

# LEGAL NOTICE

## **Notice of Decision Gila National Forest Travel Management Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, and Sierra Counties**

As the Responsible Official, Forest Supervisor Kelly Russell, signed a Record of Decision (ROD) on September 26, 2013, selecting Alternative G for the Travel Management Rule Implementation for the Gila National Forest. Alternative G leaves open 3,334 miles of National Forest System roads for motor vehicle use, increases all terrain vehicle (ATV) trail opportunities from 16 to 179 miles, and maintains one 3-acre area for motorcycle and ATV use. There are approximately 1,316 miles of motorized dispersed camping corridors and 36 areas. These motorized dispersed camping corridors and areas capture the majority of the locations where motorized dispersed camping currently occurs. Motorized big game retrieval would be limited to the same 1,316 miles of motorized dispersed camping corridor. Copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and ROD are available at all Gila National Forest Offices and on the web at: <http://fs.usda.gov/goto/gila/travel>.

### **Decision Subject to Appeal**

This decision is subject to administrative review (appeal) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215. The appeal must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Appeal Deciding Officer. Written appeals must be submitted to: Regional Forester, Appeal Deciding Officer; Southwestern Region; 333 Broadway Blvd., SE; Albuquerque, NM 87102 or faxed to (505) 842-3173. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered appeals are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic appeals must be submitted in a format such as an email message, portable document format (pdf), plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc) to [appeals-southwestern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-southwestern-regional-office@fs.fed.us). The appeal must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic appeals.

Appeals, including attachments, must be filed within 45 days from the publication date of this notice in the Silver City Daily Press and The Herald, the newspapers of record. The publication date in the Silver City Daily Press and The Herald, newspapers of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframe information

provided by any other source. Individuals or organizations who submitted comments during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement comment period specified at 36 CFR 215.6 may appeal this decision. Interest expressed or comments provided on this project prior to or after the close of the comment period do not have standing for appeal purposes. The notice of appeal must meet the appeal content requirements at 36 CFR 215.14. Names and addresses of appellants will become part of the public record.

#### Implementation

If no appeals are filed within the 45-day time period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, 5th business day from the close of the appeal filing period. When appeals are filed, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), please be advised that written appeals received, including names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

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