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Dear Interested Party:

Thank you for your interest in the Blue River and KP Creek Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study.

In a letter dated January 30, 2009, we asked for initial scoping comments by February 16, 2009. This is to inform you that we are still interested in any comments you may have on the study.

All comments are important to us and will be considered as we receive them, however to be most helpful in the early phases of this analysis, we would appreciate receiving your comments by March 28, 2009.

You may submit comments as noted below and in the January 30th letter, or in person at the upcoming informal Open Houses hosted by the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.

The Open Houses are scheduled for March 21, 2009 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Blue School in Blue, AZ and March 28, 2009 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Clifton, Arizona Train Depot. Forest and Bureau of Reclamation staff will be available with materials to offer information, answer questions, and gather public comments about the Blue River and KP Creek Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study.

Comments received at this time will help identify issues and alternatives to be studied as the environmental analysis continues. A formal 30-day public comment period is planned for later in the process, when an environmental assessment will be available for review. This comment period will occur prior to the Forest Service's decisions and recommendations about Blue River and KP Creek's suitability for addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system.

Letters should be addressed to: Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Blue River / KP Creek Suitability Study, c/o Deb Bumpus, Ecosystem Staff Officer, P.O. Box 640, Springerville, AZ 85938. In addition, you may submit comments via FAX to (928) 333-5966; ATTN: Blue River/KP Creek Suitability Study, c/o Deb Bumpus, Ecosystem Staff Officer. Electronic comments via email may be submitted to: comments-southwestern-apache-sitgreaves@fs.fed.us

Again, thank you for your interest in the project. Please feel free to contact Deb Bumpus at 928-333-4301 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chris Knopp
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