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Four Forest Restoration  
Initiative

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Dear Four-Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) Interested Party:

The Coconino and Kaibab National Forests have prepared a Four-Forest Restoration Initiative Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The title of the project as displayed in the 2011 Notice of Intent (NOI) published in the Federal Register is, Coconino and Kaibab National Forests, Arizona, Four-Forest Restoration Initiative. The DEIS proposes a suite of restoration actions across the forests over a period of 10 years. The DEIS was developed in collaboration with many individuals, groups, and agencies. We invite you to review and comment on the DEIS. To aid in your review, a 4FRI DEIS Reader’s Guide has been developed. The enclosed guide provides an overview of the DEIS and includes the date and times of upcoming public meetings/open houses.

**Document Availability**

Documents are available on the world-wide web at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/4fri/planning>. If you require a DVD (digital video drive) or hard copy of the DEIS, or need additional information, please contact Henry Provencio, 4FRI Project Leader, at 928-226-4684 or send your request to: [4fri\\_comments@fs.fed.us](mailto:4fri_comments@fs.fed.us). If using this e-mail address, please note there is an underscore “\_” between the words “4fri” and “comments”. The documents are also available for review at the:

Coconino National Forest Supervisor’s Office 1824 South Thompson Drive Flagstaff, Arizona 86001	Kaibab National Forest Supervisor’s Office 800 S. Sixth Street Williams, Arizona 86046-2899
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**How to Comment and Timeframe**

We anticipate that the Environmental Protection Agency will publish the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the DEIS in the Federal Register on Friday, March 29, 2013. Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 60 days following that date. The publication date of the NOA in the Federal Register is the exclusive means for calculating the 60-day comment period for a proposed action documented in a DEIS. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Those who provide comments during this comment period are eligible to participate in administrative review. Interest expressed or comments provided on this project prior to or after the close of this comment period will not constitute standing for participating in administrative review. Comments must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 215.6. In the event this proposal becomes subject to a predecisional objection process rather than appeal, all interested and affected parties who participated during scoping or this comment opportunity will be notified of the change. Names and addresses of commentors will become part of the public record.



### **Electronic Comments**

We encourage you to use our electronic comment options. Electronic comments can be posted online at: [www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php?project=3485](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php?project=3485) by clicking on the “Comment on Project” option that is listed under the “Get Connected” heading. Documents can also be attached when using this option. Please note, this option will not accept comments until the formal 60-day comment period has started. If you prefer not to use the web-based option, electronic comments can also be submitted to: [4fri\\_comments@fs.fed.us](mailto:4fri_comments@fs.fed.us). Please note there is an underscore (“\_”) between the words “4fri” and “comments”. Comments can be included directly in the body of the e-mail message or as an attachment in word document format (.doc, .docx), portable document format (.pdf), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), or hypertext markup language (.html).

### **Written and Oral Comments**

Written comments must be submitted to: Earl Stewart, Forest Supervisor, Coconino National Forest – 4FRI, 1824 S. Thompson Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001. The fax number is (928) 527-3620. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are 08:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments must be provided at the Forest Supervisor’s (Responsible Official) office during normal business hours via telephone at 928-527-3600 or in person, or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments.

### **Upcoming Public Meetings/Open Houses**

A list of upcoming public meetings/open houses can be found in the attached 4FRI DEIS Reader’s Guide and on the 4FRI internet website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/4fri/planning>.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

*/s/M. Earl Stewart*  
M. EARL STEWART  
Coconino National Forest Supervisor

*/s/ Angela Elam (for)*  
MICHAEL R. WILLIAMS  
Kaibab National Forest Supervisor

Enclosure