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Comments: Comments on the Catalina-Rincon FireScape Project Environmental Assessment

I fully endorse the project and believe that the Finding of No Significant Impact is correct. I do believe that the EA needs to better emphasize the connection to a larger area and the need and desirability for collaboration.

While this EA only analyzes national forest lands and projects, the intent of the process from the beginning was to address all lands within the broader analysis area. The process was supposed to build an on-going collaboration process so that large scale projects could be undertaken across jurisdictional boundaries.

Will the Wilderness Alternative increase costs and slow down implementation?

While buffelgrass within the desert ecosystems, which are not fire adapted, is recognized as a fire problem in the EA there is no proposed treatment. I understand that there are on-going projects, which already have NEPA documents, to deal with buffelgrass. COMMENT: The relationship between buffelgrass management and FireScape should be pointed out in the EA.

Does the EA identify priorities for action? Can work be shifted to different locations if conditions don't allow the work in the planned location?

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