

## **R3 Plan Revision Guidance: Minerals Information Related to the Evaluation of Potential Wilderness and Research Natural Areas**

Operational Draft: This document is prepared to provide guidance to Forest Plan revision teams. As this guidance is implemented, we expect to learn improved ways to do this work. As we learn, this document will be updated. This document was reviewed and revised as appropriate in April 2010 to conform to the requirements of the 1982 Planning Rule provisions.

Minerals uses should be discussed in the availability portion of evaluations for potential wilderness, and should also be considered when evaluating potential Research Natural Areas for establishment.

There are three sets of data to be reviewed when identifying potential and active mineral uses:

1. **LR2000 Mining Claim (MC) geographic reports** – identifies mineral claims and their status by forest
2. **Geocommunicator** – identifies mineral leasing and status information
3. **Arizona Geological Survey, Database for Mineral Districts in the State of Arizona** – identifies areas of mineral deposit which indicate areas of current and/or potential future mineral activity.

Below is a set of instructions with corresponding links to access each data set. Please contact Matt Turner, Regional Planner, for questions related to the process.