

Dear Coconino National Forest Friends, Visitors, and Neighbors:

I would like to thank you and congratulate you for helping Coconino National Forest managers continue to maintain 1.8 million acres of your National Forest here in northern Arizona. Without the input, support, and volunteer hours contributed by members of the public like you, successful forest management would not be possible. Through your support we have made great strides including another record-low year for human caused fires, development and implementation of forest restoration and fuels projects, and we have repaired and maintained recreational facilities, roads, and trails.

This stakeholder report is intended to highlight some of the Coconino National Forest's many achievements in 2004, and to provide an idea of what is to come as we begin the Forest Service's centennial year in 2005. Inside you will find articles that address topics such as forest restoration and fuels reduction, achievements on the Red Rock Ranger District, and the Forest Service Centennial which occurs in July 2005. Additionally we have provided information about upcoming projects and a breakdown of forest achievements over the past year including fire suppression, fuels reduction, and land management.

Although we are proud of our past achievements on the Coconino National Forest, we are constantly working toward improvement. With that in mind I encourage you to read this stakeholders report and provide comments and suggestions to our district rangers and forest staff so that together we will continue to break records and provide quality forest management throughout the Coconino National Forest. Most importantly, I invite you to experience the Coconino National Forest by participating in forest educational opportunities, by volunteering, and by recreating in our diverse and beautiful national forest.

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