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Subject: Prescott NF Land and Resource Management Plan Wilderness Recommendation
To: Chief

I have signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Prescott National Forest's Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) in Arizona. As a part of the Decision, eight areas encompassing 23,137 acres, all adjacent to existing designated Wilderness Areas, are being recommended for wilderness designation. These eight recommended areas are:

- Apache Creek A (1975 acres) recommended extension to the Apache Creek Designated Wilderness Area
- Juniper Mesa (4891 acres) recommended extension to the Juniper Mesa Designated Wilderness Area
- Castle Creek Contiguous (4925 acres) recommended extension to the Castle Creek Designated Wilderness Area
- Sycamore Canyon A (4435 acres) recommended extension to the Sycamore Canyon Designated Wilderness Area
- Woodchute (1510 acres) recommended extension to the Woodchute Designated Wilderness Area
- Cedar Bench A (1949 acres) and B (644 acres) recommended extensions to the Cedar Bench Designated Wilderness Area
- Pine Mountain B (2808 acres) recommended extension to the Pine Mountain 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 Prescott National Forest's Revised LRMP 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.

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