

## **OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

### **Environmental Assessment**

#### **Restoration of Vehicle Access to High Creek Road**

**USDA Forest Service  
Coronado National Forest  
Safford Ranger District  
Graham County, Arizona**

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Coronado National Forest has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) that discloses the potential impacts of a proposed action to restore vehicle access to High Creek Road [National Forest System Road (NFSR) 159], which is located on the eastern side of the Galiuro Mountains on the Safford Ranger District.

To restore access, the Forest proposes to maintain and reconstruct a 0.9-mile segment of Harrison Canyon Road, NFSR 693A, including the crossing across Harrison Canyon stream; construct a 0.7-mile segment of new road that will be assigned an NFSR identification number after completion; reconstruct 0.2 miles of a currently unauthorized (non-NFS) road from the new segment to its junction with High Creek Road; and decommission about 0.6 miles of unauthorized (non-NFS) road.

In accordance with Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215, a pre-decisional EA and the NEPA administrative record are available for a 30-day public review at the Safford Ranger District Office, 711 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite D, Safford, AZ 85546, and the Coronado National Forest Supervisor's Office, 300 W. Congress St., Tucson, AZ 85701. For further information or to request a copy of the EA, please call Ms. Rachel Carroll at (520) 388-8361 or the Safford District at (928) 428-4150. The EA is also available for public review at [www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado).

Written and/or oral comments concerning the EA and NEPA review will be accepted for 30 calendar days after the publication of this notice in the *Eastern Arizona Courier*. Interest expressed or comments provided on this EA after the close of the 30-day comment period will be considered, but will not confer eligibility to appeal a decision to proceed with the project. Comments must meet the criteria established in 36 CFR 215.6.

Written comments should be mailed to Ms. Carroll at the address above or sent by facsimile to (520) 388-8305. Please include the subject "High Creek EA" on a facsimile. Written comments may also be hand-delivered to the addresses above during regular business hours, which are 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

Oral comments may be provided by telephone during business hours or by scheduling a personal visit to either the Supervisor's Office or the Safford Ranger District office. To do so, please call either Ms. Carroll or the District office at the telephone numbers above.

Electronic (email) comments must be submitted within an email message, or as an attachment to an email in plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.docx). The email address for comments is [comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us). Please include “High Creek EA” in the subject line of your message. To be eligible to appeal a decision on the project, individuals or representative from an organization submitting comments by email must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

Names and addresses of those who comment on the EA will become part of the administrative record of this NEPA review and will be available for release to a third-party upon request under authority of the Freedom of Information Act.

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