WILDERNESS IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

GALIURO WILDERNESS

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Galiuro Wilderness is a 76,317 acre wilderness located on the Safford Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest. The Safford Ranger District has administrative responsibility for the wilderness. The Galiuro Wilderness was designated as the Galiuro Primitive Area on October 21, 1932 and contained about 55,000 acres. On June 19, 1940 the area was designated as the Galiuro Wild Area. On September 3, 1964 the area was designated as the Galiuro Wilderness by the Wilderness Act and the acreage was revised to 52,717 acres. The wilderness area was enlarged by the Arizona Wilderness Act of 1984 to its current acreage. The Galiuro Wilderness Management Plan was approved on November 30, 1972. While outdated, due to the 1984 wilderness additions and the development of the Coronado National Forest Plan, the wilderness plan does provide important information and serves as a general guide.

The wilderness comprises much of the Galiuro Mountains, bounded on the west by the San Pedro River Valley, on the east by Sulphur Springs Valley, and on the northeast by Aravaipa Valley. While it appears as a knife-edge from a distance it is actually a double range bisected by Rattlesnake and Redfield canyons. Vegetation ranges from semi-desert grassland type to those of the mixed conifer type. Due to the steep, rough terrain and dense vegetative cover of the Galiuro Wilderness, few visitors use areas other than system trails and canyon bottoms.

A purpose of this schedule is to identify the management actions specified by the Coronado National Forest Plan for the Galiuro Wilderness, assign the position responsible for the accomplishment of the action, estimate the cost of accomplishment and establish the fiscal year the accomplishment is planned. Another purpose of this schedule is to plan the analysis process, including public involvement, to develop management direction, objectives, standards, and guidelines specific to the Galiuro Wilderness to be incorporated into the revision of the Coronado National Forest Plan scheduled for 1998. Inventory information gathered from projects scheduled during the next several years will also be used to determine management direction for this wilderness.

To initiate the process of developing the specific management direction for the Galiuro Wilderness, public involvement letters were sent to known interested individuals in 1992 requesting input on resource and management priorities for the Galiuros. A summary of the current direction in the Coronado National Forest Plan was also included in the mailing. Issues that were identified by individuals who responded were categorized into: recreation and visitor education, trail system and trailheads, signing, historic and cultural resources, fish and wildlife, federally listed threatened or endangered flora and fauna, soil and water, domestic livestock and forage, forest cover, fire, air quality, minerals, landownership, right-of way acquisition and access, other agency coordination, and monitoring. They were considered in developing the Wilderness Implementation Schedule.

This Wilderness Implementation Schedule consists of three parts:

MANAGEMENT ACTIONS TIMETABLE. This table outlines the current management actions contained in the Coronado National Forest Plan specific to the Galiuro Wilderness and recurrent annual actions.

FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT TIMETABLE. This table outlines the analysis process to develop the input for the revision of the Coronado National Forest Plan.

MANAGEMENT ACTION NARRATIVE. This section will briefly describe the situation involved with the management actions outlined in the Management Actions Timetable and provide additional details on costs of accomplishment.

Management Action 1. Wilderness Patrol/Use Inventory.

Situation: Other than certain destination locations such as the Powers Garden area, use has not significantly affected the objective of maintaining an enduring wilderness untrammeled by man. The use received is generally confined to the trail system and accessible canyon bottoms due to the rugged terrain and dense vegetation. The existing Wilderness Plan establishes tentative wilderness capacities and a maximum group size of 15 persons. This maximum group size is comparable with group sizes established for other wilderness areas to preserve the wilderness experience of others and to minimize resource effects. No need to modify this direction has been identified. A 36 Code of Federal Regulation, Subpart B Closure Order will be prepared and instituted to allow enforcement of the established limits. Wilderness Patrol is also necessary for enforcement.

Most use is received in the spring and fall seasons. Patrol during March, April, September, October, and November by two individuals would allow information collection, user education, monitoring, incidental trail maintenance, general cleanup, and enforcement. Information on amount of use and locales will be gathered on all patrols.

NFWM Funding	$17600.00

Management Action 2. Stabilization and Preservation of Powers Cabin (Chimney).

Situation: Powers Cabin is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A preservation plan has been developed and implementation is under way. This action item is the continuance and completion of the preservation plan, annual routine maintenance, and monitoring needed to manage use to preserve this historic site. Volunteers have assisted in past preservation projects and are expected to be important to the future actions at the site. The wilderness patrol in Management Action 1. can accomplish a sufficient level of monitoring along with the other duties of patrol. The chimney of the cabin has collapsed and will need to be reconstructed. The following is the cost estimate for reconstruction of the chimney. This Management Action will be updated as additional projects are identified.

NFCR Funding	$2000.00
NFWM Funding	$3000.00

Management Action 3. National Register Evaluation of Cabin Sites/ Non-conforming Structure Removal.

Situation: The Coronado National Forest Plan specifically calls for the National Register evaluation of Powers Garden and Barn and Hooker Cabin. The field work on Powers Garden and Barn was completed during fiscal year 1993. The determination is that Powers Garden and Barn are not eligible. Hooker Cabin is not considered to be eligible because it was constructed during the 1960's and does not meet the basic criteria for eligibility of being over 50 years old. Another cabin, Knoethe Cabin, needs to be evaluated.

If ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places, cabins in wilderness areas are considered as non-conforming structures , and wilderness management direction is to schedule their removal. This project is to evaluate Knoethe Cabin. The project is also to conduct any environmental analysis necessary to determine use of Powers Garden Administrative Site. Project is to remove non-conforming structures determined to be intrusive.

The Powers Garden and Barn site is used as a Forest Service Administrative Site and is listed as a range improvement on the Grazing Permit held by Mr. Tony Lunt. The facility consists of a 1930's vintage adobe