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Dear Interested Participant,

Enclosed is a copy of the *Pickett Lake and Padre Canyon Allotments Draft Environmental Impact Statement* (DEIS). The Proposed Action (Alternative 3) would authorize grazing on the Pickett Lake and Padre Canyon Allotments while reducing overall cattle use and graze periods and increasing rest periods. Alternative 3 is further described in Chapter 2 of the DEIS. The area affected by the proposal includes 55,807 acres of land approximately nine miles southeast of Flagstaff, Arizona in the eastern section of the Mormon Lake Ranger District.

The document is also available for review at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/nepa/index.shtml>.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic **comments concerning this action will be accepted for 45 days following publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register**. The publication date of the NOA in the Federal Register is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for a proposed action that is analyzed and documented in a draft EIS. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. The Environmental Protection Agency publishes a list of NOAs every Friday. To confirm the NOA publication date for this project, you can check the Federal Register on-line at [www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fedreg/frcont05.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont05.html) or call Skye Sieber at (928) 527-8216.

Written comments may be submitted by mail or FAX to the Responsible Official: Terri Marceron, Mormon Lake District Ranger, 4373 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001; FAX (928) 214-2460 Comments may be hand-delivered Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the same address.

Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an e-mail message, text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), word (.doc), or hypertext markup language (.html) to: [comments-southwestern-coconino-mormon-lake@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-coconino-mormon-lake@fs.fed.us). Please include a physical mailing address. Comments must have an identifiable name and address attached, or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic comments.

Oral comments must be provided at the Mormon Lake District Ranger's office during normal business hours via telephone (928) 774-1147 or in person, or at an official agency function (i.e., public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments. Please include a physical mailing address. No public meetings are scheduled at this time.

Individuals and organizations who submit substantive comments during the 45-day comment period for a draft EIS may file an appeal (36 CFR 215.6; 40 CFR 1506.10; FSH 1909.25,



Chapter 20), except for federal agencies (who may not appeal). Comments received from an authorized representative(s) of an organization are considered those of the organization only; individual members of that organization do not meet appeal eligibility solely on the basis of membership in an organization. The member(s) must submit substantive comments as an individual in order to meet appeal eligibility. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Those who provide substantive comments during this comment period are eligible to appeal the decision under the regulations.

Those wishing to be eligible for appeals must provide the following:

- i. Name and address
- ii. Title of the Proposed Action
- iii. Specific substantive comments (36 CFR 215.2) on the proposed action, along with support reason that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision.
- iv. Signature or other verification of identity upon request; identification of the individual or organization who authored the comment(s) is necessary for appeal eligibility.

Pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27 (d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Action (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requestor of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality and, where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requestor that the comments may be re-submitted with or without name and address within 10 days.

For further information regarding this project, please contact Mike Hanneman or Katherine Sánchez Meador, Range Staff and Range Specialist for the Peaks and Mormon Lake Ranger Districts at (928) 527-8263 or by e-mail at [mhannemann@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhannemann@fs.fed.us) or [ksmeador@fs.fed.us](mailto:ksmeador@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Terri Marceron*  
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Mormon Lake District Ranger

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