

Gila Forest Plan Revision  
Draft Evaluation Report  
Guide To Make Comments  
June 2018

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Please provide feedback on the DRAFT Evaluation Report using the criteria documented in the report introduction and Process for Evaluation of Lands Inventoried for Potential Wilderness Characteristics [Final Process Paper](#). Your comments will help the Forest Service create an accurate document to support appropriate and informed decision-making.

Here are some tips to consider when commenting:

- Comments should be clear and relevant to the evaluation phase.
- For example, you could provide comments on areas that should have higher or lower rankings for level of wilderness characteristics than currently presented in the draft report.
- Add specific reasons for the level of wilderness characteristics possessed by an inventoried area especially in reference to the evaluation criteria detailed in the Process for Evaluation of Lands Inventoried for Potential Wilderness Characteristics [Final Process Paper](#) and [Forest Service Handbook 1909.12 Chapter 70](#).
- Commenting is not a form of “voting” on wilderness. General statements for or against the idea of wilderness do not help inform the evaluation process.

Keep in mind that this is only an early step in a larger process and inclusion of an area in the evaluation step does not mean the area will be proposed or managed as a wilderness. As subsequent steps occur (analysis/recommendation) the acreage/number of areas of the Forest involved in each step will likely drop, sometimes significantly.

There will be future opportunities to comment on future steps in the process as well. Some comments we receive for the Evaluation may be more appropriate for later steps in the process and will be carried forward for consideration then.

**There are several ways you can share your comments:**

**Comment on an area using our Interactive Web Map**

Comment on the Draft Evaluation Using our Interactive [Web Map](#).

How to Submit a Comment in the Web Map:

- 1: Click on the white button in the middle of the picture to log in as a guest.
- 2: Click on the house button in the top left corner of the map.
- 3: Click on Submit a Comment at the bottom of the screen.
- 4: Click on the map to locate the area you wish to comment about.
- 5: Fill in the comment form. Your comment is limited to 5000 characters. You do have the option to attach a document if you have more to share.
- 6: Click on Report It to submit your comment.

Please note that in the comment form it is optional to provide your name and mailing address, but if these boxes are left blank, comments made will not provide standing to object later in the process since we will be unable to associate the comment with a name and mailing address.

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