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Legal No. 18324

OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT

Four-Forest Restoration Initiative
Coconino and Kaibab National
Forests (Project #34857)

As the Responsible Officials, Forest Supervisors M. Earl Stewart and Michael R. Williams prepared a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) and a draft Record of Decision for the Four-Forest Restoration Initiative, Coconino and Kaibab National Forests. The draft Record of Decision implements alternative C with one exception. Approximately 3,300 acres of grasslands, savannas and meadows will be treated as described in alternative E. The selected alternative authorizes restoration activities on approximately 586,110 acres over a period of 10 years or until objectives are met. On average, 45,000 acres of vegetation will be mechanically treated annually. On average, 40,000 to 60,000 acres of prescribed fire will be implemented annually across the Forests (with the treatment area). Three non-significant forest plan amendments will be required on the Coconino NF to implement the selected alternative.

The FEIS and draft Record of Decision are available on-line at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/4fri/planning>. These documents are also available for review at the Coconino and Kaibab NF's Supervisor's Office. Additional information regarding this project or activity can be obtained from: Annette Fredette, 4FRI Project Team Leader via mail at: 1824 South Thompson Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, by phone: (928) 226-4684, or via email: 4fri_comments@fsfs.fed.us. If using the email address, please note there is an underscore between the words "4fri" and "comments".

This proposed decision is subject to the pre-decisional objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated comment opportunities §218.8(c). The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in 218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in 218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

The opportunity to object ends 45 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the Arizona Daily Sun. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection, and that those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes information provided by another other source.

Written objections, including attachments, must be filed with the Regional Forester, Southwestern region, 333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, via FAX: (505)842-3110, or via-email: objections-southwestern-regional-office@fs.fed.us. The office business hours for those submitting hand-