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Dear Interested Party:

This letter notifies you that the first Biennial Monitoring Evaluation Report for the 2018 revised Coconino National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan, revised 2018) is completed and available for review. This 2021 monitoring report covers the first three years of plan implementation, fiscal years 2018 through 2020, and presents the results of the monitoring required by the forest plan monitoring strategy during this period. Those plan monitoring questions answered at a frequency of three or more years are not included in this first biennial report but will be in the next biennial monitoring report published in 2023.

A biennial evaluation of new information gathered through the plan monitoring program is required by the 2012 Planning Rule (36 C.F.R. §219.12). Biennial monitoring evaluation reports document whether a change to the plan or change to the monitoring program is warranted based on new information, whether a new assessment may be needed, or whether there is no need for change at that time. We are publishing this first monitoring and evaluation report for the Coconino National Forest two years after the Forest Plan's monitoring strategy was transitioned to focal species, an administrative change made in 2019. This report evaluates monitoring questions and indicators presented in the revised monitoring strategy (Coconino Forest Plan, Chapter 5, Monitoring Strategy), and reports on the results of monitoring of management actions carried out in the forest.

The 2021 Biennial Monitoring Evaluation Report for the Coconino National Forest is a summary report. It contains a synopsis of the Coconino's monitoring strategy and the findings for fiscal years 2018-2020, followed by concise resource sections addressing those associated monitoring questions covered in the report, and gives recommendations for changes and additional management actions. This Biennial Monitoring Evaluation Report is posted on the forest website and is available for public review here:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/land/coconino/landmanagement>. If you would like a printed or electronic copy, please e-mail your request to annette.fredette@usda.gov or mail it to Annette Fredette, Forest Planner, Coconino National Forest, 1824 S. Thompson St., Flagstaff, AZ 86001. More detailed data and the individual narratives used to create this report are filed and are also available upon specific request.

Forest Supervisor's Certification

I am pleased to share this 2021 Biennial Monitoring and Evaluation Report for the Coconino National Forest with you. The forest has made great strides in monitoring since implementation of its revised Forest Plan in 2018. We appreciate greatly our partners and stakeholders and their continued commitment to our forest monitoring efforts. Monitoring by our partners is extensive and adds a great deal to our community of knowledge.



I have evaluated the monitoring and evaluation results presented in this report and endorse them. I have found that there are no recommended changes to the management direction or monitoring strategy in the 2018 Revised Coconino Forest Plan at this time. There are, however, as a result of these findings, some recommendations for additional management activities to improve and move forest resources toward desired conditions. I therefore consider the Coconino Forest Plan sufficient to continue to guide land and resource management of the Coconino National Forest for the foreseeable future and plan a deeper examination of any recommendations with forest leadership and resource specialists.

Although the biennial monitoring evaluation report is not a decision document representing final Agency action, and is not subject to the objection process, we welcome open dialogue and participation. Thank you for your interest and engagement in the management of the Coconino National Forest.

Sincerely,

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