

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: Sept 8, 2011**

SUBJECT: SAFE Plan Endorsement

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Town Manager's Office

PREPARED BY: Ryan Judy, Deputy Town Manager for Mayor Harvey Skoog and Larry Tarkowski, Town Manager

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: a) Save Arizona's Forest Environment (SAFE) Plan

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: The recent Wallow Fire & other state fires have demonstrated how fragile our forest system has become due to the lack of forest management. Prescott Valley and other quad city members either live close to or in the Prescott National Forest and have been endangered in the past by wildfires.

The Arizona Cattle Growers' Association, concerned by these large fires and loss of natural habitat, has put forth a plan to better manage the forests and prevent the kind of monumental fires we saw this past year. The plan includes restoration of damaged forests, harvesting of salvage timber, reduction of low growth wood that fuels wildfires, and other physical and policy changes to enhance the health of our state forests.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: Council may vote to endorse the SAFE plan or not endorse the plan.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to endorse the SAFE plan as put forth by the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends endorsement of this worthwhile initiative.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: There is no direct fiscal impact by endorsing this plan, but the State of Arizona & subsequently the Town stand to be negatively impacted by the loss of this natural habitat. Tourism will suffer as our natural resources are destroyed and federal, state, and municipal budgets will become strained under the weight of fighting these ever increasing fires.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____