

481 F. Supp. 2d 1059 (N.D. Cal. 2007)). Revision of the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests land management plans under the (36 CFR part 219 (2005)) rule was suspended in response to the injunction. On April 21, 2008, following a notice and comment opportunity, completion of an environmental impact statement and consultation under the Endangered Species Act, the Department of Agriculture promulgated a new planning rule (36 CFR part 219 (2008)). This new planning rule explicitly allows the resumption of plan revisions started under the 2005 rule based on a finding that the revision process conforms to the new planning rule (36 CFR 219.14(b)(3)(ii)).

In May 2006, the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests prepared and released a Proposed Land Management Plan with maps for a 90-day comment period (extended to 120 days). Supporting documentation such as a draft Comprehensive Evaluation Report and Analysis of Management Situation were also made available to the public. The development and content of those documents and plan components are consistent with the 2008 planning rule. Beginning in May 2005, and prior to injunction of the 2005 planning rule, the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests implemented four major phases of public involvement: (1) Scoping; (2) collaborative workgroup meetings to develop desired conditions and other components of the Plan; (3) collaborative workgroup meetings to discuss Starting Option maps; and (4) the release of the Proposed Plan maps. Since release of the Proposed Land Management Plan and the conclusion of the public comment period, the Analysis of Public Comment report was produced in March 2007, and posted on the KIPZ Web site. This report is a synthesis and summary of the comments and concerns that were brought up during the comment period on the Proposed Land Management Plans. Results from collaboration will be used as the revision process resumes. The remainder of the revision process will be conducted in accordance with all Forest Service directives applicable to the 2008 planning rule.

Based on the discussions above, we find that the planning actions taken prior to April 21, 2008, the effective date of the new planning rule, conform to the planning process of the 2008 planning rule and for that reason the plan revision process does not need to be restarted. Therefore, the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests are resuming their plan revision process

where we left off in March 2007, by using information received during the public comment period and collaborative efforts on the Proposed Land Management Plan to develop our final plans.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Coronado National Forest; Arizona; Revised Land and Resource Management Plan**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation to revise the Coronado National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service is revising the Coronado National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan (hereafter referred to as the Forest Plan). This notice describes the documents available for review and how to obtain them; summarizes the need to change the Forest Plan; provides information concerning public participation and collaboration, including the process for submitting comments; provides an estimated schedule for the planning process, including the time available for comments; and includes names and addresses for agency officials who can provide additional information.

**DATES:** Revision formally begins with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. To be most beneficial to the planning process, your comments on the need for change should be submitted by August 31, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: Coronado National Forest, Attention: Forest Plan Revision Team, 300 W Congress, Tucson, Arizona 85701. E-mail: [coronado-plan@fs.fed.us](mailto:coronado-plan@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Ruyle at (520) 388-8300 or e-mail the plan revision team at: [coronado-plan@fs.fed.us](mailto:coronado-plan@fs.fed.us).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Documents Available for Review**

The Comprehensive Evaluation Report, the Ecological Sustainability Report, and the Social and Economic Sustainability Report are the Forest Plan revision analysis documents that provide evaluations of social, economic, and ecological conditions and trends in and around the Coronado National

Forest. The information outlined in the Comprehensive Evaluation Report identifies the need to change or revise the 1986 Forest Plan. These documents are available for review and are located on the Forest's Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/plan-revision/plan-revision-documents.shtml> or by request.

#### **Need for Change**

The need for change has been organized into five revision topics: 1. Ecosystem Restoration, 2. Safety and Information, 3. Public Access and Travel Patterns, 4. Preservation of Open Space, and 5. Collaboration and Partnerships. For each of the revision topics, there is a need for the revised Forest Plan to make changes in plan components and management approaches, as described below:

1. Ecosystem Restoration  
Needed changes in plan components:

- Desired condition statements and objectives need to be developed that provide adequate guidance for sustaining and restoring ecosystems.

- Plan components should be changed to reflect new scientific knowledge and updated language.

- The Forest Plan components for ecological attributes should be integrative, where possible, to reflect the interconnectedness between physical and biological resources.

- The Forest Plan needs to be changed to include objectives and guidelines that reflect systematic observation and analysis of treatment results, and adaptation of treatment methods based on those results.

- As Forest Plan components are developed, they will need to reflect the uncertainties associated with changing climate.

- Plan components for reducing the threat of invasive species and for conserving native species will need to be developed.

- Plan components will need to be developed for sustaining aquatic habitats that are at risk.

- Place-based geographic area plan components should be developed where it makes sense to do so. This will help to facilitate understanding of the management needs for each mountain range.

2. Safety and Information  
Needed changes in plan components:

- The Forest Plan needs to be changed to identify new strategies for sustaining the forest resources and experiences in the face of changes in population, behavior, and increased development.

- Place-based geographic area plan components should be developed where it makes sense to do so.

### 3. Public Access and Travel Patterns Needed changes in plan components:

- The Forest Plan needs to be changed to include desired conditions and objectives that emphasize and prioritize Forest-wide public and administrative access needs.

Needed changes in management approaches:

Management approaches should be identified that facilitate comprehensive, coordinated and flexible collaborative solutions for resolving public access needs.

### 4. Preservation of Open Space

Needed changes in plan components:

- Desired condition statements should be developed that reflect the role of the Coronado National Forest in preserving open space.

- Guidelines, based on the Scenery Management System, should be developed to protect scenic natural landscapes.

Needed changes in management approaches:

- Management approaches for the Coronado National Forest will need to be developed for participating in county and community land use planning efforts.

### 5. Collaboration and Partnerships

Needed changes in plan components:

- The Forest Plan should include desired conditions that reflect, where possible, outcomes that are based on collaborative processes.

Needed changes in management approaches:

- Management approaches that emphasize collaboration should be described.

- The plan needs to be changed to reflect an integrated approach to management of traditional uses and cultural resources.

(Reference: Comprehensive Evaluation Report.)

### Public Participation and Opportunity To Comment

The revision process is designed to provide continued opportunities for public collaboration and open participation in the development of the revised Forest Plan. Additional information on the process, the documents being produced, and public participation opportunities can be found on the Coronado National Forest's plan revision Web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/plan-revision/index.shtml>. The Forest Service is seeking public comments on the need for change identified in the comprehensive Evaluation Report. Substantive comments received by August 31, 2009 will be of the most value in evaluating public response to

the adequacy of the need for change topics outlined in the report.

It is important to participate in the plan revision process as only those parties who participate following the publication of this notice through the submission of written comments can submit an objection later in the proposed plan development process pursuant to 36 CFR 219.13(a).

Comments received during the planning process, including the names and addresses of those who commented will be part of the public record available for public inspection. The Responsible Official shall accept and consider comments submitted anonymously. Submit written comments to the address noted above.

### Estimated Planning Process Schedule

The revision process for the Coronado National Forest officially begins with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A draft proposed Forest Plan is currently scheduled to be issued for pre-decisional review in May 2010 and final plan approval in December 2010.

### Responsible Official

The Forest Supervisor, Coronado National Forest, is the Responsible Official (36 CFR 219.2(b)(1)). (Authority: 36 CFR 219.9(b)(2)(i), 73 FR 21509, April 21, 2008).

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Southern Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for nominations for the Southern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** Nominations are being sought for certain positions to serve on the Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (Recreation RAC) operating in the Southern Region of the Forest Service. New members will be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) and serve three-year terms. Appointments will begin in February 2010 when current member appointments expire.

One member is being sought to represent each of the following interests:

(1) Wildlife Viewing/Visiting Interpretive Sites; (2) Non-motorized Recreation; (3) Local Environmental Groups; and (4) State Tourism Official Representing the State.

The public is invited to submit nominations for membership on the Recreation RAC. Current members who have only served one term may also apply. Application packets for Recreation RACs can be obtained on the Web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/rrac-application.shtml> or by e-mailing: [r8\\_rrac@fs.fed.us](mailto:r8_rrac@fs.fed.us).

Interested parties may also contact Caroline Mitchell, U.S. Forest Service, PO Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902 (501-321-5318).

All nominations must consist of a completed application packet that includes background information and other information that addresses a nominee's qualifications.

**DATES:** All applications must be received by the appropriate office listed below on or before July 31, 2009. This timeframe may be extended if officials do not receive applications for needed positions.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons may submit nominations to the Southern Region Recreation RAC by U.S. Mail: C. Mitchell, Ouachita National Forest, PO Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902, or Express Delivery: C. Mitchell, Ouachita National Forest, 100 Reserve Street, Hot Springs, AR 71901.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anyone wanting further information regarding this request for nominations may contact the designated federal official: Cheryl Chatham, Recreation RAC DFO, PO Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902 (501-321-5277).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), signed December 2004, requires that the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provide Recreation RACs with an opportunity to make recommendations to the two agencies on certain types of proposed recreation fee changes.

REA allows the agencies to use existing advisory councils, such as BLM Resource Advisory Councils (RACs), or to establish new committees as appropriate. The Forest Service and BLM elected to jointly use existing BLM RACs in the states of Arizona, Idaho, the Dakotas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah. In 2006, the Forest Service chartered new Recreation RACs for the states of California and Colorado, and for the Forest Service Pacific