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Preliminary Proposed Plan for the Tonto National Forest Available for Public Review

PHOENIX, November 6th, 2017—For Immediate Release. Beginning November 6, 2017, the public and interested parties will have 45 days to formally submit comments to the Forest Service on its [Preliminary Proposed Plan](#). This plan, in turn, is the first step toward revising the current Tonto National Forest land and resource management plan.

Public and resource specialist feedback helped develop the Preliminary Proposed Plan. In addition to its role in updating the 1985 version of the Tonto National Forest Plan, the Preliminary Proposed Plan will address the issues identified in the assessment. It consists of desired conditions, objectives, standards, guidelines, and management approaches for forest resources.

Alternative ways to view a copy of the Preliminary Proposed Plan include visiting the [Tonto National Forest Plan Revision](#) website and by emailing tontoplan@fs.fed.us or calling (602) 225-5200 to request a copy.

Interested parties can learn more about the Preliminary Proposed Plan by viewing this [video](#) produced by the Tonto Plan Revision team.

Comments on the Preliminary Proposed Plan are most useful if received by December 21st, 2017. They can be submitted in the following ways:

- By e-mail to: tontoplan@fs.fed.us
- By mail to: Tonto National Forest, Tonto Plan Revision, 2324 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85006

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Comments received on the Preliminary Proposed Plan, along with the names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record and subject to the Freedom of Information Act requests. Those who submit substantive formal comments during the plan revision process will have grounds for objections during future phases of the project. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered in the NEPA process, however, anonymous commenters will not have standing and subsequently will not be able to participate in the objection process.

The Tonto National Forest is committed to collaborating with the public at various stages throughout the planning process. To facilitate public participation, the Tonto National Forest will host eight [Plan Revision Public Meetings](#) in November 2017 to discuss the Preliminary Proposed Plan.

Interested parties will have additional opportunities to provide input throughout the Plan Revision process. Visit the [Tonto National Forest Plan Revision](#) website to learn more about how to get involved in the forest plan revision process.

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