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Dear Interested Party:

The Forest Service is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) that proposes to conduct restoration activities on approximately 600,000 acres of the Coconino and Kaibab National Forests. On behalf of both forests, we are requesting your comments on the Four-Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) refined proposed action (enclosed).

### **Opportunity to Comment on the refined Proposed Action**

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments on this action will be accepted for fourteen (14) calendar days following the publication of the corrected Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in the Federal Register<sup>1</sup>. Comments will be most helpful if received by **September 2, 2011**.

Please submit written comments to: Coconino National Forest, Attn: 4 FRI, 1824 South Thompson Street, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001. A comment form has been included for your convenience. The office business hours for hand-delivered comments are: 8:00-4:30 M-F, excluding holidays. Please send facsimile (fax) comments to (928) 527-3620, Attn: 4 FRI. You can also provide oral comments to the Coconino National Forest Supervisor's Office during business hours via telephone or in person, or at an official agency function (i.e., public meeting) designed to elicit public comments. Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding federal holidays.

Submit electronic comments in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), word (.doc), portable document format (pdf) to 4FRI\_comments@fs.fed.us. Please note, if using the e-mail address, there is an underscore (“\_”) between the words “4FRI” and “comments“. Comments must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic comments.

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<sup>1</sup> Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action, and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied; the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address.



## Upcoming Open Houses

In addition to using the commenting options described above, two informational open houses will be hosted while the comment period is underway:

- August 25, 2011, 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Williams Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest, 742 South Clover Road, Williams, Arizona
- August 27, 2011, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Coconino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1824 S. Thompson Street, Flagstaff, Arizona

Thank you for your interest in this project. The latest project information can be located on our 4FRI website at: <http://fs.usda.gov/4fri>. Contact Henry Provencio, project team leader, at (928) 226-4684 for additional information.

Sincerely,

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