



File Code: 1950-2/2670

Date: February 9, 2009

Dear Interested Party:

You previously commented on the 2004 Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Apache Trout Enhancement Project. This decision authorized actions to help recover Apache trout populations through removal of non-native fish, salvaging of native fish and macro-invertebrates, and improvement of existing and construction of new fish barriers. The Forests were recently requested by Arizona Game and Fish Department to analyze the use of two additional chemicals, rotenone and sodium permanganate, within this project.

Because you commented to the 2004 Decision, we are sending you a copy of the supplemental assessment for your review and comment.

The legal notice for this supplemental assessment was published in the White Mountain Independent on February 3, 2009. The comment period ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice in the White Mountain Independent. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit comments on the proposed action. Those wishing to comment on this proposal should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. Only those who provide comment or otherwise express interest in the proposed action during the comment period will be eligible as appellants. Interest expressed or comments provided on this project prior to or after the close of this comment period will not constitute standing for appeal purposes. Comments must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 215.6.

Comments must be submitted to: Responsible Official, Chris Knopp, Forest Supervisor, Apache-Sitgreaves Forest Supervisor's Office, c/o Deb Bumpus, Ecosystem Staff Officer, P.O. Box 640, 30 South Chiricahua Drive, Springerville, AZ. 85938. Comments should be mailed to the above address or faxed to (928) 333-5966. Comments may be submitted by email in word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (.html) to comments-southwestern-apache-sitgreaves@fs.fed.us. Please include "Apache Trout Restoration Supplement" in the subject line. Comments may also be hand delivered weekdays 8:00 am - 4:30 pm at the above stated address. To be eligible for appeal, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Names and addresses of commenters will become part of the public record.



If you have any questions, please contact Deb Bumpus, Ecosystem Staff Officer, at 928-333-6302.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert S. Taylor for
CHRIS KNOPP
Forest Supervisor