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Dear Friend of the Apache and Sitgreaves National Forests;

Enclosed is information on the Rodeo Chediski Fire Prescribed Burn Project that is being planned under authorization of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act.

In development and preparation of the project, the participation of interested persons, state and local governments, and Indian tribes is encouraged at this time and throughout the process.

The environmental assessment will be completed and mailed to those who have submitted comments, and to those who have requested to be included on the project mailing list. A copy of the final environmental analysis is planned to be mailed in October of 2009. Please submit your comments by June 1, 2009 to allow for efficient analysis of this project.

Instead of an appeal period, there will be an objection process *before* the final decision is made and after the environmental document is mailed (reference 36 CFR 218). In order to be eligible to file an objection to the preferred alternative, specific written comments related to the project must be submitted during scoping or any other periods public comment is specifically requested on this EA (218.5). Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual, objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. Names and addresses of those who comment and/or file objections will become part of the public record.

For more information on how this objection process works and the requirements, contact the Black Mesa or Lakeside Ranger Districts @ 928-535-7300, 928-368-2100 respectively, or you may read the regulations under 36 CFR 218 Subpart A on the national Forest Service web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/applit/36cfr218a.htm>.

For more information on this project or submittal of comments, contact Mark Empey, P.O. Box 968, Overgaard, AZ, 85933 or [mempey@fs.fed.us](mailto:mempey@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

*/s/Kate Klein*  
KATE KLEIN  
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Enclosure: Proposed Action  
Map



