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Comments: I do not agree with extending the wilderness area or as test area on tonto or within the Chrysotile allotment. I'm the current permittee of the Chrysotile allotment which is has several mining claims located within it roads, improvements and future wildlife and cattle improvements are slated on the allotment. "When Congress passed and President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Wilderness Act on September 3, 1964, it created the National Wilderness Preservation System. The initial statutory wilderness areas, designated in the Act, comprised 9.1 million acres (37,000 km²) of national forest wilderness areas in the United States of America previously protected by administrative orders. The current amount of areas designated by the NWPS as wilderness totals 757 areas encompassing 109.5 million acres of federally owned land in 44 states and Puerto Rico (5% of the land in the United States).

Also I don't agree at all with listing the Salt River as Wild and Scenic. We are currently fenced off 80% of the river due the sucker fish which does not exist and this has only allowed the White Mountain tribe cattle to cross the river and take up residence up to the fence on the Tonto that was used to fence us off. . Since the Tribes are sovereign, and do not have to abide by USFS policy, this designation is incompatible with the intention of Wild and Scenic and unlikely to change. An unenforceable designation limits management tools for the permittee and does little to alter the current experience for recreationists. There are already tools in place to work with permittees for sensible solutions for appropriate desired outcomes.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my comments.

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