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I have signed the Decision Notice to authorize fuels reduction and forest health treatments on 6,731 acres of National Forest System land in the vicinity of Elk Park Meadows, approximately 6 miles southeast of Flagstaff, Arizona on the Mormon Lake Ranger District. My decision will allow 4,700 acres of uneven-aged harvesting and thinning of ponderosa pine and 6,400 acres of prescribed burning within the project area; up to 4 miles of temporary roads may be constructed to facilitate the removal of cut trees; Forest Road 132B would be relocated out of Elk Park Meadows and the surface and drainage along 1 mile of Forest Road 132B south of Elk Park Meadows would be improved.

My decision also includes a non-significant amendment to the Coconino Forest Plan (Amendment #23) that will allow thinning of trees up to 16 inches in diameter in one Mexican spotted owl protected activity center. Implementation of this project will help restore the fire-adapted ponderosa pine ecosystem in this area and reduce the threat of severe wildfire to the Elk Park Meadows community.

Enclosed you will find three documents: the decision notice and finding of no significant impact (DN/FONSI), an errata sheet, and Coconino Forest Plan digest and replacement page. The decision notice and finding of no significant impact: 1) identifies the Proposed Action from the environmental assessment (EA) that I have chosen to implement; 2) provides my rationale for choosing that alternative; 3) documents that there is no significant impact on the human environment and explains why an environmental impact statement is not necessary; and 4) explains administrative appeal rights.

The errata sheet explains minor revisions or corrections to the draft EA. The errata sheet and the draft EA together represent the final EA. The last document is the digest and replacement page for the Coconino Forest Plan. The digest lists the superseded Forest Plan page and provides a brief synopsis of the change. All changes on the replacement page are in bold type.

I would like to thank you for your interest in this Coconino National Forest project.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Nora Rasure*  
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Enclosures

