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Dear Interested Party:

The Mogollon Rim and Red Rock Ranger Districts have completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the ***Upper Beaver Creek Watershed Fuel Reduction Project***. The EA is available for review at the Mogollon Rim District Office at the Blue Ridge Ranger Station in Happy Jack, and at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/nepa/index.shtml>. Hard copies of the EA are available upon request to Dick Fleishman, Project Team Leader.

The purpose of the project is twofold: to reduce the potential of stand-replacement wildfire that threatens people, private property and natural resource values; and to begin restoring fire- adapted ecosystems. The area affected by the proposal includes 48,179 acres of land approximately 30 miles southeast of Flagstaff, Arizona on the Mogollon Rim and Red Rock Ranger Districts. The Proposed Action Alternative includes harvesting and thinning on approximately 16,000 acres of ponderosa pine and prescribed burning on approximately 44,000 acres. The Proposed Action is further described in Chapter 2 of the EA.

The comment period ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice in the *Arizona Daily Sun*. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit comments on the EA. Those wishing to comment on this proposal should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. Only those who submit timely comments or otherwise express interest before the end of the comment period will be accepted 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. Legal notices published in the *Arizona Daily Sun* can be found on the Internet at <http://www.azdailysun.com>.

Written or oral comments may be submitted via mail, fax, telephone, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to the Responsible Official: Nora Rasure, 1824 S. Thompson St., Flagstaff, AZ 86001, FAX (928) 527-3600; TEL (928) 526-3620; or by e-mail to comments-southwestern-coconino-mogollon@fs.fed.us. The name and mailing address of the person submitting electronic comments must be included and will become part of the public record. To be eligible for appeal, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. 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.

A public field trip to the project area is planned for Saturday, November 1, 10:00 am, meeting at the junction of Forest Highway 3 (Lake Mary Road) and the Stoneman Lake Road (Forest Road 213). Please R.S.V.P to Dick Fleishman at the phone number or e-mail address listed below.

We appreciate your help and continuing cooperation with our forest management programs. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Dick Fleishman, Project Team Leader, at (928) 214-2435 or dfleishman@fs.fed.us

Sincerely,

/s/ Nora B. Rasure

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