

# Public comment wanted

## Tonto National Forest

### Plan to control invasive plants

An Environmental Assessment for Integrated Treatment of Noxious or Invasive Plants on the Tonto National Forest is available for your review and comment at the following link:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/projects/index.shtml>

Currently, there are a number of infestations of noxious weeds throughout the forest which, if neglected, could easily grow out of control. This action is needed because these rapidly-growing infestations of noxious plants cause basic changes in ecosystem function, are harmful to human and animal health, and detract from land values.

The Tonto National Forest proposes to conduct spot treatments for invasive plant infestations that are scattered throughout the forest, which covers approximately 2.9 million acres in central Arizona.

**Proposed action:** A complete integrated vegetation management approach to the management of invasive species. Monitoring, prevention, education and cooperation with other land managers are incorporated into this alternative. The forest would use a complete range of methods to eradicate, contain and control populations of invasive species: manual, mechanical, burning/flaming, cultural, biological control agents, and herbicides.

**Two alternatives to the proposed action** to be evaluated:

- A) No Action
- B) Integrated vegetation management without the use of herbicides.

Mailed comments may be submitted to:

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Electronic input/comments: [invasive\\_plant\\_ea\\_comments@fs.fed.us](mailto:invasive_plant_ea_comments@fs.fed.us)

Deadline for Comment period: Close of business August 2 2007.

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