RESOLUTION NO. 08-02-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED TONTO NATIONAL FOREST’S RECREATION FACILITY ANALYSIS FIVE-YEAR PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORK AND PROGRAMMATIC RESULTS OF IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, national forests are a vital economic asset for many Arizona counties; and,

WHEREAS, Gila County, Arizona’s land base is approximately 60% Tonto National Forest; and,

WHEREAS, any decisions regarding the management of the Tonto National Forest has a significant and direct impact on the citizens and the economy of Gila County; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Tonto National Forest’s “Recreation Facility Analysis Five-Year Proposed Program of Work and Programmatic Results of Implementation” has the potential to limit our citizen’s ability to access and enjoy the Tonto National Forest; and,

WHEREAS, the Gila County Board of Supervisors were not sufficiently involved in the process that created this Recreation Facility Analysis to make an informed decision regarding its potential impact on our residents; and,

WHEREAS, the 23 page “Recreation Facility Analysis Five-Year Proposed Program of Work and Programmatic Results of Implementation” does not include enough specific documentation to assess the direct and actual impact on either local citizens or visitors to Gila County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gila County Board of Supervisors is opposed to the Tonto National Forest’s “Recreation Facility Analysis Five-Year Proposed Program of Work and Programmatic Results of Implementation,” and urges Forest Service management to reject this and all other onerous and unnecessary restrictions on the public’s use of its Forests.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of February 2008, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

[Signature]
José M. Sanchez, Chairman

Attest:

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Steven L. Besich, Clerk