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Dear Interested Party:

The Forest Service, Coconino National Forest, Peaks Ranger District Ranger District, is preparing an Environmental Assessment for the proposed Winona Communications Site Project. Winona Communications Site Environmental Assessment will analyze the impacts of a proposal by DW Tower Inc. to construct a tower and related structures to house wireless telephone communications equipment on the Coconino National Forest in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The new communications site is proposed to be constructed approximately eleven miles east of Flagstaff, Arizona near the Winona Interchange on Interstate 40.

The proposed action description and draft Environmental Assessment are enclosed and are available for review at the Coconino National Forest Supervisors Office, 1824 S. Thompson Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001-3600 or by visiting <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/nepa>. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Ken Jacobs, Mormon Lake Ranger Station, 4373 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, telephone: 928-214-2464, or email: kjacobs@fs.fed.us. The purpose of this comment period is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide early and meaningful participation in accordance with 36 CFR 215 on a proposed action prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Arizona Daily Sun newspaper. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to: *Nora Rasure, Coconino National Forest Supervisor, Att. Ken Jacobs, 4373 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001*. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone 928-214-2464 or in person, or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments.

Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc) to comments-southwestern-coconino@fs.fed.us.



Comments must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic comments.

Appeal Eligibility

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Those who submit comments or otherwise express interest before the end of the comment period are eligible to appeal the decision under the regulations. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must provide the following information:

1. Name and Address;
2. Title of the proposed action;
3. Specific facts or comments on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision;
4. Signature or other verification of identity upon request; identification of the individual or organization who authored the comments(s) is necessary for appeal eligibility;
5. For multiple names or multiple organizations, a signature must be provided for the individual authorized to represent each organization, or for each individual that wishes to have appeal eligibility, and
6. Individual members of organizations must submit their own substantive comments to meet the requirements of appeal eligibility as an individual, comments received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only.

If you do not respond to this letter your name will be taken off of the mailing list for any future correspondence concerning this proposal. Your interest in the affairs of the Coconino National Forest is appreciated.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nora B. Rasure
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Forest Supervisor