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Comments: Support Wildlife and Sustainable Recreation in Coconino National Forest

Dear Ms. Lewah Lau,

As a resident of Arizona, I often visit the incredibly beautiful and majestic Coconino National Forest. I am writing to ask you to protect that area from development and abuse. The failure to enforce protection for wildlife, including the use of motorized vehicles where they don't belong, trails has led to increased degradation of these public lands. Many species are threatened or endangered. More protective requirements -- not fewer -- are needed to ensure they survive. The new forest plan should require implementation of formal recovery plans, rather than merely referencing them, and retain the existing binding standards and guidelines that were designed to ensure at-risk plants and animals are protected.

We need to save the old trees and prevent livestock grazing: substantial damage to vegetation and water resources already exists due to past grazing practices. The new forest plan should restrict the extent and intensity of livestock grazing to allow vegetation and aquatic ecosystems to recover, and it should prohibit grazing near rivers and streams.

Thank you for considering these comments, and for your hard work as an environmental steward of our public lands.

Sincerely,

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