

TONTO NATIONAL FOREST

Help Shape the Future of Your National Forest!

Revising the Forest Plan will involve several incremental steps over the next few years. During the revision process, we will depend on you to: Share information (conditions, trends) about the Forest

Share your values and ideas on how the Forest should be managed

Help us build a more effective Forest Plan

Who should attend?

All individuals that are involved in or affected by the Tonto National Forests. Plan revision will appeal to folks who are interested in the "big picture" - the strategic plan for managing your forest into the future.


Steps in the Journey

STEP	WHAT YOU CAN DO	WHEN
Initial Public Meetings	Learn about the planning process and let us know what we need to focus on during plan revision	Late Winter/Spring 2007
Comprehensive Evaluation Report (CER)	Provide input to the CER—including current conditions and trends on the Forest. Help review the draft CER.	Late Spring/Summer 2007
Develop the Proposed Plan	Let's work together to develop desired conditions, objectives, special areas, suitability of areas, and monitoring plan.	Late Fall 2007 to Fall 2008
90-day Comment Period	This is your chance to provide formal written comments regarding the proposed plan you've helped to build	Fall 2008 to late Spring 2009
30-day Objection Period	A chance to file a formal objection regarding the proposed plan	Summer 2009
Approve plan	Forest Supervisor approves the plan. Help us implement the revised plan.	Fall 2009 and beyond

How can I participate: Provide us your input at anytime via of the methods listed below.

Website: www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/plan-revision/index.shtm (the "contact us" link)

Email: tonto-plan@fs.fed.us Phone: 602-225-5200 ask for a planning team member

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Dear Forest Stakeholder,

This is an invitation for you to participate in the Tonto Nation Forest (TNF) Land and Resource Management Plan revision process. Public collaboration is at the heart of this forest plan revision that both conserves natural resources and meets the needs of those who enjoy our forest, now and into the future.

There are a variety of ways in which you can participate in forest plan revision:

- **Public meetings:** We will host several public meetings over the next few months in the general proximity of each of the six ranger districts (RD) of the TNF (see dates and locations for the first round of meetings below). Meetings will include informational presentations and small discussion groups designed to encourage shared learning, input and participation.
- **Work groups:** Small work groups may be established to focus on particular forest plan revision topics.
- **Inter-government coordination:** We will coordinate forest plan revision activities with state, local and federal agencies and will consult with nearby Indian tribes.
- **Written input:** In addition to meetings, we will accept comments and input via postal mail, e-mail, fax, or telephone (see contact info below).

The first round of public meetings is scheduled for the following times and locations:

- ✗ **Payson RD – February 26, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at the Tonto Room, Best Western Inn at Payson, 801 N. Beeline Hwy, Payson, AZ
- ✗ **Young/Pleasant Valley RD– February 27, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at Pleasant Valley Community Center, Young, AZ
- Globe RD – March 2, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at Besh-Ba-Gowah Archeological Park conference room, 1100 Jess Hayes Road, Globe, AZ
- Mesa RD – March 5, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at Saguaro Room, Mesa Public Library, 64 East 1 Street, Mesa, AZ
- Tonto Basin RD – March 7, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at Tonto Basin Elementary School gymnasium, 1 School Street, Tonto Basin, AZ
- Cave Creek RD – March 13, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at Paradise Valley Community College, Building KSC room 208, 18401 N. 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ

Times and locations for subsequent public meetings will be announced at a later date.

Enclosed is a reply card for you to let us know how you wish to receive forest plan revision information. We encourage the use of e-mail to reduce costs and improve timeliness and efficiency. If you do not wish to receive information regarding the plan revision, please indicate that on the reply card and return it to our office.

For more information on the forest plan revision process and products (including the Tonto NF Land Management Plan, 1985), please refer to the Tonto NF website and click on Plans and Projects: