

Comments that are not Forest Plan Revision Related (these are the "others")

7 - Related to requirements or concerns about the 2005 Planning Rule	Comment
7	Plans need to be able to build in flexibility; and change as needs change through time.
7	Important to reflect on the current plan: what is in it? what works? what does not work?
7	Develop true sustainability study on native wildlife, need to know what the land can produce/support.
7	Need to make decisions based on good science. Don't make decisions based upon emotions.
7	Desired conditions and objectives need to make sense and be achievable, time specific, accountable.
7	Like to see mandatory ecosystem management areas; organize by NK and SK, be clear how these areas are clumped, list most important things in an executive summary.
7	Consider air quality.
7	Base management decisions on good science.
7	Produce a suitability analysis.
7	Do an in depth analysis using the best available science to determine which activities effect the sustainability of the National Forest.
7	Would like the Forest Service to develop a system so the forest plan can be implemented. Come up with a plan than can be implemented.

8 - Outside of the scope of forest planning or the Forest Service	Comment
8	Public's ability to access government/FS manuals, directives, guidelines, BMP, plans, etc. are fully available; but no process for making comments on them.
8	How do people find forest guidance? (FS Handbooks, BMP, CFR, not everyone has time to wait for information, need faster responses.
8	Like the openness of NKRD personnel.
8	Like the openness to rethink current future desired conditions.
8	Manage the Forest for fire protection.
8	Observing migration of birds is fascinating and important.
8	Would like the Forest Service funded at a level that it can be effective at meeting its forest plan and the Organic Act, but not esoteric ideas for example pediocactus management. Make decisions based on on the ground conditions rather than some guidelines from outside.
8	Funding needs to be adequate to implement the plan.
8	Do not want to see the Forest Ser. move toward privatization because we don't have funds. (E.g. oil & gas dev.) Need to stay public lands don't disenfranchise the public.
8	Shift funding from suppression to fuels reduction.
8	Like to see more forest closures during fire season and drought. They need to be timely and well thought out.
8	Outraged that the government views the forest as not pristine and wants to sell.
8	Like to see burn restrictions/closures common across all forests.
8	Planning process is pretty good.
8	If the Forest Service is downsized enough the land management will become privatized.
8	Be helpful to know how the KNF rates the policy (planning rule). What works? What does not? One to ten rating system to indicate how forest plan items are working.
8	Need to plan for increased use in budget - increased demand for some resources - more people in Phx.
8	Promote the practice of using non-lead ammunition to protect wildlife and water purity.
8	Forest Service does well with what it has to work with.
8	Delighted with the campgrounds at Dogtown and Whitehorse, they are well designed and have good roads to them.
8	On very dry years other forests are closed and the Kaibab is open, everyone comes here then. It creates too much stress on the forest.
8	Make information is readable by local people; write forest plan in terms people can understand.
8	Primary purpose of the Forest Reserves was to regulate snowmelt, provide water for navigatable streams.
8	Require non-leaded shot and bullets at shooting ranges. Promote its use in the rest of the forest. Concerned about lead in the soil, water, and endangered species.

8	Push to eliminate grgound water pumping at Tusayan.
8	Want to see preservation of night skies, light pollution.
8	Water in Tusayan is a huge issue. Want to stop ground water pumping and develop other sources and delivery methods.
8	Expect to see more development south of Tusayan on private lands.
8	Forest Service manuals and guidebooks are going to be important after the fores plan is revised. These must be readily available to the public.
8	Want cogeneration facility at Tusayan. Work with Forest Service for a location. The ACC determines the percent of energy production that has to come from green sources. With wood chips cost is about 4 times higher but it will be closer with 15%.
8	Want the revision to be a voting process.
8	Forest Service has not done analysis on what lands are capable of producing and interfacing that productivity against the primary impactors of recreation use, vegetation treatments, or grazing.
8	I have never been a supporter of DFC's they are nothing more than blue sky fantasies written to make people feel good but in reality are never achieved for a vast array of reasons. It is my hope when these portions of the planning process are brought to the table the agency has the ability to tell the public the entire scope of just what a FC and objective do to / effect the day to day operations of a forest.
8	Like for the Forest Service to see what is actually happening on the ground, make decisions on this reality rather than other agency's regulations.
8	Appreciate the flagstone quarry tour.
8	Environmental groups are meddling, their ideas are misdirected but their intentions are good. The forest is caught in the middle of conflicting ideas.
8	I would like copies of the current copies of the FSM, FSH, & best management practices documents.
8	As the process moves forward the FSM, FSH, & BMP may be edited, added to, or deletions may occur. I would like a copy of each version.
8	As noted in the Federal Register I have the ability to comment on these three documents. How do I do that?
8	Would like to have a voice in Forest Service process.
8	Ike the whole way the Forest Service collaborates with the GCP and Tusayan.
8	The district has worked well with us.
8	Timber sale NEPA appeals and litigation prevents implementation.
8	Like the dedicated Forest Service employees.
8	Have to have money to manage the forest. Want to see proper funding so that forest plan can be implemented.
8	Funding is a key element that the agency did not properly account for in the last round of planning. Funding effects staffing and projects.
8	There is too much outsourcing of work at the Forest Service. This trend removes the long term vision and location specific knowledge FS employees bring to the job.
8	Outsourcing and sub-contracting costs us more in the long term via shoddy work, lack of continuity, and unaccountability. We lose the devotion that Forest Service employees have for the resource.
8	Not able to easily travel through the forest on foot because of fuels
8	Like that permits are not needed for dispersed camping.
8	Highway 67 is closed in the winter. Limits winter options.

9 - Specific Project or a District Activity	Comment
9 - North Kaibab District	Like to see an increase in available waters (trick tanks, tanks, for wildlife and livestock)
9 - Forest concern	Access limitations are not clear in regard to closures during fire season.
9 - North Kaibab District	Would like to see FR 22 open year-round.
9 - Forest concern	Want the forest to be more informative and cooperative.
9 - North Kaibab District	Like to see more recognition (featured more interpretation and education) of unique wildlife (ie Kaibab squirrel, blue grouse). Island in the sky. Also protection.
9 - Forest trails planning	Like the current trail system layout, destinations (Sycamore Canyon, Great Western Trail, Rainbow Rim, Bixler Saddle). Typically well maintained and signed. Like trails were you can travel long distances.
9 - Forest comment	Great Forest Service presence at the visitor center, especially on the weekends.
9 - Forest comment	Like the forest website.
9 - Forest comment	Like to continue the protection, interpretation, consultation of the cultural/heritage resources.
9 - Regional or National concern	Can the FS (not individual Forests) communicate a clear message related to funding needs? ie: How much \$\$ do programs need and how does the public understand these needs in order to communicate these needs to Congress?
9 - Forest trails planning	[Like to see more active manage. of] trail maint. esp. OHV trail systems.
9 - Forest concern	Important that Kaibab have people involved with sending out information and has it readily available, especially for travelers coming to the area, weather and fire danger.
9 - Forest trails planning	FS should coordinate with OHV manufacturers when setting recreation design standards; stay compatible with new recreation.
9 - Forest concern	Installation and maintenance of adequate signs.
9 - Forest trails planning	Have favorite hikes, but have done many times. Would like more opportunities to have different options i.e. loop hikes. Different ways in. Also more different trails developed.
9 - Forest trails planning	Trail signs to keep people on correct trails.
9 - Forest trails planning	Like to limit horse trail damage or increase maintenance
9 - Forest comment	Appreciated the pamphlet on noxious weeds.
9 - Forest concern	Would like to see more recreational opportunities, specifically motorized trails and water/spring developments.
9 - Forest concern	Website fire restriction maps are hard to figure out.
9 - Forest issue	Forest cleanup after big weekend. - Partnership on cleanup -Forest should supply dumpsters
9 - Forest issue	Spend 6 or 7 days a year picking up trash. No trash receptacles are provided. Need a please for people to put their trash.
9 - Forest issue	Public relations effort should be candid. If we made a mistake say so. Then we can get on with a discussion about what to do about it.

9 - Forest trails planning	Like to close roads that have poor egress.
9 - North Kaibab District	Would like to see better use of the water resources, particularly on the west side of the North Kaibab RD. 3 ponds could be restored with a grader by restoring the water course (Buffalo Hill Tank & pond near Three Lakes).
9 - Forest issue	Are there areas designated for target practice (shooting range), concerned over the amount of shooting in the forest, concerned over the lack of regulation over shooting in the forest, there is a need for restricted areas.
9 - Forest concern	Avoid eagle nesting areas with aircraft--where are they?
9 - Forest trails planning	Some ATV are wider than trails allow. Make trails wider for the types of vehicles on the market.
9 - Forest issue	Establish education process in schools to teach respect for natural resources.
9 - Forest issue	Forest Service website provides information on the forest, include the forest belongs to the people.
9 - North Kaibab District	Would like to see more use of water pipelines.
9 - Forest issue	Education process is very important.
9 - North Kaibab District	Hatred by some people towards FS would not allow them to attend this meeting. Ex. wood permit. People have been forced out of their ability to make a living.
9 - Forest issue	Better and timely maintenance of the road system, especially after the spring mud season.
9 - Forest issue	Need more information in the local paper and radio about the forest, i.e. what employees are doing.
9 - Forest issue	Need a formal shooting range.
9 - Forest issue	Forest need to be managed.
9 - North Kaibab District	Concern over lack of water on west side and north end of NKRD. Important for wildlife to have more water sources.
9 - Williams District	Is it possible to put a reasonable time limit so that restoration takes place at quarries.
9 - Forest issue	Decisions are less personality or District specific, more consistent across forest/region/state.
9 - Forest issue	Roads blocks and process get in the way. It would be good if the special use coordinator could say yes or no to a proposal. Simple things take a month to resolve if they are elevated. Some things we have never gotten an answer on.
9 - North Kaibab District	Want to go to a winter operation. Road closures and logistics are an impediment.
9 - Tusayan District	Possible water pipeline to the GCP through Tusayan RD.
9 - Forest issue	Need power line maintenance to prevent trees falling across the lines.
9 - Forest issue	FS to do a better job of informing the public of the 2005 Planning Rule, and the new type of Forest Plan, and how it differs from the old plan.
9 - Forest concern	Provide interpretation at the IMAX.
9 - Forest issue	Like to see a Forest Service schools program to help with education of users and potential users.
9 - Tusayan District	Land for the Tusayan school.
9 - Forest issue	Cooperation on road access issues.
9 - Williams District	Trash collection issues in the forest, road 302, as use goes up concerned this needs to be addressed.
9 - Forest issue	Road signs and numbers, there are a lot that are damaged or unreadable.

10 - Consider in Next Phase of Forest Planning (too early to use now)		Comment
10		Critical that the FS does a baseline analysis followed by monitoring so that we can respond to change i.e. invasive species - Historically we often look at the obvious megafauna. Beetles & bugs tell you a lot more about the health of the system.
10		Need resources for monitoring, mitigation and enforcement.
10		Like to see more funding for Forest Service personnel for monitoring & maintenance.
10		Need to know what the appropriate mix of native species needed for forest health, then can do a better job monitoring, tracking trends, etc. so that you can set up appropriate mitigation strategies.
10		Need to finance monitoring over time
10		Want the Forest Service to select realistic monitoring measures.
10		Lack of monitoring for outputs, ecosystem conditions and trends, why have outputs not been achieved? What need to be adjusted? EMS is good.
10		Make monitoring results public so they can make suggestions.
10		More scientific basis for monitoring.
10		More monitoring of threatened and endangered species and management of indicator species.
10		Restoring natural processes/insuring there is adequate monitoring so that changes can be made to management strategies.
10		EMS development needs to be a collaborative process with the public.
11 - Internal Funding and how the Forest Allocates its funds		Comment
11		Like to see more funding for fisheries.
11		Like more resources devoted to trail maintenance.
11		Like to see more wildland fire crews used for fuel reduction year round.
11		Would like to see the lakes stay open longer.
11		Where do we get the funding to do this?
11		Want to see the lakes open year round.

12 - Warm Fire Comment	Comment
12	Like not to see smoke on the North Kaibab (late April to monsoons). Not including campfires.
12	Would like to see fire use during the rainy season.
12	Do not understand or agree with fire-use. Prefer to see other tools used like firewood collection, thinning, etc.
12	Vegetation management is a much more exact tool. You can decide which trees you would like to remove.
12	The Warm Fire reinforced the feeling that there is an effort to extinguish the local rural culture.
12	Would like to see the FS use all tools available so we won't see another Warm Fire: logging, control, fire use.
12	Glad to see prescribed burns at every wet opportunity.
12	Example of oppression is the information at the Visitor Center - saying the results of the Warm Fire are positive.
12	Local people are concerned that Warm Fire area won't be rehabilitated.
12	Would like to see area rehabilitated using means available.
12	Question of fire use application is very difficult according to geographic area.
12	Can we expect an apology from the FS about ruining our backyard-- mistakes were made (Warm Fire)
12	Evaluate unintended consequences of fire.
12	Figure out what can be sustained, forest and wildlife. Fire is not the way to manage and thin the forest.
12	Consider other tools, not just fire in treating the forest. Consider the economic benefits of this.
12	Like to see prudent application of fire use on the Kaibab Plateau.
12	Don't want to see fire use during tourist season.
12	Timing of the Warm Fire was poor
12	Public relations efforts should tell the truth. Got the run around while the Warm Fire was blowing up.
12	Like road alternatives and ability to help pick.
12	Business was reduced 1 month each side of the Warm Fire

13 - Travel Management Comment	Comment
13	Like using the Forest in the winter. Want to see FS roads maintained, esp. for winter access. (ie. Kendrick Park).
13	Misconception that motorized users want to go anywhere on the Forest.
13	KNF: Value easy access to interesting areas: vegetation, geology, wildlife areas, and have a chance to learn more. Good job providing information at Ranger Stations.
13	Coc: Cinder Hills recreation area is located next to NPS lands. Park Service should have Cinder Hills recreation materials/information available because people go there to find out about FS areas.
13	Have user-groups adopt areas in terms of management special needs (Dixie does this).
13	Minimize the vehicle access that impacts noxious weed invasion and restore/decommission old roads.
13	Like to see roads that go no where decommissioned.
13	Would like well signede signed, well mapped trail system
13	Would like to see recreational opportunities that address demands, specifically trails, so that there are fewer socially created trails and associated impacts.
13	Person created travel routes are causing erosion.
13	Keep raods open for motorized multiple use, not just hikers, etc. Including 2-track roads.
13	It makes sense to have some areas with restrictions for a good reason (access).
13	Restrictions (access) need to be clearly publicized.
13	Diff types of traffic horse, pedestrian red. width atv trail motorized & non motorized. More law enforcement & enforceability Utah as example.. - Pamphlets help w/ signing - Tonto - adopt a road program . helps FS w/ maintenance . 4wd groups help w/ this & acknowledge their work
13	Like to have limited/appropriate access. Provide for recreation, but not at the expense of natural resources.
13	Want OHV trail development similar to Utah
13	Improve maps for snowmobile & motorized use e.g. Utah & Wyo. - Also signage - This can improve local economy - Results in fewer wildcat rds/trails
13	If you have a sensitive area work with user groups on solutions instead of closing the area.
13	Concerned about road closures.
13	Feel that the forest isn't open to public access anymore; feel closed out not like it used to be.
13	Thrilled to see roads closed in fragile habitats.
13	Misuse of ATV's is serious snd not being addressed, includes all motorized recreation. Motorized recreation is unsupervised.
13	Forest plan should address the outcome of travel management and what comes next with roads not selected, possible recreation opportunity.

13	Can continue to work together on access.
13	<p>2. Transportation also needs to be carefully managed. Roads are a necessary evil, in my opinion. Some access is naturally required for all recreational users. Hunters, hikers, ATV riders all need some access. That said, I am very concerned about the threat of wildcat roads. Roads have a way of proliferating and they result in an insidious degradation of the land. Specifically I would encourage the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Eliminate and rehabilitate all wildcat roads. b) Reduce the road network, where necessary to preserve large tracts of land. c) Manage vehicular access to provide a better environment for hunters, hikers and other non-motorized users.
13	To have winter recreation trails and a limited way to get to them seems foolish.
13	Concern – small percentage of users misusing motorized vehicles to establish uwer made trails.
13	Should not be motorized vehicles on anything but authorized roads.
13	How do we (FS) define roads and distinguish them from trails, etc.?
13	Forest access, there are recreation and management standpoints. Has to be access fire protection of assets.