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Jim Unmacht **Executive Director** Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation P.O. Box 75731 New River, AZ 85087

Dear Mr. Unmacht:

I received your objection (#20-03-00-0008-O218) to the draft Record of Decision for Travel Management on the Tonto National Forest released by Forest Supervisor Neil Bosworth. You filed the objection on behalf of the Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation. The legal notice of the pre-decisional objection filing period was published on October 4, 2019. You submitted specific written comments during a designated comment period and your objection has been filed in a timely manner. Your objection will be reviewed in accordance with the provisions of 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B.

My staff and I are reviewing the objections received for the Final Supplemental Environment Impact Statement. I have decided to exercise my discretion under 36 CFR 218.26(b) to extend the time for objection review and resolution. This will allow the Forest Service to conduct a thorough review of the issues. With this extension, I intend to issue my final written response no later than February 3, 2020. Questions regarding the processing of your objection should be directed to Blair Halbrooks at (540) 842-3256 or by email to blair.halbrooks@usda.gov

Sincerely,

SANDRA WATTS

Deputy Regional Forester

cc: Neil Bosworth, Greg Schuster, Blair Halbrooks, Marianne Thomas



