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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Tonto Forest Plan. I have reviewed the four alternatives and generally agree with Alternative B being the preferred plan. The 1985 plan (Alternative A) is outdated and improvements are needed going forward. Alternative C which relies mostly on natural forces to shape the forest, does not adequately address actions needed to improve degraded conditions due to historical abuses of the land and better management of areas with intensive human usage. Alternative D gives too much priority to economic resource utilization which will over time result in the overall degradation of the long term health of the forest.

Alternative B was designed to balance the often times conflicting uses of the forest. Key sensitive areas are to be a focus of protection and restoration without putting an excessive amount of land "off limits" for other uses. Recreational and economic usage is allowed in specific areas with improvements to be made in managing these activities. Our forests need to be managed for multiple-use and sustained yields. Alternative B strives best to achieve this goal.