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Dear «GREETING»:

The Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest is seeking comments on a proposed grassland maintenance project. The Ida Grassland Maintenance Project is proposed for an area on the north end of the Williams District, north and south of Highway 180 about 13 miles southeast of Valle, Arizona. This project was first listed in the Kaibab National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) in April 2008 (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/kai/projects/>). The attached document includes a detailed description of the proposed action, along with a description of the purpose and need for action, a map, and pictures of the project area.

The purpose of this comment period is to provide you the opportunity to submit early and meaningful comments on the proposal prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. The District Ranger for the Williams Ranger District is the Responsible Official for this project. Unless extraordinary circumstances are identified, the Responsible Official anticipates excluding this project from documentation in an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under category 6 (*Timber stand and/or wildlife habitat improvement activities which do not include the use of herbicides or do not require more than one mile of low standard road construction*) of FSH 1909.15, 31.2 *Categories of Actions for Which a Project or Case File and Decision Memo Are Required*.

Comments should be submitted to Linda Martin, NEPA Coordinator, Williams Ranger District, 742 S Clover Road, Williams, AZ 86046; (928) 635-5614; or by fax at (928) 635-5680.

Comments also may be submitted by email in Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), and hypertext markup language (.html) to: [comments-southwestern-kaibab-williams@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-kaibab-williams@fs.fed.us). If you email your comments, please type "Ida Grassland Maintenance Project" in the subject line. Comments also may be hand delivered weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the above stated address in Williams.

**Appeal Eligibility:** If the Responsible Official decides to implement the proposed action, the decision would be subject to administrative appeal (36 CFR 215). Only those who provide comment or otherwise express interest in the proposed action by the close of the comment period will be accepted as appellants. The opportunity to comment ends 30 days from the publication of the legal notice in the *Arizona Daily Sun*. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit comments on the proposed action. Those wishing to comment on this proposal should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must include the sender's full name, address, and signature or other verification of identity upon request.



Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered. Only those persons who comment or otherwise express interest in this project will remain on the mailing list and receive future correspondence.

If you have questions or would like additional information on this proposal, contact Jeff Waters, Wildlife Biologist for the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts of the Kaibab National Forest at (928) 635-5627, FAX (928) 635-5680, or by email at [jwaters@fs.fed.us](mailto:jwaters@fs.fed.us).

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

*/s/Tom Mutz (for)*  
MARTIE SCHRAMM  
District Ranger