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**Subject:** Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest's Revised Land Management Plan

**To:** Chief

On July 30, we signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest's Revised Land Management Plan (LMP) in Arizona. As a part of the Decision, two areas encompassing 7,074 acres, both adjacent to existing designated Wilderness Areas, are being recommended for wilderness designation. These two recommended areas are:

- Escudilla (6,813 acres) recommended extension to the Escudilla Designated Wilderness Area
- Bear Wallow (261 acres) recommended extension to the Bear Wallow Designated Wilderness Area

In the ROD, these recommendations are "preliminary administrative recommendations" for wilderness designation. As required by Forest Service Manual 1923.11, this letter is to notify you that these recommendations have been made. If you decide to forward these preliminary administrative recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest's Revised LMP contains the NEPA analysis necessary to support a legislative proposal (FSH 1909.12, Chapter 73.12, 2007).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Matt Turner, Regional Planner, at (505) 842-3214 or [mturner@fs.fed.us](mailto:mturner@fs.fed.us).

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