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Comments: The Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department-Traditional Culture Program (NNHPD-TCP) is in receipt of the proposed Forest Plan Revision Update in regards to the Coconino National Forest.

After reviewing your consultation documents, NNHPD-TCP has concluded the undertaking/project will not impact Navajo traditional cultural resources. The NNHPD-TCP, on behalf of the Navajo Nation has no concerns at this time.

However the determination made by the NNHPD-TCP does not necessarily mean that the Navajo Nation has no interests or concerns with the proposed project. The NNHPD-TCP would appreciate a hard copy of the Forest Plan Revision as soon as it is available. If the proposed project inadvertently discovers habitation sites, plant gathering areas, human remains and objects of cultural patrimony, the NNHPD TCP request that we be notified respectively in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). The Navajo Nation claims cultural affiliation to all Anasazi people (periods from Archaic to Pueblo IV) of the southwest. The Navajo Nation makes this claim through Navajo oral history and ceremonial history, which has been documented as early as 1880 and taught from generation to generations.

The NNHPD-TCP appreciates the Coconino National Forest's consultation efforts regarding this project. Should you have any additional concerns and/or questions do not hesitate to contact me electronically at tonv@navajohistoricpreservation.org or telephone at 928-871-7750.