CWD will be increased in those areas where they are shown to be in deficit for wildlife habitat use. Potential methods to achieve this desired level of CWD includes falling and leaving trees >16”dbh, and recruitment of CWD through prescribed burning activities that will create some snags which will eventually contribute to CWD levels. Growth and vigor of oaks will be promoted where needed by clearing overtopping conifers.

• Identify and monitor OHV trails for restoration or reclamation needs and use approved methods to complete these activities. Possible restoration activities could be maintenance and improvements to approved trails signage on non approved trails, and obliteration and reclamation of these trails.

• Identify forest roads that could be causing resource damage and use approved methods for construction and maintenance of these areas. The possible activities could be replacing plugged or non functioning culverts or grading of road surfaces to keep offsite soil movement to a minimum. Replacing damaged or missing road signs.

• Identify and improve resources for range management. Activities could include maintenance of stock drives, drift fence’s and cattle guard’s.

Grey’s Mountain Ecological Restoration Project encompasses 9,600 acres. Of which the following acres would be analyzed for treatments; 2,770 acres of Tractor, 220 acres of prescribed burning, 318 acres of mastication, 100 acres of hand work, and 110 acres of meadow restoration.

Possible Alternatives

To comply with NEPA, the Forest Service will evaluate additional alternatives to the proposed action developed based on public comments. A no action alternative to provide a baseline for comparison to the action alternatives will be included within the EIS. Each alternative will be explored and evaluated, or rationale will be given for eliminating an alternative from detailed study.

Responsible Official

The Responsible Deciding Official is Scott G. Armentrout, Forest Supervisor, Sierra National Forest, 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93612.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Forest Supervisor will decide whether to implement the proposed action, take an alternative action that meets the purpose and need or take no action.

Scoping Process

The notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The project is included in the Sierra National Forest’s quarterly schedule of proposed actions (SOPA). Information on the proposed action will also be posted on the Sierra National Forests Web site, http://fs.fed.us/r5/sierra/projects, and will also be advertised in both the Fresno Bee and the Oakhurst Sierra Star. This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Comments submitted during this scoping period should be in writing and should be specific to the proposed action. The comments should describe as clearly and completely as possible any issues the commenter has with the proposal. It is important reviewers provide their comments at such times in such a manner that they are useful to the agency’s preparation on the environmental impact statement.

Dated: July 8, 2011.

Scott G. Armentrout,
Forest Supervisor, Sierra National Forest.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Springerville, Arizona. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the Title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to review and recommend funding of project proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 8, 2011 beginning at 10:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and continue on August 9, 2011 beginning at 8:30 a.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m. This meeting was originally scheduled to be held on June 8 and June 9, 2011, but had to be postponed because of mandatory evacuations and health and safety concerns associated with the Wallow Wildfire.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Supervisor’s Office conference room, located at 30 South Chiricahua Drive. Written comments may be submitted as described under Supplementary Information.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Supervisor’s Office, located at 30 South Chiricahua Drive. Please call ahead to 928–333–6280 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Faith Rivera, RAC Program Manager, Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, telephone 928–333–6280, or jfrivera@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. Requests for reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings may be made by contacting the person listed For Further Information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following business will be conducted: The Resource Advisory Committee will review and recommend funding of project proposals. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by August 1, 2011 to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Attention RAC Program Manager, P.O. Box 640, Springerville, Arizona, or by e-mail to jfrivera@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 928–333–5966.

Dated: July 8, 2011.

James E. Zornes,
Deputy Forest Supervisor.