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FOIA APPEAL - Response 2026-FS-R3-00237-F

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am appealing the Tonto National Forest's response to my FOIA request 2026-FS-R3-00237-F, submitted on November 5, 2025.

On March 11, 2026, I received a response to that request (attached) which was entirely inadequate.

This is what I asked for in my request:

"On March 13, 2025, the Mesa Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest rescinded the 2024-2025 annual operating instructions for the Reavis-Tortilla grazing allotment. According to that notice, the 2024-2025 AOI was signed on September 17, 2024. Please send me a copy of that AOI."

As you can see in the FOIA response I received, it said that the AOI I requested, "was rescinded and the rescinded document was shared with you in another request." And that, "As such, we were unable to locate any documents responsive to your request. Accordingly, we are closing this case."

Yes, I know it was rescinded! I was obviously asking for a copy of the original 2024-2025 AOI which was in effect from when it was issued in September 2024 until it was rescinded in March 2025 - a period of about 6 months. This AOI is important because it was only the second one issued for this grazing allotment in more than 30 years.

It's difficult to believe that the original AOI no longer exists and can't be found.

Please email me a copy of the Reavis-Tortilla grazing allotment's 2024-2025 annual operating instructions (AOI) issued in September 2024, as I requested.

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