

Coconino National Forest 2004 Statistics

Acreege 1,821,495, Elevation Range 2,600' - 12,633'

Dollars Appropriated for the Forest \$20.7 million • Dollars Contributed to the Forest \$2.5 million

Arizona Snowbowl Improvement Project

The Coconino National Forest issued a Draft EIS on February 2, 2004. Three public meetings were held during the comment period—one in Flagstaff, one on the Hopi Reservation, and one on the Navajo Reservation—in addition to a number of community briefings. Over 4,000 commenters submitted over 8,000 comments during the comment period. The Forest Service is in the process of responding to comments and revising the EIS where necessary. The Forest expects to release a Final EIS and Decision Notice for the Snowbowl project in early 2005.

Kachina Village Forest Health Project

The Kachina Village Forest Health Project has a signed Record of Decision that can be viewed on the Coconino Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/nepa. A service contract has nearly been completed by Southwest Forest Products for the first phase of vegetation treatment on 1,968 acres. In addition, the second phase of thinning has been awarded to a Snowflake, AZ based company. Work is expected to begin on this second phase in early 2005. In addition, another goods-for-service contract will be offered and awarded in spring 2005 for the final phase of the project.

Integrated Treatment of Noxious or Invasive Weeds

The purpose of this project is to eradicate, contain, control or prevent weeds within the Coconino, Kaibab, and Prescott National Forests. The desired goal is to prevent any new weeds from becoming established, contain or control the spread of 16 well-established invasive species, and eradicate 8 species which are the most invasive and pose the greatest threat to the biological diversity within the project area. A final decision is planned for early 2005 and will be followed by the development of an Integrated Weed Management Implementation Plan for the Coconino NF.

Red Rock and Verde Valley Administrative Sites

The Coconino and Prescott National Forests are executing a coordinated project to identify and develop two new administrative sites on National Forest System lands in the Verde Valley of north central Arizona. Existing administrative sites in the Valley are inadequate to meet evolving management needs. The sale of the existing Sedona site will be executed this winter, and work will then begin in earnest on the sale of the existing Verde site. Once the Environmental Assessments and conceptual site and facility plans are completed this winter, the professional engineering design of the new Red Rock Ranger Station will begin, with a target groundbreaking for this facility in the fall of 2005. The design and construction of the new Verde Valley Ranger Station will follow behind the Red Rock facility.

Fossil Creek Fish Restoration and Childs-Irving Hydropower Decommissioning

In May 2002, APS agreed to decommission the Childs-Irving Hydropower plant in Fossil Creek. The Childs-Irving Hydropower project has been in operation since the early 1900's and is listed on the National Register of Historic Resources. The operation has largely dewatered Fossil Creek for over 80 years. The decommissioning has offered a unique opportunity to restore natural flows to the creek and creates potential for native fish restoration. Native fish restoration involves building a fish barrier in lower Fossil Creek; removing non-native fish from the stream using a piscicide; and reintroducing native fish into the habitat. This phase of the project is complete and non-native fish removal is complete. Native fish restoration is scheduled to occur in early 2005. Decommissioning work will begin later in the year.

Fire Management

Note: WUI Refers to the Wildland/Urban Interface

Acres of WUI Fuels Reduction	16,492
Rx Burn cost/acre	
	First Time WUI \$200
	First Time non-WUI \$100
	Maintenance WUI \$100
	Maintenance non-WUI \$50
	WUI Pile Burning \$50
	Non-WUI Pile Burning \$25
Number of Wildfires	
	Human Caused 82
	Lightning Caused 299
	Total 381
Wildfire Acres Burned	
	Human Caused Acres 1,270
	Lightning Caused Acres 17,447
	Total 18,717

Law Enforcement

Total Incidents	1,934
Warnings Issued	315
Arrests	20
Public Assists	19
Agency Assists	98
Violation Fines Collected	\$55,868.75
Total Value of Damage to FS Property	\$96,384.00
Total Value of FS Resource Damage	\$3,450.00

Incidents/Violations Responded To:

Fire Investigations	128
Cannabis Plots Eradicated	1

Human Resources

Permanent Employees	242
Temporary/Seasonal Employees	232

Recreation and Lands

Number of Visitors to the Forest (Data Collected in 2000)	1.89 million
Number of Individual Campsites Maintained:	
Peaks Ranger District	78
Mormon Lake Ranger District	185
Red Rock Ranger District	196
Mogollon Rim Ranger District	93
Number of Group Campsites Maintained:	
Peaks Ranger District	3
Mormon Lake Ranger District	1
Red Rock Ranger District	2
Mogollon Rim Ranger District	5
Picnic Areas	9
Rental Cabins	3
Miles of Trail	641
Number of Trailheads	43
Mile of Forest Road	5,914
Stewardship	
Acres of Noxious Weed Treatment	1,900
Acres of Soil and Water Resource Improvement	248
Acres of Wildlife Habitat Restored or Enhanced	1,153
Acres of Lake Fish Restoration	12
Personal Use Forest Product Permits Issued	17,845
Personal Use Forest Product Permit Revenues	\$56,702

Volunteer Information

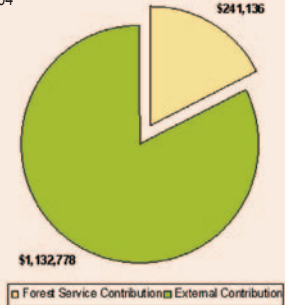
	People	Hours	Value
Volunteers:	1,477	66,069	\$694,405
Youth Conservation Corps:	8	2,439	\$24,390
Hosted Personnel:	17	8,280	\$82,840
Totals:	1,502	76,788	\$801,635

Average Volunteer Contribution per Individual for 2004::

51 \$533.71

Grants and agreements are formal cooperative partnerships with entities external to the Forest Service. The purpose of these partnerships is to carry out planning and resource projects on national forest lands. As you can see from the chart above, grants and agreements, and modifications to existing grants and agreements provide greater funding that allows forest managers to accomplish far more than they could with Forest Service funding alone. In 2004, 82% of the funding for cooperative projects was contributed by groups external to the Forest Service. We would like to thank all of the partners that have cooperated with the Coconino National Forest in 2004 and in previous years!

Total Value of Grants, Agreements, & Modifications in 2004



Red Rock Pass

Total Receipts	\$802,050
Gateway Center Visitor Contacts	380,878
Field Visitor Contacts	12,793
Pounds of Trash Collected From Littering	64,023
Fire Rings Dismantled and Area "Naturalized"	437
Dump Sites Cleaned Up	160
Abandoned Vehicles Removed	20
Miles of Trail Maintained	33
Social Trails "Naturalized"	144
Leave No Trace Talks Given to Groups and Individuals	229
Miles of Trail Patrolled	675
Transient Camps Located, Cleaned Up, and Residents Moved Out	72
Square Feet of Graffiti Removed	185

In addition to the accomplishments listed above, Red Rock Pass funds were used to support activities across a wide range of projects within red rock country. The funds allowed maintenance and improvements at Midgely Bridge that include trail construction, a rock stairway, re-vegetation, and the installation of a fence to discourage visitors from crossing the highway at this popular vista point. Additionally, the funds assisted the hiring of eight Youth Conservation Corps



employees that provided trail and trail head construction and worked on resource protection projects. The Red Rock Pass funds have also been critical in the operation and protection of several archaeological sites within red rock country. These funds were used to make repairs and operate the Palatki Rock Art Site, which received 23,512 visitors, and the V Bar V Rock Art Site, which received 8,902 visitors in 2004.



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