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Comments: THIS RDEIS HAS BEEN WRITTEN IN A MANNER THAT PURPOSELY DECEIVES THE PUBLIC. THERE IS NO MENTION OF THE THOUSANDS OF MILES OF ROADS CURRENTLY OPEN TO TRAVEL BY THE PUBLIC THAT WILL BE CLOSED. THESE ROADS ARE NOT REFLECTED IN THE DATA OR DISCUSSED IN THE VERBAGE OF THE RDEIS.

THE COMMENT PERIOD ON THIS RDEIS SHOULD BE EXTENDED. A PUBLIC MEETING WAS HELD IN HEBER/OVERGAARD ON 10/24/19. FIVE DAYS TO STUDY THE RDEIS IS SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH TIME TO READ & UNDERSTAND THE HUNDREDS OF PAGES OF PRINTED MATERIAL, LOOK AT THE MAPS & MAKE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS.

THE MANY ROADS THE FS INTENDS TO CLOSE ARE A GREAT BENEFIT TO FIRE SUPPRESSION. WITH LITTLE USE OVER TIME MANY OF THESE ROADS WILL CLOSE THEMSELVES NATURALLY. THIS WILL RESULT IN SLOWER RESPONSE TIMES BY MEN & EQUIPMENT WHO WILL HAVE TO OPEN THE ROAD TO SUPPRESS WILDFIRES. PREDOMINANT WINDS IN THIS AREA ARE FROM THE SOUTHWEST. NO ROADS 10 MILES SOUTH OR WEST OF A COMMUNITY SHOULD BE CLOSED. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE INFORMATION OR DATA IN THE RDEIS CONCERNING FIRE PROTECTION.

MY CHILDREN & I HAVE HUNTED ON ARIZONA NATIONAL FORESTS SINCE 1964. WE HAVE NEVER BEEN DISRUPTED WHILE HUNTING BY ANOTHER HUNTER RETRIEVING GAME WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE NOR HAVE WE DISRUPTED ANOTHER HUNTER WHILE RETRIEVING GAME OURSELVES. REGULATION THAT PROHIBITS USING A MOTOR VEHICLE TO RETRIEVE DEER WILL MAKE CRIMINALS OUT OF GOOD PEOPLE.

THE RDEIS STATES ONLY 3.5% OF FOREST VISITORS BELIEVE DISPERSED CAMPSITE LOCATIONS ARE A MAJOR CONCERN. THIS MIGHT BE TRUE OF VISITORS IN THE WOODS CANYON LAKE PARKING LOT ON 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND BUT CERTAINLY WOULD NOT BE TRUE BEGINNING AFTER LABOR DAY UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MEMORIAL DAY ANYWHERE ON THE FOREST.

THE RDEIS STATES THAT UNDER ALTERNATIVE #2 50% OF EXISTING DISPERSED CAMPSITE LOCATIONS WOULD BE LOST. FOREST VISITOR CONFLICTS WILL INCREASE.

A CENTURY OF PROFESSIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT & TRAVEL MANAGEMENT WILL DELIVER DIMINISHED FOREST VISITOR SATISFACTION & INCREASED FOREST VISITOR CONFLICT.