



*Get the **FACTS**, not the inaccuracies...  
Why we must support the  
Sedona-Red Rock **National Scenic Area***

**Several inaccuracies with no basis in fact are circulating regarding the NSA. Here are those inaccuracies and the facts.**

- It will take privately held lands for public use. ***NOT TRUE*** There is no authority to take private lands.
- It will affect private land use. ***NOT TRUE*** Private, state, or municipal lands are expressly exempt. ***Private land may be bought and sold.***
- It will affect water rights. ***NOT TRUE*** It does not affect or modify existing water rights.
- It will affect other land uses such as grazing rights. ***NOT TRUE*** Existing land uses, such as grazing, will not be affected.
- It will prohibit public infrastructure improvements. ***NOT TRUE*** Counties, municipalities, fire and school districts as well as public utilities can obtain NSA land for infrastructure purposes.
- It will prevent new roads. ***NOT TRUE*** New roads may be built as needed for infrastructure.
- It will create a new layer of government. ***NOT TRUE*** There will be no new layer of government. **The Forest Service Resource management plan remains in effect as the governing document, with the exception of land trades.**
- It isn't flexible for future needs. ***NOT TRUE*** There is no affect on future Forest Service Planning policies with the exception of land trades.
- It has unintended consequences. ***NOT TRUE*** The no land trade policy of Amendment 12 has been in effect for 12 years with no unintended consequences. **The same will be true for the NSA.**
- It will affect lands outside the scenic area. ***NOT TRUE*** The NSA does not affect any state public or private land that is located in the vicinity of the National Forest System included in the NSA.
- It sets a dangerous precedence for restricting future land uses. ***NOT TRUE*** The enabling legislation of every NSA is different, unique to the particular land to be protected. **The Sedona/Red Rock NSA has unique qualities, just as have all other NSAs, and they have needs which require specific protections.**
- It's too big. ***NOT TRUE.*** **The Coconino National Forest contains 1.9 million acres! The Sedona NSA contains 160,000 acres, only 8% of the total, a very small but important piece of land.**
- The scenic area is bigger than all other Forest Service scenic areas combined. ***NOT TRUE*** **There are presently 11 scenic areas (several more pending) that have a combined total of 262,229 acres; there are other NSAs on BLM land as well, one of which, Mojave, is 1.5 million acres.**