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Subject: Tonto NF - Draft Need for Change Comments
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I appreciate this opportunity to provide comments on the draft Tonto NF need for change findings. Please consider adding to the list of Need for Change statements the following finding, which supports the implementation of the National Trails System Act: “53. There is a need for the revised plan to locate the Arizona National Scenic Trail management corridor and to establish plan components that provide for the nature and purposes of this National Scenic Trail.”

The revised Plan needs to address the National Trails System Act provisions as implemented through the FSM 2353 and FSH 1909.12 policy direction. To assist the planning team with finalizing the assessment and preparing the NEPA proposed action and alternatives, I have attached an Arizona NST Planning Handbook that addresses National Trails System Act, NFMA, and NEPA considerations.

To assist with public review of the proposed action and DEIS, please post at the appropriate time geospatial data that supports proposed action, DEIS alternatives, and maps. Posted NEPA proposed action and alternatives data should include the following geospatial information/data layers:

- Recommended Wilderness and the extent of proposed and established Designated Areas including the proposed management corridor for the Arizona National Scenic Trail (FSH 1909.12 24.43)
- AZNST travel route as an independent data layer
- Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Class to be established - Summer
- Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Class to be established - Winter
- Scenic Integrity Objectives/Levels to be established
- Inventoried Roadless Areas
- Lands that May be Suitable for Timber Production
- NFS roads and trails with attribute data
- Land Ownership

Please contact me at NSTrail@comcast.net if you have any questions. Thank you for accepting and considering these comments.

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