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Date: April 28, 2008

Dear Interested Party,

The Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest is seeking comments as part of the public scoping (environmental analysis) process associated with issuing a new grazing permit for the Twin Tanks Allotment. The 11,940 acre Twin Tanks Allotment is located approximately seven miles northeast of Williams, Arizona, approximately two miles northeast of Red Lake Valley, and approximately two miles west of Spring Valley. The allotment runs from Cedar Mountain on the west side to Sitgreaves Mountain on the southeast corner. The allotment is located in all or in parts of T23N, R4E, Sections 6-7, 18-19, and 30; and T23N R3E, Sections 1-18, 22-27.

We are proposing to re-authorize grazing on this allotment for their current permitted use. Current permitted use for the allotment allows up to 1025 head of sheep from 5/21-10/20 and 30 head of rams from 6/11-7/11, which are 1037 Animal Unit Months (AUM's) and 5187 Head Months (HM's). The enclosed document and maps provide additional details of this Proposed Action.

At this time, our desire is to receive comments on the merits of the Proposed Action, as well as comments that address errors, misinformation, or information that has been omitted. Please provide your comments concerning the Proposed Action by June 2, 2008.

After the public scoping period, we anticipate a decision by September 2008. If you provide comments on this proposed action, you will receive further information of this analysis.

Written or oral comments may be submitted via mail, fax, telephone, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Mike Hannemann, Range and Watershed Staff, 800 S 6th St., Williams, AZ 86046-2899; FAX (928) 635-8208; TEL (928) 635-8200; or by e-mail to comments-southwestern-kaibab@fs.fed.us. The name and address of the person submitting electronic comments must be included. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this project and will be available for public inspection.

We appreciate your help and continuing cooperation with our forest management programs. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Mike Hannemann, Range and Watershed Staff for the Kaibab National Forest at (928) 635-8200 or by e-mail at mhannemann@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

Enclosures: Proposed Action and Maps for the Twin Tanks Grazing Allotment