, that the interpretation of this information is accurate, and that the relevant socio-economic trends are documented and considered. This opportunity for real scientific inquiry should not be missed, since many of the impacts of authorized activities on the forests have remained unknown and unexamined for years.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007

<p>The following is a list of key questions which must be answered to provide everyone in the planning process - the Forest Service, other agencies and the interested and affected public - a foundation to guide all participants through this very important process. We direct these questions to the region, as well as to each national forest in the region.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>We request that for each of the extractive uses permitted by each forest plan, a "carrying capacity" estimate is derived based on the available science.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>We further request that the forest plans develop and mandate appropriate and feasible monitoring methodologies that will document the ecological effects of each land use and account for climatic changes (i.e. global warming and drought) that will affect the forests during the life of the plans.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>Please answer the following questions in regards to the science review that will be conducted on revised forest plans:</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>1. How broad in scope will the science review be? Will it be done at the Regional level, the Forest level, or both?</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>2. Does a review team, or teams, exist at this time? If so, who makes up the review team(s) and what are their academic and professional backgrounds? If not, who will make up the review team(s), and what will their academic and professional backgrounds be?</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>3. What questions will the review team(s) be asking?</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>4. Will the review team(s) be assessing impacts of all commercial and recreational activities on each forest, both independently and cumulatively? What activities will not be subjected to the science review?</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>5. What scientific evidence will inform the review team(s)?</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>6. Will the public have the opportunity to review, comment on, and provide feedback about the science review? How do you foresee that process occurring?</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>We believe that the answers to these questions should be readily available at the regional level and we respectfully request a prompt reply.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>

<p>We also offer the following outline of our expectations for the science review. We ask that if any of the following issues will <i>not</i> be thoroughly explored in the science review, that you provide us with information as to why you believe the Forest Service is not required to do so. If you will be looking at other aspects of these that we have not identified, please provide us with that information as well. We believe that the science review should analyze and disclose the following conditions and uses listed below.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>CLIMATIC CONDITIONS: Describe the appropriate use of any and/or all of the habitat types on the Region's forests during short- and long-term drought. This includes a description of appropriate timber harvesting, vegetation manipulation, grazing, recreational activities, etc. under varied climate regimes.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>Include the best predictions by climate scientists for the forthcoming climatic conditions in the region and background for appropriate future management decisions.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>Disclose to the public whether the science supports the overall and site-specific carrying capacity of our Southwestern forests, especially in light of climate change, and the aggregate uses imposed and permitted by the forest plans.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>Include the most current hypotheses regarding global warming impacts to wildlife populations, including disease.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>ECOLOGICAL SERVICES: Include economic evaluation of the ecological services provided by healthy landscapes, including the socio-economic benefit of clean watersheds, clean airsheds, and intact soils that undisturbed forests provide.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>Examine the changing needs of Arizona's human population in context of the ecological services of the forest and would consider the long-term projections for the economic base of the region, while considering the impacts of extractive use on this future population.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>LIVESTOCK GRAZING: Examine the impacts of domestic livestock grazing on each and all of the national forests of the region.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>Demonstrate that the 24 habitat types of Region 3 have not been and will not be adversely affected by this use.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>
<p>Identify the impacts of this use on vegetation types (trees, shrubs, grasses and forbs) and communities, including the introduction of non-native invasive species, soils, wildlife, surface and sub-surface hydrology, as well as air and water quality.</p>	<p>Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2</p>	<p>7/12/2007</p>

Identify and disclose the impacts of the following various livestock management strategies on each of the habitat types and the dependent wildlife: *Ephemeral/perennial, *Yearlong/rest-rotation/best pasture/other, *Assess the impacts of livestock grazing under the following environmental conditions; drought, short-and/or long-term duration, and post-fire, natural and/or prescription	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
Provide evidence of the relationship of livestock grazing to non-native species invasions and fire regimes. Provide a cost-benefit analysis of grazing management in context of these effects.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
Include accurate information on the extent livestock grazing contributes to local economies.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
Address the impacts of livestock grazing on predator populations and the indirect impact this has on vegetation and wildlife species.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
RECREATION: Adequately describe the effects of past, present, and potential future impacts of recreational use within each of the different habitat types.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
Provide specific evidence of the impacts of each of the common recreational uses of the forest, including, but not limited to, off-road vehicles, hiking/quiet recreation, hunting and fishing, non-motorized travel including equestrian and bicycle use.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
Describe the impacts of each of the recreational uses to vegetation communities and types, soils, wildlife, and hydrology.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
TIMBER HARVESTING, RESTORATION, AND FIRE: Support conclusions about the cyclical fire dependency of each habitat type and the limitations of tree removal in context of fire regimes.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
Explain and support through scientific literature the use of timber harvest as a commercial activity and the resulting subsequent regeneration in the various habitat types identified as current or potential for this commercial activity.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
Explain the effects of historical and contemporary fire suppression efforts to each of the different habitat types found on the forests of the region.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
Provide information about options/opportunities/methods to reintroduce natural fire into each of the 24 habitat types on the regional forests.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007

Explain with contemporary social research, how and to what extent timber harvesting contributes to local economies.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
Address the impacts of fragmenting canopy cover and logging of old growth ponderosa pines and how that affects old growth dependent species like the northern goshawk, the Kaibab squirrel, etc..	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
CONCLUSION: We believe the land uses addressed above present a major opportunity for the region and each of its forests to plan appropriately given the current ecological paradigm and the changing socio-economic demographic of Arizona and New Mexico. Without taking a "hard look" at each of these questions when conducting the science review, the forest supervisors will have failed to address some of the most pressing questions of the planning process.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
Arizona forests are changing. Burgeoning human population demands for resources, space and recreation will peak during a time of global climate change, extended regional drought and substantial prospects for wide-spread ecological instability. Planners are well-advised to consider that landscape alterations such as habitat fragmentation, fire, floods, water use/storage changes, inevitably induce a set of cascading reactions and difficult to foresee outcomes. Planners should anticipate that nature is both indifferent to our needs and not always benign.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
Many gaps exist in the science that forest planners will use to support their decisions. Yet the ecological facts in hand today are both clear and unequivocal - forest planning must be guided by the precautionary principle whose prime goal is to ensure that our land use choices never make matters worse.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
We would like to provide additional science and input throughout the planning process, and be an active part of the science review. We also specifically request that the Forest Service cite and provide electronic access to all the science that is used to support the forest plans and the analysis used therein, and that this science should generally be peer-reviewed science to which we refer. Thank you for your time and attention to this request.	Mailed letter, Phoenix, signed by: 447, 1421, 55, 2539, 707, 2540, 2545, 1705, 2547, 2103, 2758 - all-2	7/12/2007
We are private property owners within the ASNFs. We have lived on this property since 1974 (almost 33 years). At the time that we moved here the Forest Service had in place a program which, under Forest Service supervision, commercial loggers maintained the forest in EXCELLENT health through logging and thinning. Since the demise of logging the real fire danger has increased exponentially. Our STRONG recommendation for revision of the forest plan is a return to supervised logging on a regular basis, with provision that the loggers awarded contracts agree to clear out the underbrush as part of their contracts.	Mailed letter-2032-1- Blue,AZ	7/17/2007
Please refer to Jim Paxon's well written book: <i>the Monster Reared His Ugly Head</i> , pages 204 and 205. <i>What ever the "up front" cost, we MUST begin thinning NOW!</i>	Mailed letter-2032-1- Blue,AZ	7/17/2007
I value the ASNF for the variety of natural ecosystems and for the outstanding opportunities for recreational activities such as hiking, camping, wildlife watching, birding, and photography. I would like the new management plan to have as its number one priority the protection and restoration of natural ecosystems.	email letter-2687-2-Glendale, AZ	7/20/2007
Best scientific knowledge should guide management with the goal of restoring natural processes and resilience, including natural fire regimes and healthy populations of highly-interactive species such as Mexican gray wolves.	email letter-2687-2-Glendale, AZ - also received letter hard copy on 07/24/2007	7/20/2007

While the Forest Service has a mandate of multiple uses, the forest plan should recognize and value the services that healthy ecosystems provide such as clean air and water, wildlife habitat, and tourism and recreation. These services are vital to the environmental and economic health of the entire region.	email letter-2687-2-Glendale, AZ	7/20/2007
Restoration and maintenance of healthy, sustainable ecosystems must take precedence over calls for increasing the amount of "goods" such as lumber and livestock forage.	email letter-2687-2-Glendale, AZ	7/20/2007
As you note, the ponderosa pine forest vegetation type has been greatly altered from historical times. Fire suppression, along with logging and grazing are primarily responsible for changing this vegetation type and increasing its susceptibility to uncharacteristic fire. These activities should only be allowed under scientifically guided efforts to restore ecosystems (such as thinning small-diameter trees).	email letter-2687-2-Glendale, AZ	7/20/2007
While a few progressive ranchers take responsibility to minimize ecosystem damage and to co-exist with endangered species such as the Mexican gray wolf, too many ranchers do not. The plan should emphasize protection of riparian and other sensitive habitats from damage by livestock grazing, support buyout of grazing permits, and give wildlife and habitat protection priority over livestock.	email letter-2687-2-Glendale, AZ	7/20/2007
Wilderness designation provides for the highest levels of ecosystem protection. The Blue Range Primitive Area should continue to be managed as wilderness and recommended for wilderness designation. The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests are very important to me, and I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the forest plan.	email letter-2687-2-Glendale, AZ	7/20/2007
I reviewed the public comments to the forest plan, specifically, for Show Low. I'd like to support comment # 9, preserving existing trails (TRACKS). In addition, land exchanges in the vicinity of existing trails was of particular interest to me and it should not be done. Thanks for the opportunity to comment on these very important issues related to living in the vicinity of Show Low and public lands.	www comment form-2764-1-unknown	7/22/2007
I believe it's important to preserve US Forest Service tracks and trails. I would like to make a strong statement urging the preservation of the Buena Vista Trail near Show Low, Arizona. I'm opposed to any land swaps in this area.	www comment form-2765-1-unknown	7/22/2007
I received the ReVision Review and was very impressed with it. I also found it to be quite educational. It was well thought out and presented. The main reason my husband and I moved here was to live in a forest and we have found Show Low the almost perfect town. We are sorry to see the city growing at such an alarming rate and also that the forest gets abused in so many ways.	mailed letter-2121-2-Show Low, AZ	7/23/2007
This brings me to the reason I am writing so that I can comment on the threat I see that ATV use is having out in the woods everywhere. It used to be that I could go camping and hiking and enjoy a solitary relaxing experience, but these days it is hard because ATVs are everywhere. And, I have noticed the attitude difference between the two types of forest users. Hikers are more prone to appreciate nature whereas riders care only for the ride.	mailed letter-2121-2-Show Low, AZ	7/23/2007
More and more trails are being widened, created, or ruined, which saddens me. Buena Vista Trail is being ruined. Ghost of the Coyotes, Los Caballos and Juniper Ridge Trails are being ruined.	mailed letter-2121-2-Show Low, AZ	7/23/2007
I can see where motorized use in the forest is a great threat to its health. Please keep our White Mountain Trail system "non-motorized." Please approve for more non-motorized trails to be put in.	mailed letter-2121-2-Show Low, AZ	7/23/2007
Please confine OHV use to specific areas, even if a motorized park, like Saffel Canyon, has to be created. Anything that will confine the wide popular daily use to a specific area would be good.	mailed letter-2121-2-Show Low, AZ	7/23/2007

<p>The City of Show Low wants to become an "ATV Friendly City" as worded in their rough draft of their general plan. I think this is wrong. I do believe the Cities, which are embraced by the Forest, should adopt an agreeable plan that works with and not against the Apache-Sitgreaves Forest Plan. Unfortunately, I see no communication between Forest and City happening. So, to me it looks like the City of Show Low is doing what they can to bring the great #4 threat to your doorstep (forest).</p>	<p>mailed letter-2121-2-Show Low, AZ</p>	<p>7/23/2007</p>
<p>I really don't know what one citizen like myself can do, but say keep up the good work, your plan revision looks good. I can only hope that you stop the abuse in whatever shape it comes in.</p>	<p>mailed letter-2121-2-Show Low, AZ</p>	<p>7/23/2007</p>
<p>For 28 years I have been a tax paying person in Greer, AZ and spent as much time as possible in my "Summer Place", Greer. I now have children, grandchildren and great grandchildren that come to visit me in my special Place, Greer. And it is their "Special Place" to enjoy. My prayers are that we can keep it that Special Place. Thank you for caring for our forests, streams and open spaces. My husband and children and I spent every Summer Vacation in Greer from 1953 on. Greer is a real gift in our lives.</p>	<p>mailed letter-2108-1-Scottsdale, AZ</p>	<p>8/14/2007</p>
<p>In the revision plan for the Apache-Sitgreaves forest, it is full of the "can't, won't don't" attitude towards the two million plus users who use the forest. This is the public's forest. Not much has been done since the WPA to create new facilities or maintain the existing ones.</p>	<p>mailed letter-2592-2-Lakeside, AZ</p>	<p>8/23/2007</p>
<p>Our family members who camp are getting pretty disgusted with the area campgrounds where people with no teeth are camp hosts, take the fees, and do nothing towards maintenance. Toilet and shower areas are not working, and hosts ignore all complaints.</p>	<p>mailed letter-2592-2-Lakeside, AZ</p>	<p>8/23/2007</p>
<p>We are tired of the government stealing the portion of the forest budget for international expenses, and numerous welfare programs, letting our nations prize resources go to pot, literally.</p>	<p>mailed letter-2592-2-Lakeside, AZ</p>	<p>8/23/2007</p>
<p>I feel it is time to get our own forest infrastructure rebuilt and expanded. We need shooting ranges, campgrounds with working facilities, ATV controlled tracks, etc.</p>	<p>mailed letter-2592-2-Lakeside, AZ</p>	<p>8/23/2007</p>
<p>Let's start charging the 2+ million visitors a forest use permit fee. Why can't we put a special use tax on any ATV sold and collect it at time of sale?</p>	<p>mailed letter-2592-2-Lakeside, AZ</p>	<p>8/23/2007</p>
<p>The ATV users are some of the worst land abusers we have seen in our years in the forest. Yearly permits are charged for all sorts of things, why not forest use? Fees collected could be used to do the expansion and repairs needed.</p>	<p>mailed letter-2592-2-Lakeside, AZ</p>	<p>8/23/2007</p>
<p>I am a hunter and fisherman and have paid dearly for the privilege through the years. It's about time the rest of the forest users paid their fair share too.</p>	<p>mailed letter-2592-2-Lakeside, AZ</p>	<p>8/23/2007</p>
<p>We need to stay with the 1980's plan. We need to return to logging, camping anywhere, no more poisoning streams.</p>	<p>comment form-mailed-2777-1-Eagar, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>
<p>Cattle people should be able to graze their cattle, it helps waterlands and grasslands, keeps noxious weeds down.</p>	<p>comment form-mailed-2777-1-Eagar, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>
<p>Forests need to be thinned to protect it from killing itself off or burning up.</p>	<p>comment form-mailed-2777-1-Eagar, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>
<p>Peoples [livelyhoods] depends on the industry from logging and water.</p>	<p>comment form-mailed-2777-1-Eagar, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>
<p>Hiking, horseback riding, birdwatching, and going where you want in our forests should be brought back. All the roads which were closed should be reopened and no more closed.</p>	<p>comment form-mailed-2777-1-Eagar, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>

We wish to go with the 1980's revision. We would like to see cattle and logging back on the forest and the benefits that these industries brought to both the forest and the local economies.	comment form-mailed-2308-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
We would like to see the Forest Service go back to doing their job of providing timber and taking care of the forest, grasslands, and watershed. We would like to see our forests healthy again. We would like to see an abundance of game, fish and wildlife again as there was a few years ago when the forest was healthy.	comment form-mailed-2308-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
We'd like to see an end to our forests being controlled by those who refuse to recognize that man is as much a part of nature as a wolf. We'd like to be allowed to care for, nurture, and protect our forest.	comment form-mailed-2308-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
Also please stop closing our roads.	comment form-mailed-2308-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
I would like the United States Forest Service to adopt the Forest Plan Revisions from the 1980's.	Comment Form-mailed-2167--Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
I have lived and used these public lands all my life and I have never seen the forest in such poor condition. Since timber, a renewable resource, harvesting was stopped the amount of dead useless, fire hazard trees has greatly increased. The forest is now so dense that animals the forest was meant to protect are now endangering them, less grazing on the floor for wildlife, the trees are so thick the owls and goshawks can't hunt for food on forest floor.	Comment Form-mailed-2167--Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
By taking cattle off the forest the invasive weeds & flora have increased. Century old water sheds & creeks are drying up because the willows are drinking them dry.	Comment Form-mailed-2167--Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
Please stop the ridiculous, bad science, non-management of these public lands - these are only 2 of my concerns, there are more to follow. The Forest Service used to be a respectable organization and they have lost all their credibility in the last 30 years. Wake Up!	Comment Form-mailed-2167--Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
Forest Plan [Reviw] want the 1980 [rivison] [plane] want more [forst] public land uses	Comment Form-mailed-2779-1-Morenci, AZ	9/27/2007
I know there is way too many trees per acre on the entire forest to make a healthy growth, [to] many trees makes no trees grow good. There is not enough water among other things so we need thinning, logging, wood cutting etc.	Comment form-mailed-2778-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
It is a proven fact that grazing of grasslands has a better growth and way less noxious (good for nothing) weeds, better water drinking for wildlife etc.	Comment form-mailed-2778-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
According to Harv [Fosgren] of Apache Nat. Forest the [goss hawk] study here was a fluke. So it needs to be redone.	Comment form-mailed-2778-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
The forest management plan of the 1980's is the one that needs to be put into play.	Comment form-mailed-2778-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
I am tired of finding the forest "officials" behind road closed signs.	Comment form-mailed-2778-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
There is no good reason to not cut dead trees for firewood or charging for and requiring a "wood permit" to get dead & down wood when it is only helping to clean the forest and help keep fire danger down.	Comment form-mailed-2778-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
I don't like the [underhandad] and [illegle] poisoning of our streams and rivers.	Comment form-mailed-2778-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007

[Fourest] Plan [Revision] want the 1980's [rivision] plan	Comment form-mailed-2332-2-Tucson, AZ	9/27/2007
we need more [logging] in forest	Comment form-mailed-2332-2-Tucson, AZ	9/27/2007
[needs] more cattle [grazang]	Comment form-mailed-2332-2-Tucson, AZ	9/27/2007
[needs] more roads open - makes good fire [lains]	Comment form-mailed-2332-2-Tucson, AZ	9/27/2007
NEED MORE PEOPLE IN THE FOREST [SERVIS] WITH COMMON [SENCE]	Comment form-mailed-2332-2-Tucson, AZ	9/27/2007
As a [resedent] of the area around the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest, I am very concerned about the management (or lack of management) of the forests [throuout] the entire U.S.	Comment form-mailed-2434-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
I would really like to see the forest Service go back to the 1980s plan for managing. It may not have been perfect then, but it was far better than what they are [porposing] now.	Comment form-mailed-2434-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
It's a proven fact that no logging, no cattle, no access & [accually] (no management) is [recurrning] & [accually] [distroying] the forests.	Comment form-mailed-2434-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
There are too many trees sucking up the water. Springs & creeks are drying up, noxious weeds are taking over, there is less grass for grazing of cattle and wildlife. Forest fires are getting more often & more [delvastating].	Comment form-mailed-2434-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
We also need to be able to help clean up the forest by getting fire wood, all sizes & kinds.	Comment form-mailed-2434-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
I suggest that we go back to the day when common sense was part of the forest plan. You have to consider the needs of the people who have made their livings off the forests.	Comment form-mailed-2161-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
One of my big concerns is that there are so many trees on the forest that they are sucking all of the water out of the ground and all of the streams & rivers are drying up & the springs are no longer giving up their water.	Comment form-mailed-2161-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
The plant & grass species that you claim you are trying to save are being smothered to death by the dead trees, pine needles & dry [foilage].	Comment form-mailed-2161-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
When the forest dries up more after the good rains we have had, more of your precious species will burn than 10 million people could destroy.	Comment form-mailed-2161-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
After the rains this year (2007) the forest itself has proven that [rejuvination] comes immediately & naturally. God made these forests to use & enjoy. It's a renewable resource.	Comment form-mailed-2161-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
It's a proven fact that cattle keep down the noxious weeds. Millions & millions of board feet of trees are rotting on the stump & on the ground. (More to come)	Comment form-mailed-2161-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
I [belve] that the [Constution] of the United States protects us from the [opresive] [controle] and rules that have [ben] and will be [forsed] upon us in the future.	Comment form-mailed-2286-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
The 1980's plan was working for the good of the forest [helth] and the economy of small towns that depend on the forest.	Comment form-mailed-2286-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007

We need cattle We need logging We need woodcutting We need camping We have freedom	Comment form-mailed-2286-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
If you do not manage the Forest as a [sorce] of [importanc] to all people (Hunters, campers, Loggers, Ranchers, birdwatchers, [Hickers], etc) then you have lost sight of your job. "Wake Up"	Comment form-mailed-2286-+-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
Return to the plan for the 1980's - Congress established the Forest Service to provide quality water & timber - I want to see historical ponderosa pine stands (P4) as I did in my youth. I want to see healthy aspen stands, less fire suppression, additional grazing which helps grasslands and keeps noxious weeds down.	Comment form-mailed-2777-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
Increase logging to keep our forests clean & parklike. This decreased fire hazard helps all. It provides quality lumber. Why should Canada provide all our dimensional lumber?	Comment form-mailed-2777-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
Page 8. I do not like the 2005 travel management rule - we need to keep our roads open to use by all Americans for whatever they enjoy doing. I do not support any effort to close off dispersed camping (p.8)	Comment form-mailed-2777-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
I do not support the the effect of environmentalists to close off numerous areas to public use. They are elitist who have money and resources to use private land for their personal enjoyment (ie Nature Conservancy, Defenders of Wildlife). These groups through their obscene use of the legal system have hindered the Forest Service from doing what they KNOW is the right thing to do. Just do it!	Comment form-mailed-2777-1-Eagar, AZ	9/27/2007
1980's Plan Revision makes the most [sinse].	Comment form-mailed-1218-+-Springerville, AZ	9/27/2007
Logging - we need to go back to more logging to help water - wildlife - fire - industry.	Comment form-mailed-1218-+-Springerville, AZ	9/27/2007
Roads - we need to leave all of "our" roads open so that not to congest [to] [maney] people in snall areas. [Allso] - hunting, camping, fishing - hiking, viewing wildlife - fire fighting - rescue, woodhauling.	Comment form-mailed-1218-+-Springerville, AZ	9/27/2007
Don't forget the Forest belongs to us the public and we [shold] be making the decisions on what needs to be done.	Comment form-mailed-1218-+-Springerville, AZ	9/27/2007
1980's Plan Revision needs to be followed.	Comment form-mailed-1218-+-Springerville, AZ	9/27/2007
Road Closure - Remaining rds need to be left open.	Comment form-mailed-1218-+-Springerville, AZ	9/27/2007
Logging - Forest sales need to be revived & logging brought back. Forests need to be cultivated.	Comment form-mailed-1218-+-Springerville, AZ	9/27/2007
Grazing - Cattle grazing cuts down on noxious weeds.	Comment form-mailed-1218-+-Springerville, AZ	9/27/2007
Due to the density of our forests the demand for water is being used by small diameter trees.	Comment form-mailed-1218-+-Springerville, AZ	9/27/2007
The economic factor has hurt many small communities. Jobs have been lost. Our forests should be used for timber production, livestock grazing & recreation for all people & not only the select few that can afford to pay to stay in F.S. Campgrounds.	Comment form-mailed-1218-+-Springerville, AZ	9/27/2007

<p>The White Mountain Stewardship Contract that was awarded in 2004 should have been awarded to several contractors instead of just one to complete the 10 yr. contract. No new jobs were open</p>	<p>Comment form-mailed-1218-+-Springerville, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>
<p>Forest Service was established to provide quality water & timber for Nations Benefit!</p>	<p>Comment form-mailed-1218-+-Springerville, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>
<p>I live in the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest, but my desire is for the entire Nations Forests to be back to the Forest plans that were used in the early 1980's.</p>	<p>Comment form-mailed 2175-+-Eagar, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>
<p>It is proven fact that the forest is much more healthy with logging going full steam.</p>	<p>Comment form-mailed 2175-+-Eagar, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>
<p>The under brush etc. wasn't much of a problem with cattle grazing the forests. With cattle grazing the noxious weeds were not a problem. Look now at that problem. The weeds are taking over. Now the Forest Service wants to cut grazing by 1/3 again.</p>	<p>Comment form-mailed 2175-+-Eagar, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>
<p>Where is the common sense? When push comes to shove even you people know your new ideas won't work! If you want a healthy forest then lets go back to the plans that kept the forest healthy and we weren't afraid of forest fires that erase the forest totally.</p>	<p>Comment form-mailed 2175-+-Eagar, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>
<p>Let's log, let's run enough cows to matter, Let's recreate sensibly. Let's maintain access for the public and let's uphold, sustain and protect our great Constitution of these Great United States!!!</p>	<p>Comment form-mailed 2175-+-Eagar, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>
<p>Proper use is essential to the forest. The cuts in use on grazing lands are counterproductive. A forest plan should take scientific discoveries and not cut grazing when current science (published study from N AZ University) show that the current prevailing moderate grazing use surpasses no grazing at all in forage coverage on grasslands/prairie lands. Current prevailing moderate grazing also surpasses no use in terms of causing less exotic plants to thrive. Current moderate levels of grazing also increase "richness" (#s) of native plants.</p>	<p>Comment form-mailed 2780-+-Blue, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>
<p>We need to keep the 1980's Plan and do anything you can to get the science right which would be reflected in increased benefit to traditional local use - grazing, thinning of forest, scientifically coexisting the "environmental" propaganda that is destroying the forests genetic heritage of thousands of years - rendering the landscape alien to anything you've listed as habitat or "native" species.</p>	<p>Comment form-mailed 2780-+-Blue, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>
<p>This is a desecration of our heritage. Even the "exalted" so-called litigious "environmentalists" should be thwarted to save our heritage. Their "influence" has done more to destroy our heritage [thru] hateful bias than anything of human influence in all history.</p>	<p>Comment form-mailed 2780-+-Blue, AZ</p>	<p>9/27/2007</p>