

Rim Country Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment Period Legal Notices

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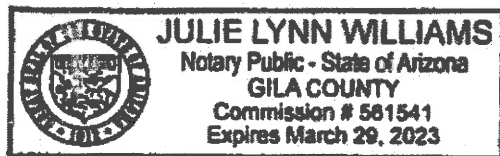


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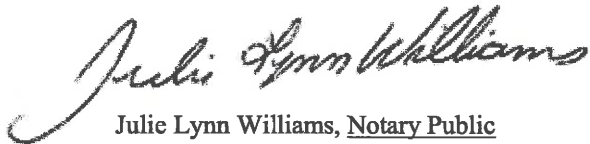
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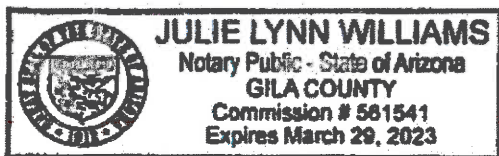


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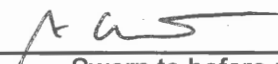
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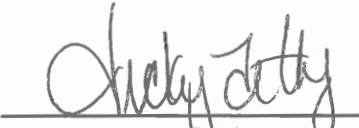
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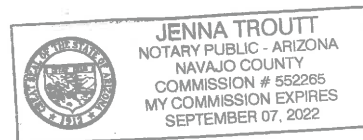
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ternet links to any references to which you refer. It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. Please keep in mind that comments are not counted as votes (an alternative is not selected simply because it is most referenced in individual or form letters).

This proposed project is subject to the objection process described in 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. As such, individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to file a predecisional objection must meet the information requirements in 36 CFR 218. Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. Anonymous comments and comments submitted after the close of business on the last day of the comment period will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous commenters will not be eligible to file a predecisional objection. Public Meetings: Attend one of three Forest Service public meetings to learn more about the Rim Country Project:

- November 12, 2019, 5:30-7:30pm at the Payson District Office-1009 East Highway 260-Payson, AZ
- December 2, 2019, 5:30-7:30pm at the Black Mesa District Office-2748 East Highway 260-Overgaard, AZ
- December 3, 2019, 5:30-7:30pm at the Arizona Game and Fish Office at 3500 S. Lake Mary Rd-Flagstaff, AZ

Submitting Comments
We encourage you to use our electronic options for providing comments. Electronic comments including attachments, may be submitted using the web form at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=48210>. Please note, this option will not accept comments until the formal 90-day comment period has started. Comments may also be submitted by email, mail fax or in person. Commenters may also e-mail electronic comments, including attachments, in Word (.doc or .docx), portable document format (pdf), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (html) to 4fri_comments@fs.fed.us. Please note there is an underscore ("_") between the words "4fri" and "comments".

Written comments must be submitted to: 4FRI Rim Country DEIS c/o Coconino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1824 South Thompson Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001. The fax number is (928) 527-3620. The office hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are 08:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Contact Us: If you have a question about the Rim Country DEIS or want to know how to get involved, contact:

4FRI Planning Coordinator, Robbin Redman: 928-527-3635, robbin.redman@usda.gov

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