

Draft Vision Statement as of March 12, 2008
Wilhoit

Wilhoit is rural in character with a strong desire to remain that way. We are surrounded by Prescott National Forest and State Trust Lands. Our quiet, private community has few public attractions and amenities. "Low impact" commercial growth might be welcomed on SR89 (Fuel pumps?)

The public areas surrounding our community should allow recreational access for all ages & physical conditions where practical. - Example: Thunderbird Meadows access to FR72 Reasonable fees should be charged for access; the income earmarked for:

- Forest Road Maintenance
- Rules signage - Examples: "OHV allowed trails", "No litter", etc.
- Trails and water source access for horses
- Volunteer program for trail management

Fire Prevention is paramount and should be on-going.

- Continue prescribed burns and brush thinning around our community for fuel reduction. The North side of our community must be attended to next. Brush removed must be chipped or removed immediately after clearing.
- Manage the public areas to reduce fuel build-up. A clean forest makes for a safer community. Encourage the public to remove deadfalls for firewood after fires.
- Widen Highway 89 shoulder clearing.
- Widen the Forest Road system and trails for fire breaks.
- Enforce building codes to restrict structure density.
- Tougher law enforcement/greater punishments for those who start fires.
- Reforestation efforts should be stepped up.
- Plant seedlings to introduce more favorable varieties.
- Should be done soon after prescribed or involuntary burns.
- Better use of greater financial resources.
- How can we increase budget allotments for our desired community vision?
- More call boxes.
- Water reservoirs for fire fighting.
- Funding for our fire department.
- Inter-agency coordination-
- Federal – State – County (FSC) communication network to feed down to local level
- FSC policy coordination.
- FSC plan parity.