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## Dear Interested Party:

The National Park Service's Record of Decision (ROD) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) of the Fire Management Plan (FMP) at Grand Canyon National Park was published in the Federal Register on March 5, 2010. The ROD documents the decision about how fire is conducted at Grand Canyon National Park and sets the direction for how the fire plan is implemented and monitored.

In the FEIS, the National Park Service has selected Alternative B, Mixed Fire Treatment Program, as the Preferred Alternative.

The Preferred Alternative restores resilient forest conditions, maintains park ecosystems with prescribed and wildland fire, and reduces hazard fuels in Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) areas using prescribed and non-fire treatments. This Preferred Alternative will ensure that the park can better manage forest resources and enhance the protection of unique natural and cultural resources as well as improving visitor experience.

The ROD and the FEIS are posted on the PEPC website at www. parkplanning.nps.gov/GRCA.

The final *Plan* which describes how fire will be implemented and monitored will be posted in the future on the Grand Canyon National Park fire website at <a href="http://www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/fire\_fmp\_docs.htm">http://www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/fire\_fmp\_docs.htm</a> and the Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <a href="http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov">http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov</a>.

For information or questions concerning the fire plan, contact Chris Marks, Deputy Fire Management Officer, at 928-638-7820.

For National Environmental Policy Act compliance questions, contact Edward Bennett, Office of Planning and Compliance, at 928-638-7695.

We thank you for your continued interest in Grand Canyon National Park resources.

Sincerely,

Steve Martin
Superintendent

