



File Code: 1950
Date: June 11, 2019

Dear Ten X Campground Expansion Project Commenter(s):

This letter is to notify you that I have reviewed and analyzed all comments submitted on the Ten X Campground Expansion Project and completed a Final Environmental Assessment (EA), a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and a draft Decision Notice (DN) for the project. I received comments from 20 commenters during our scoping period and a total of 11 comment letters during the legal comment period; 9 comments within the comment period, 1 comment outside the scope of the project, and 2 comments received outside the legal comment period. The majority of those who commented during the legal comment period also submitted comments during the scoping period. These comments included concerns regarding water on the Tusayan Ranger District and the proposed RV camping loop. None of the comments constituted significant change to the EA, however, they brought forward a need for clarification regarding water use.

The draft DN for the project will authorize the Proposed Action as stated in the Final EA. This decision will provide front country recreation opportunities for the public by increasing the campsites and amenities available at Ten X campground (Ten X). There is an increase in demand for sustainable recreation opportunities on the Tusayan Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest (NF) due to increased visitors at the Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP). The Ten X Campground Expansion Project will reduce resource damage associated with the increase in dispersed camping, while also reducing the risk of human-caused wildfire. Ten X was originally constructed in the early 1970's which offered the GCNP going tourists and locals a location to camp. The Ten X Campground Expansion Project area is located on the Tusayan Ranger District of the Kaibab NF 5 miles south of the GCNP, just east of Highway 64. Ten X offers a relaxed camping opportunity away from the busy-ness of the GCNP with well-spaced sites surrounded by natural vegetation, wildlife, and mature ponderosa pine trees which offer shade during the heat of the summer months. To review the final EA and FONSI as well as the draft DN, please visit the Forest website project page at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55626>.

Following regulatory procedures, Kaibab NF is offering an opportunity for eligible commenters to object to this project. Since you previously submitted specific comments on this project during the designated scoping period which began on March 15, 2019, and/or the comment period which started on May 1, 2019, you are eligible to file an objection should you desire to do so. Information on how to object is attached (Enclosure 1).

For any questions or further information, you may also contact Victoria Tyler, NEPA Planner, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. at (928) 635-5632 or email at Victoria.tyler@usda.gov.

Thank you for your interest in the management of National Forest System lands.

Sincerely,

DEBRA MOLLET
District Ranger
Enclosure 1: Objection Procedures



Objection Limitations: This project is subject to the objection regulations of 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B and only those who submitted timely, specific written comments during the designated scoping period which began on March 15, 2019 and the comment period which started on May 1, 2019 are eligible to object unless new information has arisen following those periods. Any issues you raise in objections must be based on previously submitted comments or new information arising after the designated comment opportunities. If you are an individual member of an entity, you must have submitted your own comments independently during the designated comment opportunities in order to have eligibility to object as an individual or objections must be based on new information following those opportunities; objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. If you submit an objection on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must have submitted comments on the project during the designated comment opportunities or the objection must be based on new information. If your objection lists multiple entities or individuals, a signature or other means of verification must be provided for the individual authorized to represent each entity and for each individual in the case of multiple names. You may use a scanned signature for electronically submitted comments. Only the following documents may be incorporated into your objection by reference by including date, page, and section of the cited document along with a description of its content and applicability to the objection: (1) All or any part of a Federal law or regulation, (2) Forest Service directives and land management plans, (3) documents referenced by the Forest Service in the EA, and (4) comments previously provided by the objector during the designated comment opportunities. All other documents must be included with the objection (36 CFR 218.8 (b)).

Timeframe: The objection period extends 45 calendar days beginning the day after publication of a legal notice for the project in the Arizona Daily Sun and ending at midnight on the 45th day. If the 45th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the end date will move to the next Federal working day. The legal notice for this project is expected to appear in the Arizona Daily Sun on June 11, 2019, which will end the period on July 26, 2019. However, publication dates can change, and the actual publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating this period (dates listed here are provided only as anticipated dates). Timely submission of objections during this period is on the 45th day of the period by 11:59 p.m. Mountain Standard Time for emailed and faxed objections; before close of business hours, 4:30 p.m., for hand-delivered objections (indicated by a time and date stamp on the received comment); and by postmark date for mailed objections. Please be aware that you are responsible for ensuring timely receipt of any objections you submit as the regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

Objection Methods: Objections must be submitted in writing and can be emailed in an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), or Word document (.doc) format to objections-southwestern-kaibab@fs.fed.us with the subject title of "Ten X Campground Expansion Project;" faxed to (928) 635-5680; or hand delivered Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. or mailed to:

Victoria Tyler, NEPA Planner
Williams Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest
742 South Clover Road
Williams, AZ 86046

If unable to write objections, submission of transcriptions from oral statements or presentations is accepted, but it is objector responsibility to obtain and validate transcriptions.

Objection Content: At a minimum, an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(d)):

1. The objector's name and address, with a telephone number, if available.
2. A signature or other verification of identify upon request (a scanned signature for email may be filed with the objection).

3. When multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector must be provided upon request).
4. The name of the proposed project, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the name(s) of the National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented.
5. A description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project if applicable; how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; and supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider.
6. A statement that demonstrates connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunities for comment.

All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process, and names and contact information submitted will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. Responses to objections will be in writing within 45 calendar days beginning after the last day of the objection period. This period can be extended by the reviewing officer another 30 days if necessary to provide adequate responses to objections or participate in resolution discussions.

For any questions or additional information regarding this objection process, see 36 CFR Subparts A and B or contact David Vincelette, Acting Environmental Coordinator for the Kaibab National Forest, at (928) 643-8143 or djvincelette@usda.gov.