

DECISION NOTICE

and

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Management of the  
Reavis and Tortilla  
Grazing Allotments

U.S.D.A. Forest Service  
Tonto National Forest  
Mesa Ranger District  
Maricopa and Pinal  
Counties, Arizona

An Environmental Assessment that discusses the alternatives for management of the Reavis and Tortilla grazing allotments is available for public review at the Mesa Ranger District Office in Mesa, Arizona and at the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, Arizona.

It is my decision to adopt alternative C which will require management planning for the present livestock operation on the allotments.

In addition to the proposed alternative, two other alternatives were evaluated.

- (a) No Action - This alternative would maintain the present livestock operation with no management planning.
- (b) This alternative would convert the present yearling permit to a year-long cow/calf permit. A management plan would be developed and implemented for the cow/calf operation.

Alternatives A & B would not be compatible with the management objectives for Area 3B (east end of the Superstition Wilderness) as described in the proposed Tonto National Forest Plan. This area includes approximately 90 percent of the full capacity range on the two allotments. The proposed alternative is compatible with the management objective for this area.

I have determined, based on the environmental analysis, that this is not a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore an environmental impact statement is not needed. This determination was made considering the following factors;

- (a) The objectives for management of the Reavis and Tortilla allotments as outlined in the Environmental Assessment.
- (b) There are no significant irreversible resource commitments.
- (c) There are no apparent adverse cumulative or secondary effects.
- (d) The physical and biological effects are limited to the area of planned management.
- (e) No known threatened or endangered plants or animals would be adversely affected by this proposal.

This decision is subject to administrative review pursuant to 36 CRF 211.10. Allotment management planning may begin immediately following signing of this decision notice.

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DATE

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