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LWV Releases Landscape Vision Workshop Report

The League of Women Voters of Sedona-Verde Valley, has released "Creating a Landscape Vision of the Verde Valley", its report of a public workshop held in Cottonwood on November 8, 2007. The 18-page report summarizes the workshop process and results and features a preliminary discussion draft of a proposed landscape vision statement for the Verde Valley Community Resource Unit, as defined by the Prescott National Forest. The vision statement is based on review and analysis of comments received at the workshop; and it now is available for further public review and comment.

The November workshop was co-sponsored by Yavapai County Supervisor Chip Davis, the Prescott National Forest, Stewards of Public Lands, Verde Valley 4-Wheelers, Verde Valley Land Preservation Institute and Verde Watershed Association. There were about 60 participants and observers, who worked in small groups to make individual comments, then summarize and prioritize by topics. The results were compiled and a further content analysis was conducted by the League.

The LWV will present the report at the January 16 meeting of the Verde Valley Regional Land Use Planners (VVRUP) and will be circulating the document via e-mail through co-sponsors for further review and discussion until late February. "Verde Valley citizens and groups now have the opportunity to look at the preliminary draft, say what they think," said Judy Miller, LWV project coordinator. "Anyone who has an interest can help create a vision of the overall Verde Valley landscape--from Jerome to Camp Verde and including the east face of the Black Mountain range west of the Verde River," she added. The League's goal is to submit a landscape vision statement to the Prescott National Forest for its future planning purposes by early March 2008.

The report may be viewed at www.verdeconnections.com. Comments will be received until February 22, 2008, and may be sent to the League of Women Voters of Sedona-Verde Valley, P.O. Box 966, Sedona, AZ 86336 or lwsv@yahoo.com. For more information, contact LWV Coordinator Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer at 639-1045 or rcpbauer@aol.com; or Judy Miller at 649-1916 or dnjdymlr@cableone.net.