

January 7, 2008

Appeal Deciding Officer  
Daryl Jevons, Acting Forest Supervisor  
Elaine Zieroth, Forest Supervisor  
Apache-Sitgreaves Forest Supervisor's Office  
30 S. Chiricahua Drive  
P.O. Box 640  
Springerville, AZ 85938

Re: Long Tom Grazing Allotment Management Plan Decision Notice Appeal

Dear Ms. Zieroth and Mr. Jevons:

While unable to formally join the appeal process for the Long Tom Grazing Allotment Management Plan Decision, the Arizona Wildlife Federation desires to make known our support of said appeal by the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society based on our recognition, through independent study, of the inadequacy of the proposed alternative in addressing poor range conditions documented in the EA and in the USFS Analysis.

It is our belief that domestic sheep grazing on this allotment has created negative habitat impacts, which the proposed alternative will not mitigate or modify in any significant manner, and which does not satisfy Forest Plan guidelines.

Sincerely,

Ryna Rock, President  
Arizona Wildlife Federation

CC: Kate Klein, District Ranger, Black Mesa Ranger District, Deciding Officer  
David McCasland, President, Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society