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File Code: 1950

Date: March 7, 2006

Dear Friend:

I have signed the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on March 3, 2006, approving Alternative C of the Victorine Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Project. Alternative C is the selected alternative which includes initial prescribed burning and thinning treatments over a total of 8,678 acres of the project area and maintenance prescribed burning over 8,407 acres within 3-12 years following the initial treatments. The project would be implemented over a period of 20 years. Copies of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Decision Notice/FONSI are available at the Mogollon Rim Ranger District Office located at the Blue Ridge Ranger Station in Happy Jack, at the Coconino National Forest Supervisors Office in Flagstaff, and at www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/nepa/index.

This decision is subject to administrative review (appeal) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215. The appeal must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery or express delivery) with the Appeal Deciding Officer. Written comments must be submitted to:

Nora Rasure, Forest Supervisor
Coconino National Forest
1824 S. Thompson Street
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001
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The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered appeals are 7:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic appeals must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Adobe (.pdf), and Word (.doc) to appeals-southwestern-coconino@fs.fed.us. The appeal must have an identifiable name attached or other verification of identity. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic appeals.

Appeals, including attachments must be filed within 45 days of the date of publication of the legal notice in the *Arizona Daily Sun*, the newspaper of record. The publication date in the *Arizona Daily Sun* is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Individuals or organizations who submitted substantive comments during the comment period specified at 215.6 may appeal this decision. The notice of appeal must meet the appeal content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14.



This project will not be implemented sooner than five business days following the close of the appeal filing period established in the Decision Notice. If an appeal is filed, implementation will not begin sooner than 15 calendar days following a final decision on the appeal.

For additional information concerning this decision or the Forest Service appeal process, contact Mindee Roth, District Ranger, Mogollon Rim Ranger District, Coconino National Forest, **Victorine Wildland Urban Interface Project**, HC 31, Box 300, Happy Jack, Arizona 86024, (928) 477-2255.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melinda D. Roth

MELINDA D. ROTH
Mogollon Rim District Ranger