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Mr. Kelly Jardine, District Ranger
Tonto Basin Ranger District /Tonto National Forest
28079 N. AZ Hwy 188
Roosevelt, AZ 85545

File Code: 1950

Re: Gila County Comments regarding the proposed Tonto Basin Green Waste Disposal Site project on the Tonto Basin Ranger District.

Dear District Ranger Jardine,

In response to the request for public comment regarding the proposed Tonto Basin Green Waste Disposal Site, the Gila County Board of Supervisors would like to provide the following comments. The Board of Supervisors of Gila County strongly supports this proposal to provide a solution for green waste collection and disposal for the residents of the Tonto Basin area.

Gila County is a stakeholder and partner in reducing the risks of catastrophic fire and protecting private property. With 96% Federal land in Gila County we recognize and understand the importance of protecting our natural resources and reducing wildland fire risks around all of the local communities. Creating a convenient location to properly handle green waste will greatly assist with controlling random dumping of waste and accumulation of fuels in the National Forest. This proposed action will also provide support of the community in compliance with the Southern Gila County Community Wildfire Prevention Plan.

The Gila County Board of Supervisors thanks you for the opportunity to comment and requests to be kept informed and included in the process as this proposed project continues.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Pastor
Chairman
Gila County Board of Supervisors

Date