

**STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE**

**BEFORE THE
UNITED STATES HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE on NATURAL RESOURCES
SUBCOMMITTEE on FEDERAL LANDS
REGARDING**

H.R. 6146 - Cottonwood Land Exchange Act of 2018

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Thank you for the opportunity for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, to provide views on H.R. 6146 – the Cottonwood Land Exchange Act of 2018.

H.R. 6146 provides for the equal-value exchange of approximately 80 acres of National Forest System land on the Coconino National Forest for approximately 369 acres of non-federal land in Yavapai County, Arizona. The federal parcel is surrounded by private lands with residential development.

USDA supports H.R. 6146 as it would allow for improved management of both county lands as well as National Forest System lands within the Coconino National Forest. USDA would like to work with the sponsor and the committee to offer technical amendments to the bill and to provide an updated legislative map to accompany the bill.

We appreciate the efforts of the sponsor to facilitate this land exchange and thank the committee for the opportunity to provide a statement for the record on this bill.