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Comments: Ref Alternative B - Pine Belt Mgt Area

There is no mention of how the Stoneman Lake Road is to be maintained. In other areas of Alt B such as the Red Rock All American Road or the Schnebly Hill Road it speaks to desired conditions and guidelines. I would like to see Stoneman Lake Road maintained at its present level - not improved. No paving or widening. Conversely having it graded 3 or 4 times a year and culverts maintained for proper drainage. Dispersed camping is allowed along much of this road. Improving (paving) would be in conflict with this use as well as other recreation pursuits such as hunting. Light recreation traffic is conducive with dark skies. Heavy traffic at night if the road were to be improved could be in conflict with dark skies. The Discovery telescope is just southeast of the Stoneman Lake Road. Please add wording to protect the present level of maintenance and usage of the Stoneman Lake Road. And keep our dark skies dark with dispersed camping and light recreation use on this roadway.

Ref Alt B - Anderson Mesa

There is no mention of how road conditions are to be maintained. Other areas of Alt B address this issue such as Red Rock All American Road or the Schnebly Hill Road. My concern is that ADOT at some future time will improve and pave FR 125 - the Kinniknick Road between Twin Arrows (new casino) on Hwy I-40 and Lake Mary Road.

There were also proposals to I-17 looking to put a highway across Anderson Mesa intersecting with I-40 east of Flagstaff. Either of these concepts would conflict with the Desired Conditions as stated on pg 126. Wildlife viewing and pronghorn migration would be affected. Recreational opportunities for dispersed camping and hunting would be compromised. Maintain Anderson Mesa as a recreational and ranching area. Do not allow it to be carved up with improved roadways.

Ref - Alternative B pg 164-165 concerning Red Rock All-American Road. There should be mention of large commercial trucks usage being routed on 89A. The roundabouts do not handle large vehicle traffic well. If the commercial vehicle has no business in the Village of Oak Creek he should be encouraged to access Sedona via 89A coming from Hwy 260 Cottonwood.