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Re: Comments on Forest Plan Revision

To whom it may concern,

Yavapai County Staff is appreciative of the opportunity to comment on the proposed Land and Resource Management Plan for the Coconino National Forest. The proposed draft appears to be in general conformance with the updated Yavapai County Comprehensive Plan and adds to the implementation of the County Plan.

Yavapai County encourages the Coconino National Forest to continue to work with the unincorporated communities to consider their needs for recreational opportunities in their respective areas. Continued partnership in regional planning efforts will help develop guidelines to mitigate undesired impact to public lands and maintain recreation and transportation opportunities for the public.

Although the county appreciates the focus that the plan may place on the Red Rock area, it is important to note that there are other areas/communities within the plan's scope that offer excellent resources for recreational opportunities that are both supported by the comprehensive plan and individual community vision statements. It is noted that the Beaver Creek community has adopted a Vision statement that has been endorsed by Yavapai County. Staff finds it prudent to consider this statement when making recommendations for this area specifically.

Yavapai County looks forward to our continued partnership in future planning efforts.

Respectfully,

Thomas Thurman, Dist. 2 Supervisor  
Yavapai County

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