

Reader's Guide

Land and Resource Management Plan & Environmental Impact Statement

Thank you for your interest in the revision of the Coronado National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. This reader's guide is intended to provide an overview of the revised forest plan and the final environmental impact statement (FEIS).

Contents of the Review Documents

Coronado National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan:

Chapter 1. Introduction - Describes the Coronado National Forest, summary of the analysis of the management situation, the purpose of this plan, its content, organization and implementation.

Chapter 2. Forestwide Management - Contains plan decisions and other content that are applicable forestwide.

Chapter 3. Management Areas - Contains plan decisions, suitability of areas, and other content that is applicable to particular management areas.

Chapter 4. Geographic Areas – Describes management direction that applies to unique geographic areas called ecosystem management areas.

Chapter 5. Suitability - Describes suitable uses of specific resource management practices and special use permits for particular areas of land.

Chapter 6. Monitoring Strategy - Contains the monitoring plan decisions and provides a framework for subsequent monitoring and evaluation.

Glossary - Contains definitions for technical terms used in the plan.

References - Contains a list of citations for documents referenced in the plan.

Appendix A. Climate Change Trends and Coronado National Forest Land Management Planning - Provides regional and national guidance related to climate change and forest planning, and describes the relationship between both.

Appendix B. Proposed and Probable Management Practices - Projections of what actions may take place in the future at the project or activity level to achieve the desired conditions.

Appendix C. Communication Sites - Identifies the designated communications sites located on the Coronado National Forest.

Appendix D. Animal and Plant Species – Lists both the common and scientific names, mentioned in this plan.

Appendix E. Other Sources of Information - Includes laws, regulations, Forest Service policy and/or direction.

List of Preparers - Contains a list of the specialists who assisted in the preparation of the plan.

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Chapter 1. Purpose of and Need for Action - Discusses the background of the proposal, explains the purpose of and need for revising the forest plan, and briefly describes the action proposed to satisfy the purpose and need. It summarizes public participation in the National Environmental Policy Act review process and lists preliminary environmental and social issues identified during the scoping period.

Chapter 2. Alternatives, Including the Proposed Action - Discusses the proposed action (revised forest plan), no action, and a range of reasonable alternatives. It also explains why other alternatives were dismissed from further consideration. It includes a summary table in which the consequences of implementing each alternative are compared.

Chapter 3. Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences - Reports the results of a multiple resource analysis of the environmental consequences of implementing the proposed action and alternatives. It describes the affected environment, by resource areas, as a baseline against which the impacts of alternatives are measured. The description of the environment is followed by disclosure of the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of implementing the proposed action and each of the alternatives.

Chapter 4. Consultation and Coordination - Lists the credentials of those who prepared this environmental impact statement and identifies the agencies, government officials, and selected other parties who were consulted regarding the proposed action.

Glossary – Provides explanations for key concepts in the FEIS

References – Contains a list of citations for documents referenced in the FEIS.

Index – Provides page numbers by topic.

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Appendix A. Public Comments and Responses - Responses to comments received on the DEIS during the 104-day comment period.

Appendix B. Coordination with Other Public Planning Efforts – Facilitates an “all-lands approach,” by describing the goals and anticipated activities of adjacent land owners.

Appendix C. Timber Suitability - Describes the analyses used in determining timber suitability

Appendix D. Crosswalk of Desert and Grassland Communities with Ecological Site Descriptions – A crosswalk of desert and grassland communities with ecological site descriptions for each mountain range used to develop desired conditions related to the plant composition and structure of the related vegetation communities.

Appendix E. Range Suitability and Capability - Describes the analyses used in determining range suitability and capability.

Appendix F. Supplemental Information for Wildlife and Rare Plants Analysis - Lists all species that were considered in the coarse- and fine-filter analyses for species viability.

Appendix G. Methods of Analysis - Provides details about assumptions and methods used in the effects analyses disclosed in this environmental impact statement.

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Appendix H. Crosswalk between Key Direction from the 1986 Forest Plan (as amended) and the Revised Forest Plan - Includes a crosswalk to demonstrate how some of the direction in the 1986 Coronado National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (1986 Plan) was incorporated into the more strategic direction included in the modified proposed revised plan.

Appendix I. Comment Letters Received from Federal and State Agencies, Local Governments and Native Tribes – Comment letters received on the DEIS during the 104-day comment period from federal and state agencies, local governments and Native Tribes.

Appendix J. Arizona Game and Fish Department Comment Letter and Responses - Responses to comments received from the Arizona Game and Fish Department on the DEIS during the 104-day comment period.

Appendix K. Other Supporting Documents - Lists documents that significantly contributed to development of the DEIS

Appendix L. Maps of Ecosystem Management Areas for Each Alternative – Contains several maps relating to each alternative.