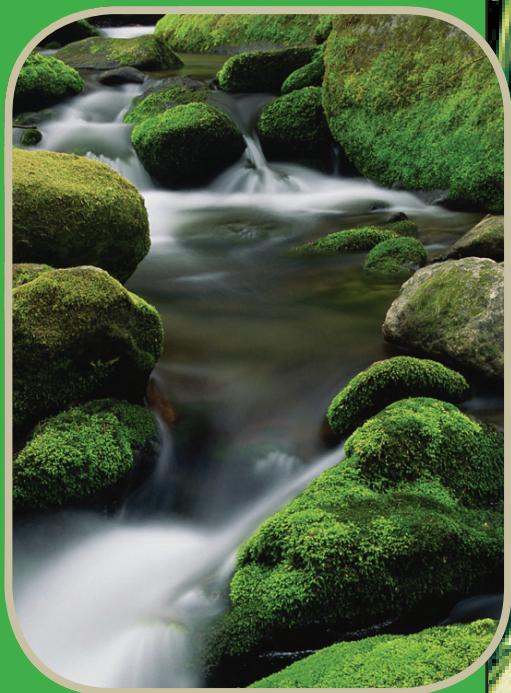


2006

COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST

Shaping the Future Together



Have you ever spent time in the beautiful forest in northern Arizona and wondered why it is possible to enjoy this vast public land; or wondered what the future holds for the forest, and how decisions are made about its management? Your opportunity to have those questions answered is here! The Coconino National Forest is beginning two major planning efforts that will shape future management and enjoyment of this treasured land. Through these efforts you will be able to share your opinions about national forest management including outdoor recreation, wildlife management, fire protection, and others. Both projects need collaboration and involvement from people who value the forest so that ultimately the plans provide for ecological, social, and economic sustainability with public support.

Forest Plan Revision

The Coconino National Forest encompasses 1.8 million acres of spectacularly diverse land in northern Arizona. Management of this land is guided by a forest plan that was developed in the mid-80's. The National Forest Management Act passed by Congress in 1976 requires that each national forest plan is periodically updated. While the Coconino National Forest Plan has been amended several times for specific projects or smaller parts of the forest, it is time to do a strategic revision of the plan.

Much has changed since forest plans were developed under the 1982 planning rule, including our objectives for managing the land. The Forest Service revised its planning rule in 2005 to reflect these changes. The intended effects of the new rule are to: 1) improve the planning process by making plans more adaptable to changes in local economies, social desires and forest health; 2) take into account the best available science; and 3) strengthen collaborative relationships with the public and other entities.

This revision process will include early and on-going opportunities for public input and participation. This approach will produce a forest plan that is dynamic and responsive to local conditions, new information, and public input. The forest supervisor will make the final decision for the revised forest plan.

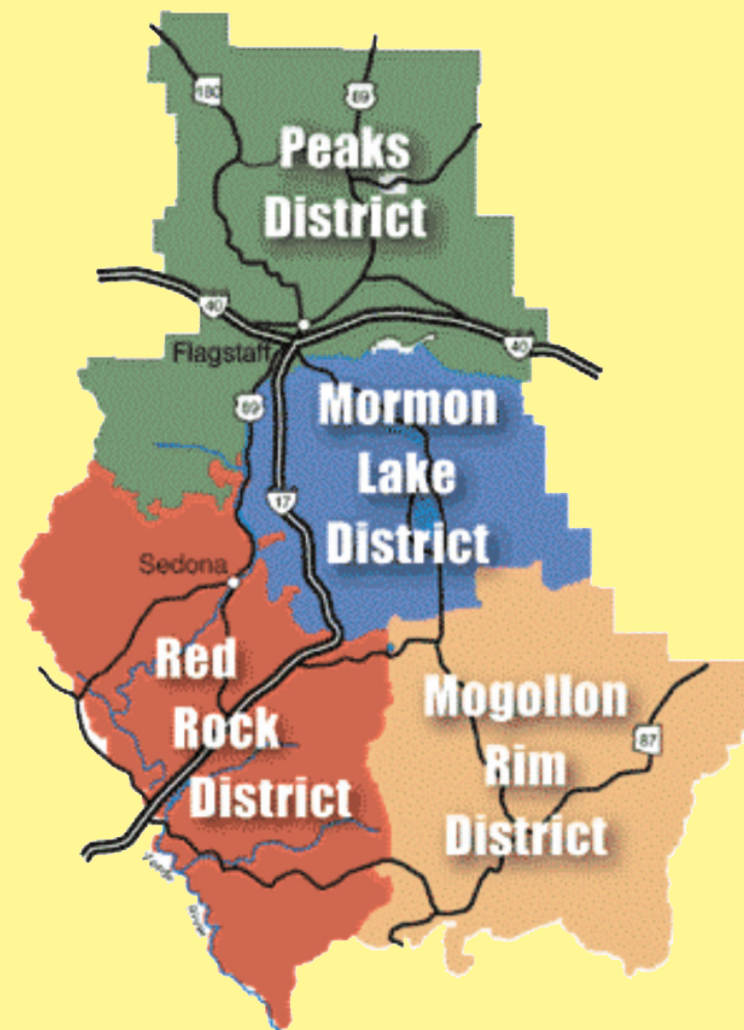
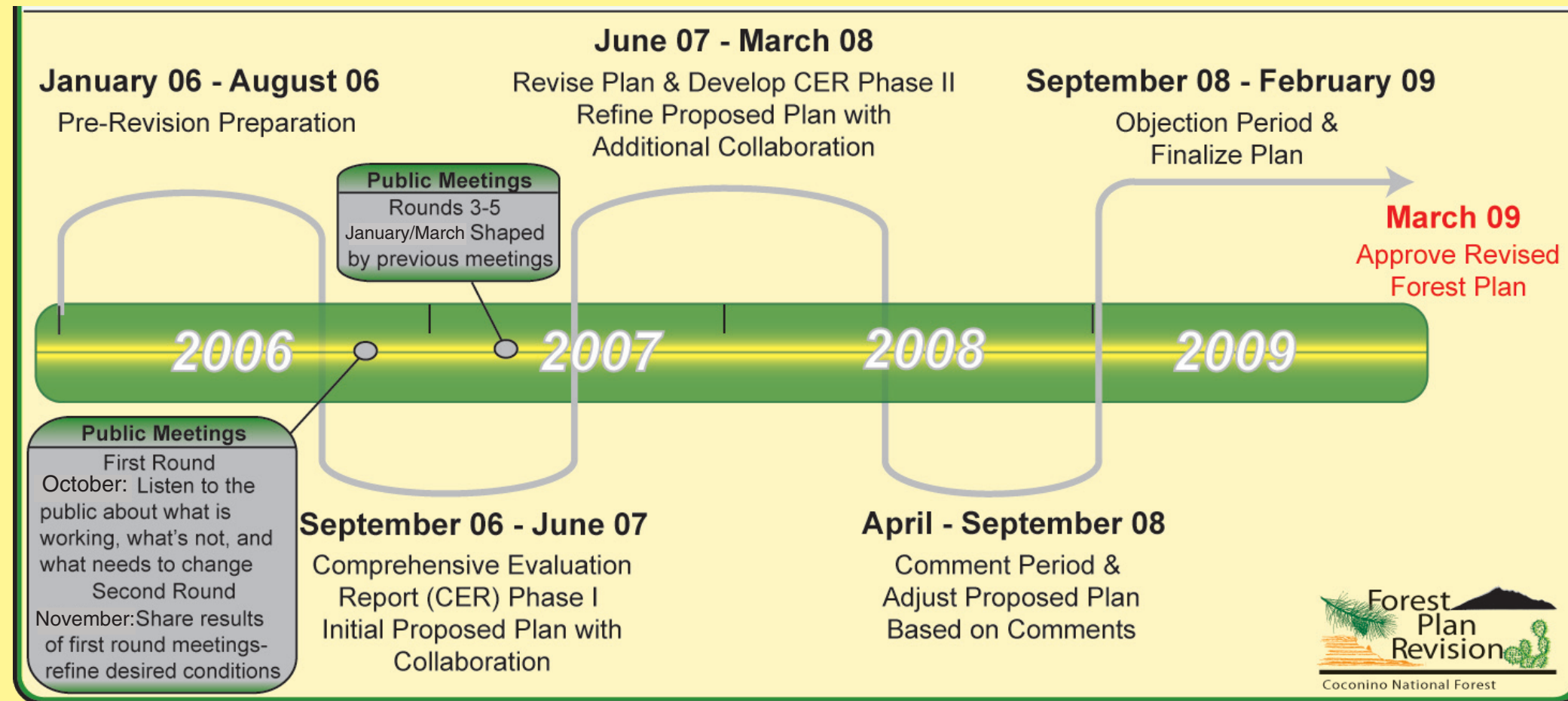
Travel Management Rule

More Americans than ever are using off-highway vehicles (OHV) to enjoy the outdoors. Motorized use of national forests is a valid and valued activity. In the right places it offers an opportunity for people to enjoy our public lands. However, if not managed carefully, motorized recreation can damage both the land and the resources that visitors come to enjoy. In 2005, the Forest Service published a new rule for providing motor vehicle access to national forests and grasslands. It requires each national forest and grassland to designate those roads, trails, and areas open to motorized use. Designated routes and areas will be identified on a motor vehicle use map. The rule itself does not designate roads or areas for motor vehicles but provides a framework for making those decisions at the local level.

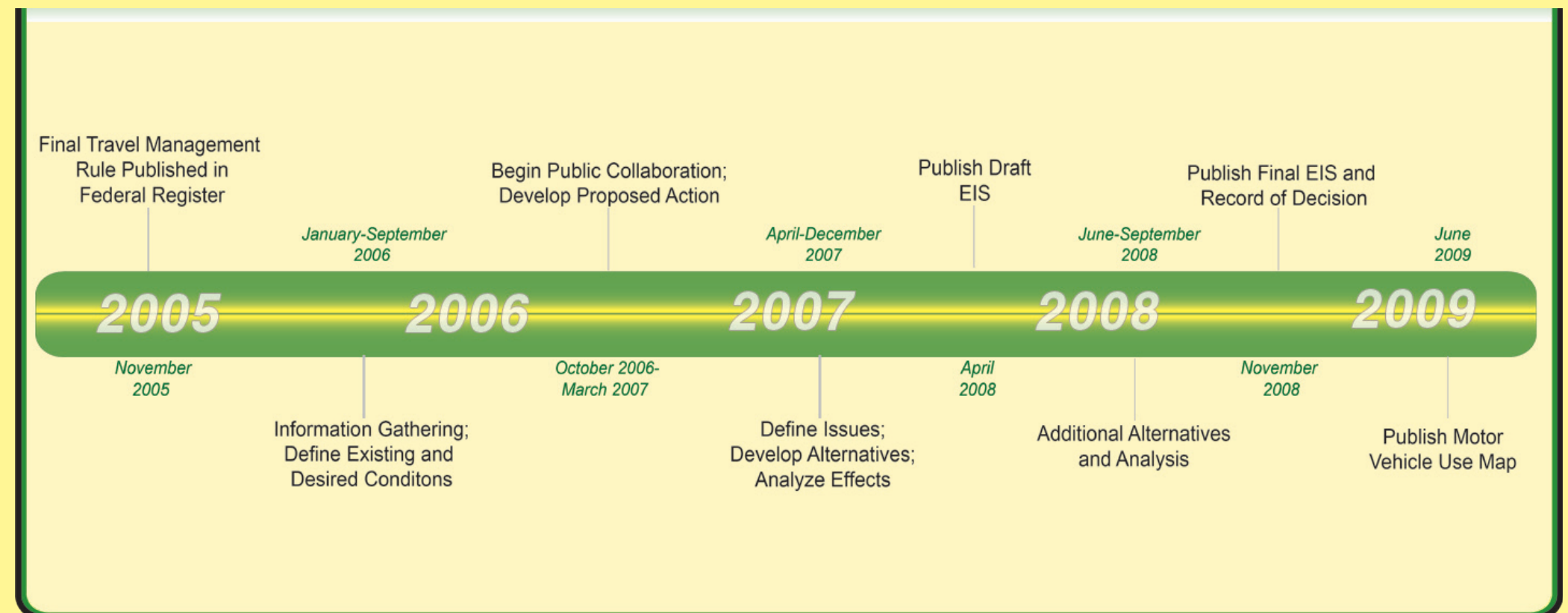
The Coconino National Forest is beginning this process that will result in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a motor vehicle use map. This is a public process and you will be able to participate. If you care which roads, trails, or areas should be open or closed to motor vehicles, we hope you will get involved.

For both projects, see the timeline inside and the list of public meetings on back.

Coconino National Forest Forest Plan Revision Timeline



Coconino National Forest Travel Management Planning Time Line



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES*

Forest Plan Revision Meetings

LOCATION	DATE	TIME *	PROJECT
Happy Jack Lodge	October 3, 2006	5:30-8:00pm	Forest Plan Revision
Blue Ridge	November 14, 2006	5:30-8:00pm	
Sinagua High School	October 4, 2006	5:30-8:00pm	Forest Plan Revision
Flagstaff	November 15, 2006	5:30-8:00pm	
Winslow High	October 5, 2006	5:30-8:00pm	Forest Plan Revision
Winslow	November 16, 2006	5:30-8:00pm	
Days Inn Airport	October 7, 2006	1:00-3:30pm	Forest Plan Revision
Phoenix	November 18, 2006	1:00-3:30pm	
Cliff Castle Casino	October 11, 2006	5:30-8:00pm	Forest Plan Revision
CampVerde	November 13, 2006	5:30-8:00pm	

*Formal working sessions start promptly @ 6pm or 1:30pm

Tribal Collaboration

Collaborative meetings with local tribes are currently being developed and planned. Please check our website or contact us at the number below for more information.

Travel Management Open Houses

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	PROJECT
Coconino High	October 14, 2006	1:00-4:00pm	Travel Management Open House
Happy Jack Lodge	October 16, 2006	5:30-8:00pm	Travel Management Open House
Days Inn Airport	October 17, 2006	5:30-8:30pm	Travel Management Open House
Cliff Castle Casino	October 18, 2006	5:30-8:00pm	Travel Management Open House
CampVerde			
Winslow High	October 19, 2006	5:30-8:00pm	Travel Management Open House
Winslow			

Travel Management Public Feedback Sessions

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	PROJECT
Coconino High	November 4, 2006	1:00-5:00pm	Travel Management Feedback Session
Happy Jack Lodge	November 6, 2006	3:00-7:00pm	Travel Management Feedback Session
Blue Ridge			
Winslow High	November 8, 2006	3:00-7:00pm	Travel Management Feedback Session
Winslow			
Cliff Castle Casino	November 9, 2006	3:00-7:00pm	Travel Management Feedback Session
CampVerde			

*Please check our website (www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino) prior to all public meetings or call (928)527-3600 to confirm date, time and location. If you have special needs or concerns regarding accessibility, please contact Amber Ramirez at (928)527-3494 or amberramirez@fs.fed.us.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Each national forest in Arizona is at various stages in revising their forest plan. If you would like additional information or are interested in becoming involved in the revision process for any of the national forests in Arizona, please contact the nearest Forest Service office or visit them on the web.

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1824 S. Thompson Street
Flagstaff, AZ 86001-2529
(928) 527-3600
www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/plan-revision

Southwestern Region

Regional Office
333 Broadway Blvd., SE
Albuquerque, NM 87102-3498
(505) 842-3292 or TTY (505) 842-3198
www.fs.fed.us/r3/plan-revision

Apache Sitgreaves National Forest

309 S. Mountain Avenue
P.O. Box 640
Springerville, AZ 85938
(928) 333-4301 or TTY (928) 333-6292
www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf/plan-revision

Coronado National Forest

Federal Building
300 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701
(520) 388-8300 or TTY (520) 388-8304
www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/plan-revision

Kaibab National Forest

800 S. 6th Street
Williams, AZ 86046
(928) 635-8200 or TTY (928) 635-8222
www.fs.fed.us/r3/kai/plan-revision

Prescott National Forest

344 S. Cortez Street
Prescott, AZ 86303-4398
(928) 443-8000 or TTY (928) 443-8001
www.fs.fed.us/r3/prescott/plan-revision

Tonto National Forest

2324 E. McDowell Road
Phoenix, AZ 85006
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