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Four Forest Restoration
Initiative

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Dear Interested Party:

The Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was originally published according to requirements at 36 CFR 215.6. With the publication of new project level pre-decisional administrative review process (36 CFR part 218) on March 27, 2013, specific timeframes for decisions warrant a change to receive comments under the new 36 CFR 218.22 regulations.

In response to public input, the Forest Supervisors decided to offer a 60-day formal comment period for the Four Forest Restoration DEIS. The Environmental Protection Agency published the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the DEIS in the Federal Register on Friday, March 29, 2013. Pursuant to 36 CFR 218.25, comments on this proposed project will be accepted for 60 days beginning on the first day after the date of publication in the Federal Register of the Notice of Availability of the DEIS. 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.

Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely and specific written comments (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the responsible official will be eligible to file an objection. Other eligibility requirements are defined by 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(3) and include name, postal address, title of the project and signature or other verification of identity upon request and the identity of the individual or entity who authored the comments. Individual members of an entity must submit their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(4). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted.

Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2).

We encourage you to use our electronic comment options. Electronic comments can be created and posted online at: www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php?project=34857 by clicking on the "Comment on Project" option that is listed under the "Get Connected" heading or can be created and posted directly online at: <http://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=34857>. Documents can also be attached when using these options.

If you prefer not to use the web-based option, electronic comments can also be submitted to: 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).

Specific 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 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, but will not be eligible for objection per §218.5.


This project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR part 218 (March 27, 2013), and is not being authorized under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA). As such, those who provide specific written comments during any designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with §218.5 will be eligible to participate in the objection process. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless new information arises after designated opportunities (36 CFR 218.7).

Upcoming Public Meetings/Open Houses

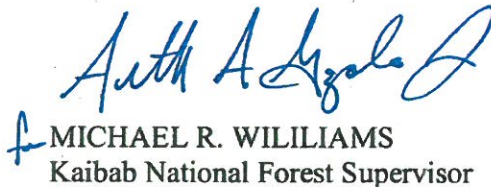
A list of upcoming public meetings/open houses can be found on the 4FRI internet website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/4fri/planning>.

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

Sincerely,



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