

10-07-15 Tonto NF Draft Forest Plan Amendment –Cultural Resources

The Tonto National Forest Plan (USDA FS 1985) has a standard that directs management to achieve a “no effect” determination. A revised forest plan is not expected until 2019. An amendment specific to the 4FRI Rim Country EIS would recognize that there could be effects that are not adverse, and that there could be adverse effects that may or may not be fully mitigated.

The amendment maintains that part of the standard that addresses achieving a “no effect” determination and adds the words “or no adverse effect finding whenever possible” to acknowledge there may be situations where site avoidance is not possible or where adverse effects cannot be avoided: Table 1 displays current and amended forest plan language. New or edited text is displayed in **bold** text.

Table 1. Draft Tonto NF Forest Plan Amendment for Cultural Resources

Current Tonto NF Forest Plan Direction	Draft Forest Plan Amendment Language
For any proposed surface disturbing activity, the following standards will apply:	
Sites listed in, nominated to, eligible for, or potentially eligible for the National Register will be managed during the conduct of undertakings to achieve a "No Effect" finding, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (Tonto NF Forest Plan, p. 38-1)	Sites listed in, nominated to, eligible for, or potentially eligible for the National Register will be managed during the conduct of undertakings to achieve a "No Effect" or “No Adverse Effect” finding whenever possible, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer.