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Comments: The Tonto National Forest is home to 19 threatened and endangered species, and 50 species of conservation concern. Of course, the Forest Service under the Trump administration favors grazing, mining, logging and motorized recreation to the detriment of numerous fish and wildlife species. Inventoried Roadless Areas and even the few places recommended for wilderness protection will be vulnerable to off-road vehicles.

Forest Service (USFS) please grant the Tonto the strongest protections possible. The vast majority of the public want the Tonto protected and preserved for ourselves as well as future generations. National Forests are so designated as such because they belong to our nation's occupants, " we the people, " who want to appreciate their peace and quiet, natural beauty, solitude, sounds of nature, wildlife, etc. The Tonto provides a much needed escape from the noise, chaos, craziness, hectic pace that puts so much stress in our day to day lives.

Because we all need a respite from the stressors and pressures of our daily living, I am strongly urging the USFS to:

Designate all Inventoried Roadless Areas as non-motorized;

Manage Recommended Wilderness as true wilderness in order to preserve their chances for future designation;

Include an objective that removes all unnecessary roads over the life of the forest plan; and

Establish standards that truly protects fish and wildlife, and restores and connect their habitat.