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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED FOREST SERVICE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS IN SUPPORT OF GREENLEE COUNTY AND OTHER EASTERN ARIZONA COUNTIES

WHEREAS, Gila County is a member of the Eastern Counties Organization (ECO), an organization comprised of eastern Arizona counties that serves to protect the quality of life and promote the economic development of member counties; and,

WHEREAS, national forests are a vital economic asset for many Arizona counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests play an invaluable role in Greenlee County's status as a tourist destination and Gila County is also affected due to its proximity to the Forests; and,

WHEREAS, an indispensable part of each forest's value is its accessibility, which allows hundreds of thousands of users to enjoy the forest's natural beauty each year; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Forest Service Travel Management Plan for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests would prohibit public use of over 50% of the Forests' road system; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Forest Service Travel Management Plan for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests would severely restrict the public's ability to hunt in the Forests; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Forest Service Travel Management Plan for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests would severely restrict the public's ability to gather firewood in the Forests; and,

WHEREAS, cumulatively, these proposed restrictions represent an unparalleled assault on the public's right to recreate and enjoy the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests; and,

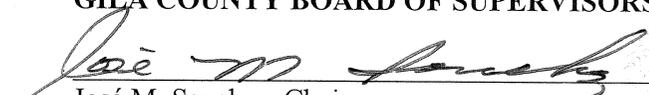
WHEREAS, these restrictions have the potential to devastate eastern Arizona's economy; and,

WHEREAS, this Travel Management Plan would severely limit the ability of rural Arizona counties such as Greenlee County and other eastern Arizona counties to properly utilize the Forests' road system to serve its citizens.

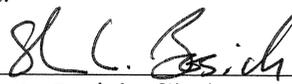
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gila County Board of Supervisors is vehemently opposed to the proposed Forest Service Travel Management Plan for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, and urges Forest Service management to reject these onerous and unnecessary restrictions on the public's use of its Forests.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of February 2008, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


José M. Sanchez, Chairman

Attest:


Steven L. Besich, Clerk

