

SECTION 426. “NF” ZONE, NATURAL FEATURES AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

A. PURPOSE.

This district is intended to prescribe permissible uses for open space lands owned by the United States Forest Service (USFS), Arizona State Parks, Yavapai County, and the City of Cottonwood, and located within the corporate boundaries of the City. The purpose of the NF zone is to preserve natural landforms, watercourses, and vegetation for conservation and light outdoor recreational uses.

B. PERMITTED USES.

The following uses are permitted, subject to all applicable USFS, State Parks, or County policies, approvals or management provisions.

1. Surfaced or unsurfaced trails for hiking, equestrian, or bicycling use.
2. Drainage facilities designed to preserve and restore natural topography and vegetation to the greatest extent practicable.
3. New construction or expansion of the following, subject to a City Council public hearing, for which notification shall be sent to owners of all parcels within 300 feet of the parcel(s) on which the use is proposed:
 - a. New facilities supporting day-use passive recreational activities such as trailheads and river access points, including parking areas, kiosks, and restrooms.
 - b. Uninhabited public utility structures.
 - c. Extension of public utility lines or roadways.