



Wilderness Workshop Session

March 1 and 2, 2011

What is in this Draft revised Plan concerning Wilderness?

Potential Wilderness Evaluation

- From the 37 areas that were inventoried, the Forest shared with the public the full evaluation of 10 that were rated "High" for capability.
- Based on public input, the Forest has evaluated 5 areas that were rated "Medium": Tin Can, Deadwood Draw, Abineau, Whitehorse, and Bismark.
- The Forest has also added a criterion to the evaluation of "Need," which considers how these areas fit into larger corridors need to ensure connectivity of wildlife habitat.

Direction on managing existing Wilderness (pp. 99-110)

- There are 10 existing wilderness areas on the Coconino National Forest. This plan provides direction for 8 of them: Fossil Springs, Kachina Peaks, Munds Mountain, Red Rock Secret Mountain, Strawberry Crater, West Clear Creek, Wet Beaver Creek, Sycamore.
- Direction for the Kendrick and Mazatzal Wilderness areas is provided in the Kaibab and Tonto National Forests' plans, respectively.
- Plan direction for these areas helps to protect them from threats to wilderness character.

Direction for Recommended Wilderness (pp.110-111)

- The Forest is proposing to recommend 3 areas for wilderness designation: Walker Mountain, Strawberry Crater (north of the existing Strawberry Crater Wilderness), and Davey's (adjacent to the Fossil Springs Wilderness).
- The other 12 areas examined in the Potential Wilderness Evaluation may still be considered as part of alternative development.