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Tonto National Forest

Forest Plan Revision
Preliminary Proposed Plan

The Tonto National Forest is revising its Lands and Resources Management Plan, also known as a Forest Plan. A forest plan paints the picture, or shows a vision, of what the forest will look like into the future and guides management over the next 10 to 15 years.

The Tonto National Forest's current forest plan was approved in 1985 and has 29 amendments, or official updates. Think about how different things are now from 1985: the population of Phoenix, advancements in science and technology, and new and exciting forms of recreation (drones, Segway Personal Transporters, motorized bikes) to name a few. Now, think about how beneficial it would be to have a forest plan that represents the future and clearly articulates what that looks like and how to get there. These are only a few of the reasons it is important for the forest to revise its forest plan.

The Tonto National Forest began the plan revision process in January 2014 and is ready to release a Preliminary Proposed Plan. The preliminary proposed plan will contain management direction for each resource on the forest. It will address the key concerns identified through information shared in public meetings and stakeholder groups, from resource specialists both inside and outside of the agency, and reflect changes from the 2012 Planning Rule.

The preliminary proposed plan is currently available for public comment and is available online at www.tontoplan.org. Your feedback is encouraged on the preliminary proposed plan to help develop a shared vision for the future of the Tonto National Forest.

More information about the plan revision process, including the preliminary proposed plan, is available online at www.tontoplan.org. We hope to see you at our next round of meetings, where we will be discussing the preliminary proposed plan, and stay tuned for additional ways to engage throughout the plan revision process!

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