

APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS



"Forest Plan Revision Update-August 2008"

A Message from the Acting Forest Supervisor

It's been a while since you've heard from us. I would like to update you on the subject of forest plan revision. We have some upcoming opportunities for you to help develop the strategic direction for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (ASNFs).

We will be hosting five open houses to begin focus on the next stage of the revision process—writing the revised forest plan. The dates, locations, and times for these meetings can be found on the back of this letter. Our objective for these public meetings is to gather your input regarding desired conditions for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests. Desired conditions are the "social, economic, and ecological attributes toward which management of the land and resources is to be directed" (36 CFR 219). Basically, desired conditions "paint the picture" , describing what the forests should look like or provide.

My staff has compiled a draft set of desired condition descriptions which are enclosed for your review. I would appreciate your feedback: do you agree?; did we miss anything?; should the desired conditions be different for a certain geographic area?. You can share your input with us during the upcoming open houses or submit them to the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests' Forest Plan Revision Team at PO Box 640, Springerville, Arizona 85938 or e-mail asnf.planning@fs.fed.us. Your comments will be most useful if received by October 15th.

The Comprehensive Evaluation Report will be available for your review soon. This report is the forest plan revision analysis document that provides an evaluation of social, economic, and ecological conditions and trends in and around the ASNFs. The information outlined in the Comprehensive Evaluation Report identifies the need to change or revise the 1987 forest plan. When completed, this document will be available for review and will be located on the forests' Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf/plan-revision/documents.shtml> or by request. Key background information for this report can be found in the Ecological Sustainability and the Economic and Social Assessment reports and will also located on the Web site.

I want to encourage you to participate in the forest plan revision process. For more information about the plan revision process visit our website, e-mail us at asnf.planning@fs.fed.us, or call us at 928-333-4301.

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OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETINGS

Help Shape the Future of Your National Forests!

The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests will be hosting several open house style meetings in September 2008. The objectives of these meetings is to gather input regarding desired conditions for the forests. Desired conditions are one of the primary components of a revised forest land management plan.

Schedule of Open House Public Meetings			
Date	Arizona City/Town	Location	Time
Wednesday September 3, 2008	Alpine	Alpine Ranger Station Conference Room Jct. of Hwy 180 & Hwy 191	2 pm—7 pm
Thursday September 4, 2008	Show Low	Show Low Public Library 180 North 9th Street	2 pm—7 pm
Friday September 5, 2008	Springerville	Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests' Supervisor's Office Conf. Room 30 S. Chiricahua Drive	2 pm—7 pm
Tuesday September 9, 2008	Overgaard	Black Mesa Ranger Station Conference Room 2748 E. Arizona Highway 260	2 pm—7 pm
Thursday September 11, 2008	Clifton	Train Depot 66 N. Coronado Blvd	2 pm—7 pm

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