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Dear Interested Party:

The Apache County ATV Rough Riders of Eagar Arizona have applied for a special use permit to hold an ATV event on the Alpine and Springerville Ranger Districts located within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act regulations, this is a scoping request to solicit comments from the public regarding this proposal. The scoping process is mandatory for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action (CFR 1501.7).

- The Apache County ATV Rough Riders have proposed a four day event (September 6 through September 10, 2005) that would utilize various established Forest Service system roads and trails totaling approximately 850 miles on the Alpine and Springerville Ranger Districts.
- Each ride will be limited to 20 people. Each organized trail ride group will be guided by a trail master in front and at the end of the group. It is anticipated that 375 people may participate in the proposed event.
- The main staging area will be at the Round Valley Rodeo Grounds. Food, beverages (non alcoholic), vendors, parking and sanitation facilities will be available at this location.
- Additional staging areas have been identified by the Alpine and Springerville Ranger Districts as to where the rides will begin and terminate.

If you would like to comment, or need additional information on the proposed event, please contact Chris Hill at the Alpine Ranger District (928) 339-4384. Comments should be sent to Rick Davalos, or Chris Hill at the Alpine Ranger District, P.O. Box 469, by June 10, 2005. Maps can be viewed at [www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf).

Sincerely,

/s/ Deryl D. Jevons for  
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