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COCONINO

National Forest

Report to the Stakeholders



Dear Coconino National Forest Friends, Visitors, and Neighbors:

Thank you for your help in maintaining 1.8 million acres of your national forest. Public support has helped to ensure that unique landscapes, critical habitats, and beautiful forestlands continue to be enjoyed by this generation and for generations to come. The public support we have received has helped Coconino National Forest employees manage your forest with input from local citizens and organizations, and with guidance from our regional and national offices.

This stakeholder report is intended to provide the public with an understanding of the Coconino National Forest's achievements in 2003. These achievements are framed within four threats to our national forests outlined by Dale Bosworth, Chief of the Forest Service. These threats include unmanaged recreation, fire and the buildup of fuels, invasive species, and loss of open space. Here at the Coconino National Forest, we are proud of our accomplishments in addressing these threats locally. Within this report you will find articles that address these threats and describe the efforts of the Coconino National Forest to protect your public lands. These efforts include fuels reduction and prescribed fire, cross-country travel management, and efforts to control invasive species. With continued support from the public and our partners, accomplishments will continue to be made to ward off these four threats.

I invite you to read this report and see what a great difference we are making together. I would also encourage you to continue to provide comments and suggestions to our district rangers and forest staff regarding the management of our National Forests. 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 forest.

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