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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Mogollon Rim Ranger District has completed the *Hackberry and Pivot Rock Range Allotment Environmental Assessment* and we are requesting your comments on this project.

The purpose of this project is to authorize livestock grazing in a manner that maintains and/or moves the area toward Forest Plan objectives and desired conditions. Specific desired conditions that are not currently being met include: soil condition, vegetation condition, riparian and wildlife habitat conditions at certain earthen tanks, springs, and creeks.

There are two alternatives that have been analyzed in detail: No Graze/No Action Alternative and the Proposed Action Alternative. A detailed description and analysis of each of these alternatives are included in the enclosed Environmental Assessment.

This is considered the official Notice and Comment period for public comments on the environmental assessment. Comments will be accepted for 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the Arizona Daily Sun, Flagstaff, Arizona per 36 CFR 215 regulations.

Comments must be submitted to the Responsible Official, Melinda Roth, District Ranger, Mogollon Rim Ranger District, in care of Carol Holland, Analysis Group Leader, Mogollon Rim Ranger District, HC 31 Box 300, Happy Jack, Arizona 86024, phone: 928-477-2255, FAX: 928-527-8282. Comments may be submitted by email in word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (.html) to comments-southwestern-coconino-mogollonrim@fs.fed.us Comments may also be hand delivered weekdays 7:30 am – 4:00 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.

The comment period ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice in the Arizona Daily Sun. 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.

Upon receipt of an electronically mailed comment, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt of the comments. If the sender does not receive an automated electronic acknowledgement, it is the



sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means. Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone 928-477-2255 or in person.

Additional information regarding the proposed action can be obtained from Carol Holland, Analysis Group Leader at the Blue Ridge Ranger Station, phone: 928-477-2255, e-mail: cjholland@fs.fed.us The environmental assessment is available upon request from the Mogollon Rim Ranger District and is also available at www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino

We welcome your comments during this official Notice and Comment period.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melinda D. Roth

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