

# Ten X Campground Expansion

## Issue and Comment Tracking, Proposed Action Scoping

The public scoping period for the Ten X Campground Expansion ran from March 15, 2019 to March 29, 2019. The Kaibab National Forest received the 20 comment letters. Of the 20, specialists on the team responded to seven scoping comments. These seven comments are listed in Table 1. Each letter received during the scoping period contains one or more comments, which raise specific questions about the proposed actions, highlight considerations for effects analysis, or provide recommendations for minimizing potential adverse effects or increasing beneficial effects. Table 2 lists these comments, and designates a primary resource or specialty area affected by each comment. The discussion column highlights points to consider during the analysis. **Table 2 does not include the full text of the comment letters; in fact, many of the comment letters contain additional background information to support the comments and should be read in full.** These comment letters are in the project record.

**Table 1. Crosswalk between comment letter numbers, identity of commenters and project record descriptions**

Comment Letter Number	Commenter	Project Record Description
1	Bindlestiff Tours	20190325SComx1DufourJ1xBindlestiff
2	Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)	20190319SComx1Reisner1xADOT
3	Center for Biological Diversity (CBD)	20190314SComx1TrudeauJ1xCBD
4	Betsy Hilgendorf	20190318SComx1HilgendorfB1x
5	Jo Wichmann	20190324SComx1WichmannJ1x
6	Randy Gray	20190315SComx1GrayR1x
7	Joan Scott	20190319SComx1ScottJ1x

**Table 2. Text of comments contained within comment letters and Forest Service responses to these comments**

Comment ID	Comment Text	Resource/ Specialty Affected	Discussion
1	I do hope that you will allow small commercial tour groups (15-30 people) to camp here as well. There are only 7 groups sites inside the Grand Canyon National Park and if a group can't camp there- they sometimes have to drive up to 1.5 hours away to be able to camp in Flagstaff or Williams...Please consider adding more commercial	Recreation	Commercial group's sites were discussed and are located in the proposed action on page 3 of the draft Environmental Assessment for Ten X campground.

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	group sites in order to accommodate the large amount of tour groups coming to the area.		
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A traffic study will be needed to identify impacts to SR 64</li> <li>• Traffic impacts meeting warrants or above guideline thresholds will have to be mitigated.</li> <li>• Right and left turn lane lengths will have to be evaluated to ensure proper storage lengths are provided</li> <li>• Traffic study criteria can be found at <a href="https://www.azdot.gov/docs/default-source/traffic-library/tgp0240-2015-06.pdf?sfvrsn=2">https://www.azdot.gov/docs/default-source/traffic-library/tgp0240-2015-06.pdf?sfvrsn=2</a></li> <li>• Coordinate all traffic studies and scoping for traffic studies with Northcentral District</li> <li>• A new permit application will be required for the proposed increase in traffic.</li> </ul>	Lands and Minerals	The Kaibab National Forest will ensure all required traffic studies are completed in consultation with the North central District of the ADOT.
	We ask that an unambiguous prohibition on removal of old (>150 years) and large( >18”) trees is implemented, such that campsite location is determined by what the landscape offers, and the campground is not imposed on the land according to the plans of someone unfamiliar with the place or the value of old and large trees to wildlife and society alike.	Vegetation Management and NEPA	<p>The Kaibab National Forest is following desired conditions within the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Kaibab National Forest. The following desired conditions apply to this comment:</p> <p><i>Mid-scale:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Basal area within forested areas generally ranges from 20-80 square feet per acre, with larger trees (i.e. &gt;18 inches in diameter) contributing the greatest percent of the total basal area.</li> </ol> <p><i>Landscape-scale:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Old growth occurs throughout the landscape, generally in small areas as individual old growth components, or as clumps of old growth. Old growth components include old trees, snags, coarse woody debris, and structural diversity. The location of old growth shifts on the landscape over time as a result of succession and disturbance (tree growth and mortality).</li> </ol> <p>For public safety, hazard trees will be removed throughout the project area. The Kaibab National Forest will strive to maintain old trees within limitations of operational feasibility.</p>

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4	I suggest leaving the current campground largely as it is and adding additional space for RVs to the newer parts of the campground. It would be sad if it were turned into another Mather Campground where people can practically use their neighbor's tent stakes, and traffic whizzes by much too close to the camp sites.	Recreation	It is the intent of the Kaibab National Forest that Ten X campground will remain a development scale three campground. New construction will be designed to maintain the current natural character with well-spaced campsites.
5	We are asked to bring our own water when we camp here since it is so scarce in the area. We do so willingly. Do you really want to further burden this natural resource?	Soils and watershed, and NEPA	Water will be trucked in from a location where it is pumped and sold to third parties. To limit the amount of water waste at the campgrounds, the Kaibab National Forest is proposing to put the water station in one common area instead of all loops. This would limit the amount of people that are doing dishes, bathing, and leaving the faucets running. This location would be monitored closely.
6	Proposing to increase Ten X CG by an additional 300 sites is an egregious mistake! Quadrupling the size is just one more example of beating the forest to death. More people. More trash. More traffic. Why not just increase Ten X by a max of 30 sites, at most? If the 300 proposal is finalized, what happens in ten years when another proposal asks for an additional 300, and on and on?	Recreation	Ten X Campground has not been expanded for over 30 years. The proposed 300 sites are expected to meet current and potential future demand. This expansion is necessary to mitigate problems associated to dispersed camping such as resource damage, abandoned campfires, and trash. The Kaibab National Forest does not anticipate a reasonably foreseeable future project proposal for an additional 300 sites at this time.
7	I am not opposed to some expansion and upgrade, but I think going from 70 sites to 300 is way too much. I like the fact that TenX was really a tenting campground without electricity...  If TenX wants to put in some slots for the big hunky RVs, please keep it visually and sound separate from the quieter part and limit that number. Let them go to the parking lot type RV space at the village. And keep the walking trails in the forest around TenX please.	Recreation	Ten X Campground has not been expanded for over 30 years. The proposed 300 sites are expected to meet current and potential future demand. This expansion is necessary to mitigate problems associated to dispersed camping such as resource damage, abandoned campfires, and trash. The planned expansion does not include electricity hook ups for any visitors. It is the intent of the Kaibab National Forest that Ten X will remain a development scale three campground new construction will be designed to maintain the current natural character well-spaced campsites.