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RE: Peloncillo FireScape Scoping Project

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) is a 501c-3 organization dedicated to wildlife conservation, habitat improvement, youth recruitment and retention, as well as educating outdoor enthusiasts on issues important to their passions. AZSFWC's 38 member, associate and affiliate organizations reach across the spectrum of wildlife conservation, hunting, angling, shooting sports, and outdoor recreation groups from across Arizona, representing more than 27,000 people.

AZSFWC appreciates the opportunity to comment on your proposed Peloncillo FireScape Project. Habitat improvement is a key component of our mission and AZSFWC has been a longtime supporter of habitat enhancement initiatives on our public lands.

AZSFWC concurs with the **Proposed Action** as outlined in your May 10, 2023 letter. Your **Background, Management Direction, and Purpose and Need** are self-explanatory.

We have only one additional comment with respect to the various partners you intend to collaborate with; please add the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) to that list.

AZSFWC appreciates the past partnership between the Coronado National Forest and AZGFD when it comes to outdoor recreation, access issues and of course wildlife management in Arizona. We encourage that dialog to continue through the scoping and planning process for the betterment of our wildlife and the positive impact the habitat enhancement would provide with the Peloncillo FireScape Project.

Thank you!

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Jim Unmacht
Executive Director

AZSFWC support of the Peloncillo FireScape Scoping Project – 6-12-23

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