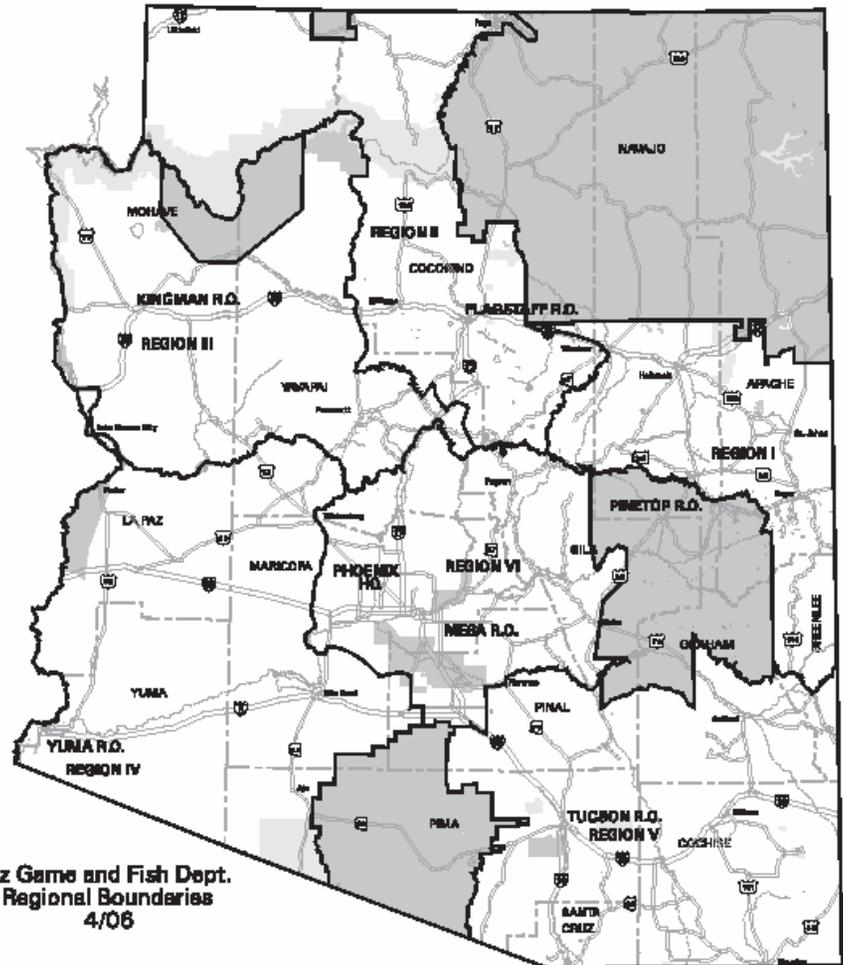


Arizona Game and Fish Department Region V Overview

A photograph of a desert landscape with a wooden sign in the foreground. The sign is rectangular and mounted on two dark posts. The text on the sign is "ARIZONA GAME AND FISH" in a simple, sans-serif font. The background shows a field of low-lying, scrubby vegetation under a clear sky. A tall, thin, spiky plant is visible behind the sign.

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH

AGFD Regional Boundaries



Az Game and Fish Dept.
Regional Boundaries
4/06

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Region I - Pinalop 928-967-4281 | Region IV - Yuma 928-943-0081 |
| Region II - Flagstaff 928-774-6045 | Region V - Tucson 520-828-6378 |
| Region III - Kingman 928-882-7700 | Region VI - Mesa 480-861-8400 |

BLM and Forest Lands in AGFD Region 5

■ Coronado National Forest

- Santa Catalina Ranger District
- Safford Ranger District
- Nogales Ranger District
- Sierra Vista Ranger District
- Douglas Ranger District

■ Bureau of Land Management

- Ironwood Forest National Monument
- San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area
- Las Cienegas National Conservation Area
- Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area
- Safford Field Office
- Tucson Field Office

Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

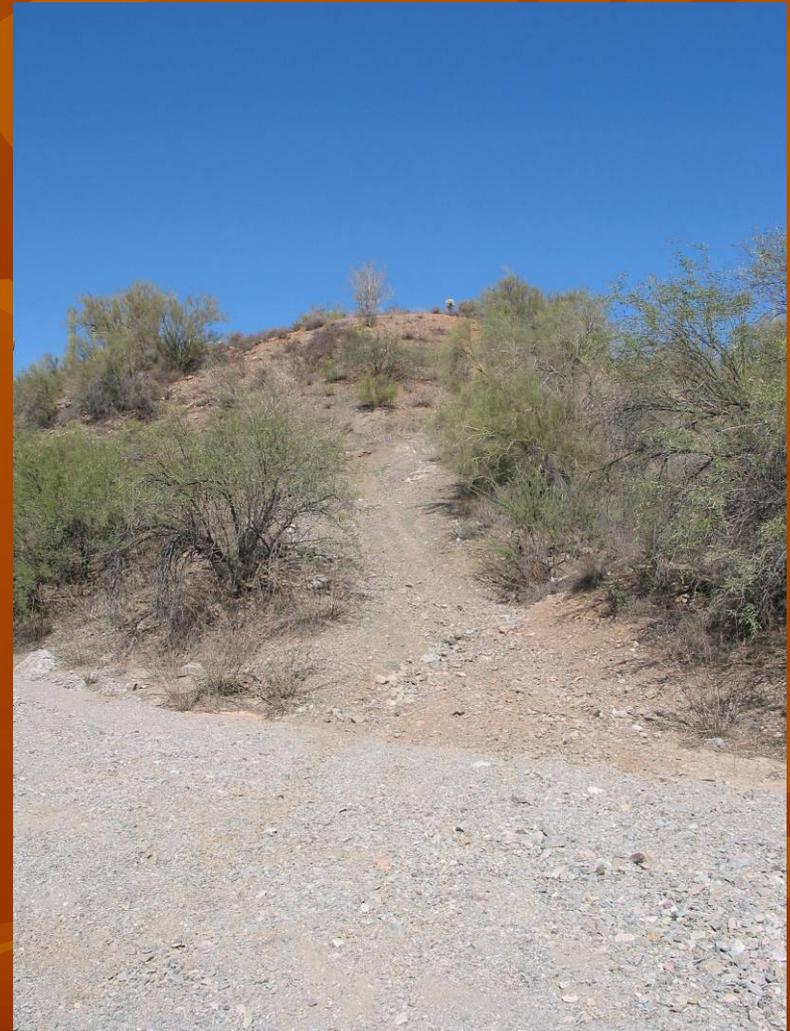


- Nov 9, 2005: published Travel Management Rule
- Identify and designate roads, trails, and areas that are open to motor vehicle use
- By 2009, routes will be published in Motor Vehicle Use Maps

Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

Need for Change:

- Unmanaged OHV use has created environmental impacts that could last a lifetime
- Concerns resulting from rapid expansion of OHV use:
 - creation of unplanned roads
 - soils erosion
 - watershed and habitat degradation



Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

Need for Change:

- # of OHVs:
 - 5 million in 1972
 - 51 million in 2004!
- Appropriate use of National Forests when used in right place and responsibly managed



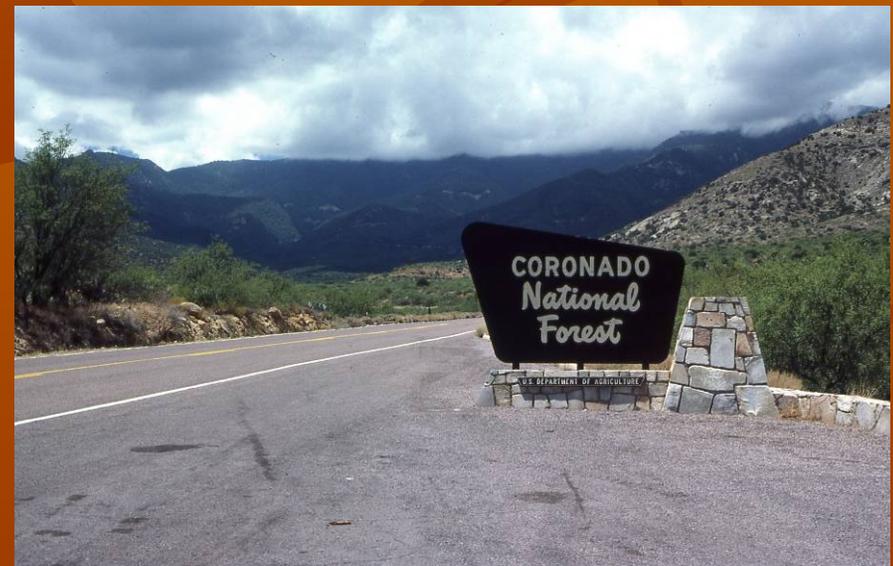
Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

Factors analyzed when developing the transportation system:

- Effects on soil, watershed, vegetation and other forest resources;
- Effects on wildlife and significant disruption of wildlife habitats;
- Conflicts between motor vehicle use and existing or proposed recreational uses of National Forest System lands;
- Conflicts among different classes of motor vehicle uses of National Forest System lands or neighboring Federal lands
- The agency's ability to maintain the existing road system and any additional roads added.

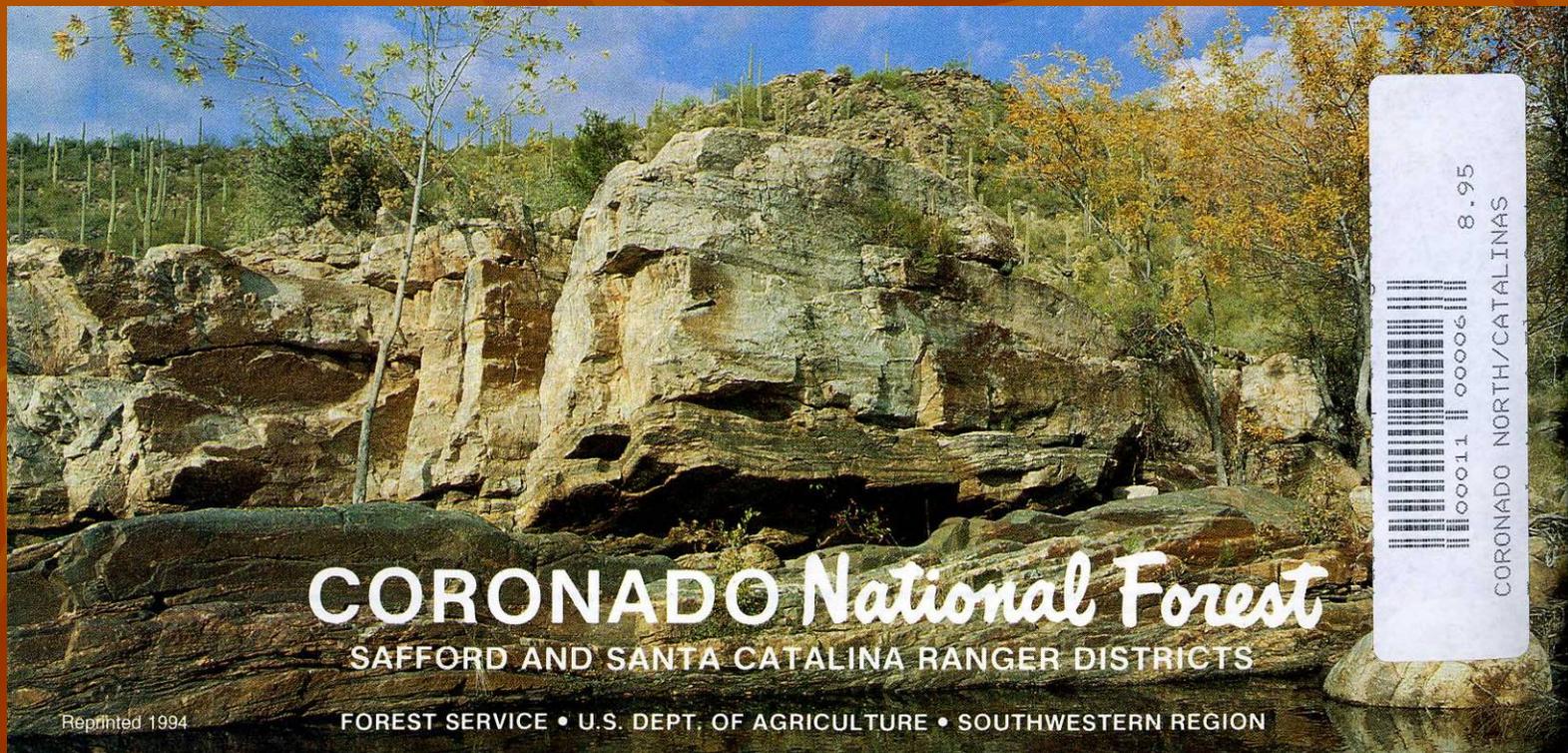
Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

- Once designation is complete, motor vehicle use off these routes and outside designated areas will be prohibited.
- Designation will also include class of vehicles, and if appropriate, season of use.



Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

- No change for Coronado – must drive on roads only – concept is the same



Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

- **YOU** must tell them what roads you use!
- Current roads are not automatically roads on the new map
- The “roads” will be what **YOU** identify as a needed road



Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

- Dispersed camping and day use: Different on Coronado than in the past.



Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

- The “300 foot” rule will no longer apply.
- Sites and routes leading to them (spur roads) and roadside parking will be the preferred methods of accommodating camping use.
- Distance designations, such as the Coronado’s current 300 foot rule, may be considered for specific areas, but will be the tool of last choice.

Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

- Big change for Coronado
- Camping sites
- May be NO DISPERSED CAMPING
- May be ONLY DESIGNATED CAMPSITES
- **YOU** need to tell them where you want to camp

Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

- Target date for Motor Vehicle Use Maps is now 2009; allows the Coronado to keep the travel management plan in sync with the revision of the Forest Land Management Plan
- Over the next few years, coordinating with sister agencies and with the public to identify which routes should be designated for which classes of vehicles, as well as how motorized dispersed camping will be accommodated.

Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

- Received many public comments related to travel management during meetings for the Forest Plan revision
- Held one public Open House in Tucson for the Travel Management Plan for the Nogales and Santa Catalina Ranger Districts on Dec 16, 2006
- Safford Open House - May 30, 2007, 6pm, Graham Co Services Assembly Room
- Sierra Vista – July 2007
- Douglas – August 2007
- Future meeting dates: posted on the Coronado website (www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado)

Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

When to respond to Coronado:

Nogales RD	By May 30
Santa Catalina RD	By May 30
Safford RD	By July 15
Sierra Vista RD	By August 30
Douglas RD	By September 30

Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

- Using your information to develop a Proposed Action
- Release Proposed Action Spring 2008
- Public will have another chance to comment as part of the NEPA process



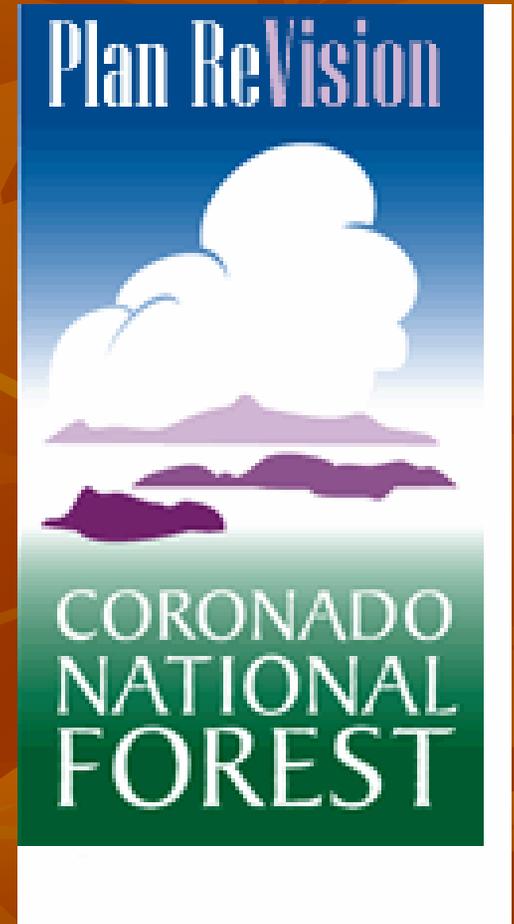
Coronado National Forest Travel Management Planning

- For more information and to provide comments contact:
- Laura White, Travel Management Coordinator:
- Coronado National Forest
300 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701
- 520-388-8419
- travel_management@fs.fed.us



Coronado National Forest Forest Plan Revision

- Current Plan implemented 1986
- Provides foundation for forest management
- Retain parts
- Incorporate new information
- Revise portions that are not working



Coronado National Forest Forest Plan Revision

What is Forest Planning? How do you use the Forest?
How should they manage the Forest?



Coronado National Forest Plan Revision

- Currently formulating how to work actively with the public during the revision process.
- Want your ideas about how you would like to interact during the planning process.



Coronado National Forest Forest Plan Revision

Timeline:

- August 2005: Started preparing for the revision process
- May, June and September 2006: public meetings
- Summary of public meetings: “Topics, Threads, and Themes”
(at www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado)

Coronado National Forest Forest Plan Revision

Current Timeline:

- Complying with a March 2007 District Court ruling that prohibits following the streamlined Forest planning regulation that was established in 2005
- Complying with the earlier Forest Planning regulations; the timeline will have to be adjusted
- Work done to date is still meaningful and relevant
- No new dates set yet for plan completion; probably at least 2009 before completion

Coronado National Forest Forest Plan Revision

Public Comments:

- Comments about management on the CNF are welcome at any time.
- Coronado is specifically seeking answers to 3 questions:
 - What new information do they need to incorporate into the plan?
 - What parts of the 1986 plan are working well?
 - What parts of the plan are not working well?

Coronado National Forest Forest Plan Revision

Public Comments:

- Email: coronado-plan@fs.fed.us.
- U.S. Mail: Coronado National Forest
ATTN: Plan Revision
300 W. Congress St.
Tucson, AZ 85701
- Phone: 520.388.8300. Ask to speak to someone about Plan Revision.
- FAX: 520.388.3805 (ATTN: Plan Revision)

Bureau of Land Management Field Office Boundaries in Arizona



Tucson Field Office

- Tucson Field Office Resource Management Plan
- Canyons of the Gila Travel Management Plan (Implemented under existing RMP)
- San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area
- Ironwood Forest National Monument RMP



BLM

Ironwood Forest

National Monument Plan



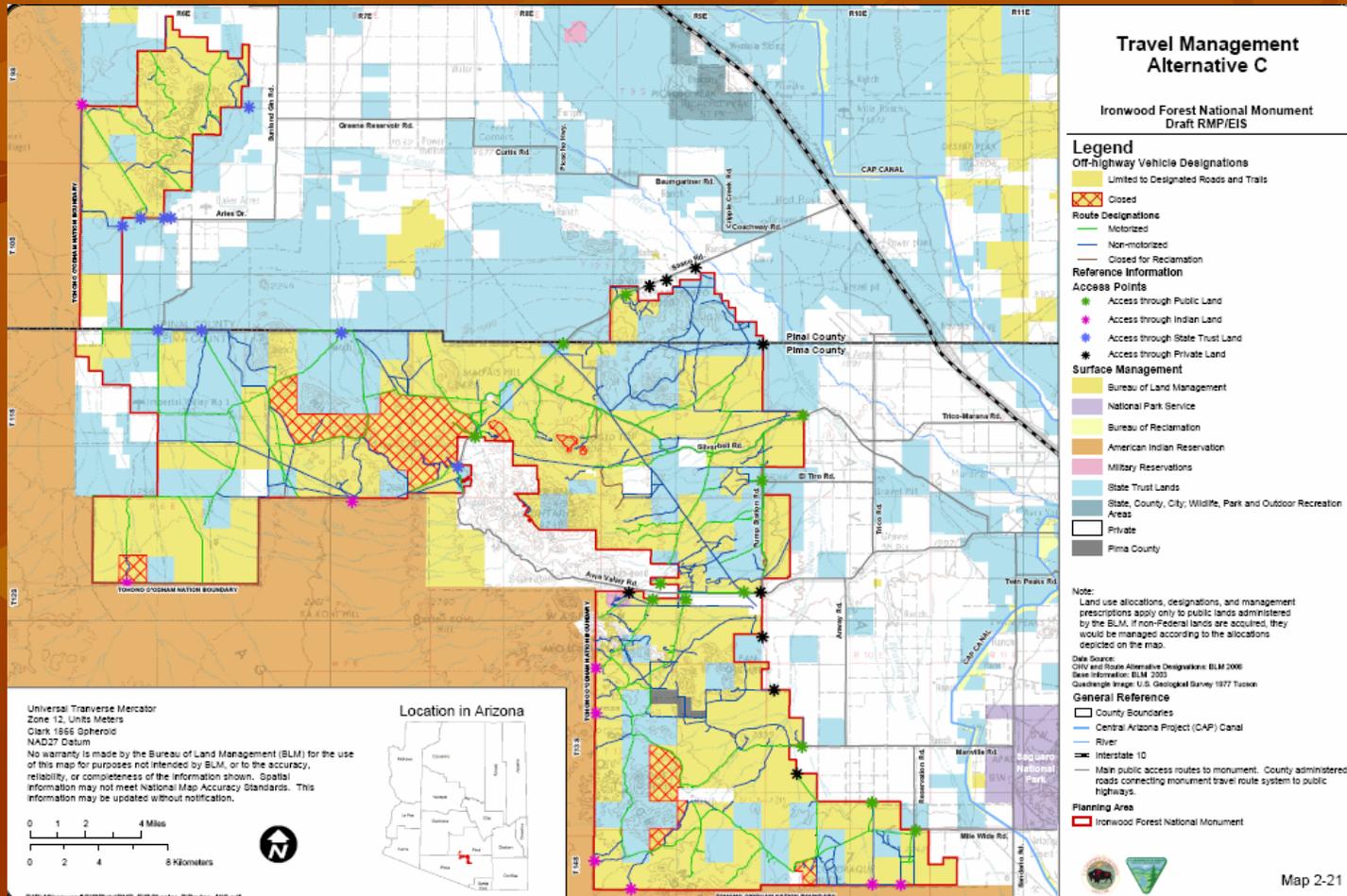
- Recreation based on “Recreation Management Zones” emphasizing different experiences e.g. primitive, motorized, wildlife viewing, etc.
- Includes route designations under the Travel Management section.
- Travel management section designates roads as open, closed, or limited to motorized travel.

Ironwood Forest NM:

Proposed rules that may affect you:

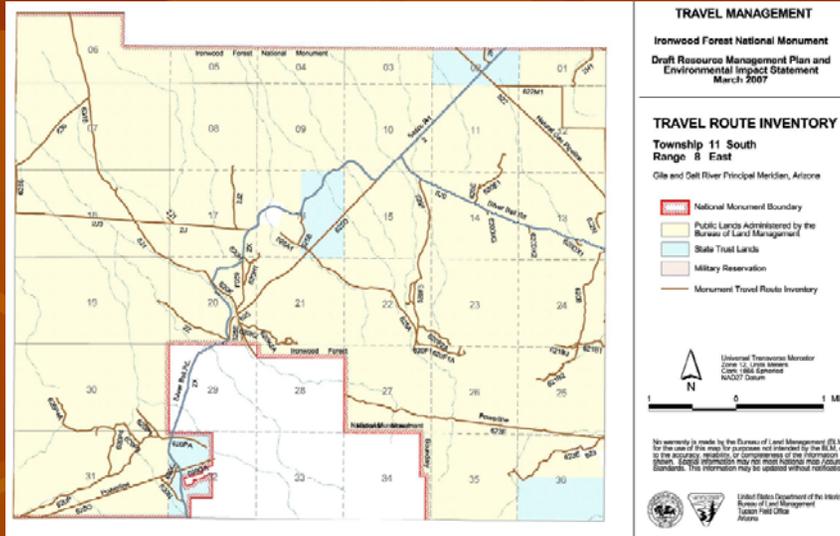
- Target shooting prohibited in preferred alternative.
- Dispersed motorized camping prohibited in preferred alternative.
- Camping limited to designated sites only.
- Firewood collection prohibited in preferred alternative.
- Roads designated open, closed, or limited to motorized use.

Ironwood Travel Management



<https://www.blm.gov/az/LUP/ironwood/DEIS.htm>:

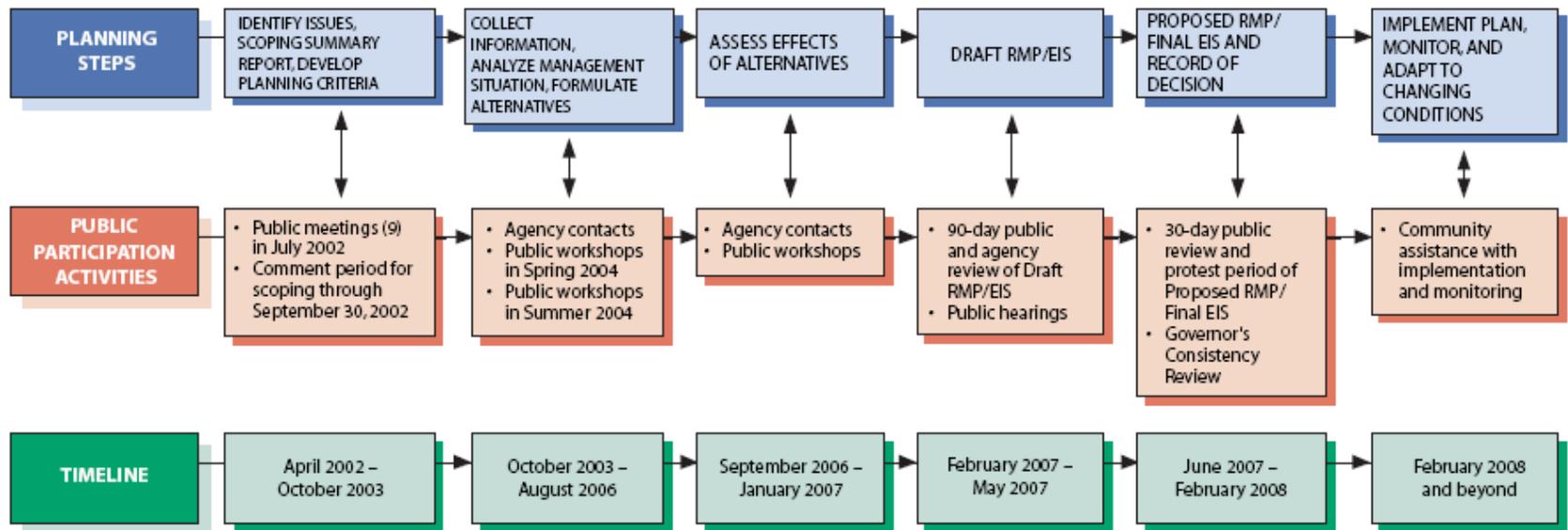
The Ironwood plan is broken down by section on the website. Please note the maps showing numbered routes broken out by township and reference these against the designation table.



- Route Inventory Maps
- Route Inventory Index
- Township 09S-Range 06E
- Township 10S-Range 06E
- Township 10S-Range 09E
- Township 11S-Range 06E
- Township 11S-Range 07E
- Township 11S-Range 08E
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Ironwood Forest National Monument

Sequence of Planning Activities

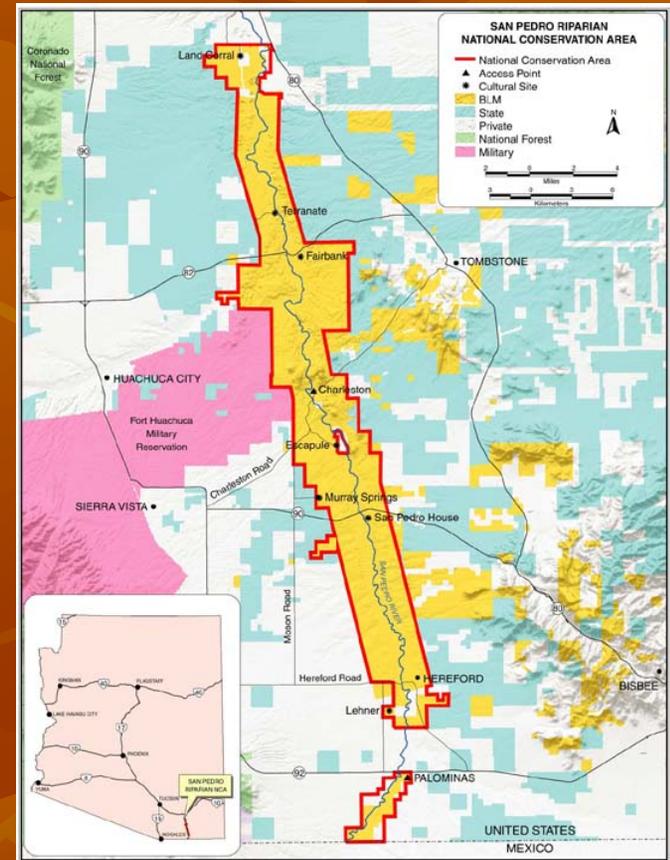


Public Input on Ironwood Forest National Monument

- BLM seeking input on the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.
- All information on website:
https://www.blm.gov/az/LUP/ironwood/ironwood_plan.htm
- Input Deadline is May 30, 2007
- Final Meeting: May 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Pima Community College West Campus, 2202 W. Anklam Road, Tucson, in the Proscenium Theater, located on the east side of the campus. Sign in for speakers will begin at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be a question-and-answer format with a panel of BLM specialists. Each person will be given up to two minutes to ask a question or provide a comment, which will be recorded by a note taker.
- Comments to the plan will be accepted through May 30. Comments may be submitted in writing to: Mark Lambert, IFNM Planner, BLM, 12661 East Broadway, Tucson AZ 85748 or may be submitted via e-mail at AZ_IFNM_RMP@blm.gov.

Tucson Field Office Resource Mgt. Plan and San Pedro RNCA Mgt. Plan

- Scoping completed in 2006 on TFO and SPRNCA RMP's
- Both “on hold” until Safford Plan is funded.
- Will be completed as a District plan (including both field offices)



Middle Gila Canyons Transportation Plan

- Will be implemented under existing RMP (1989)
- TFO is currently accepting comments for the development of the preferred alternative.
- Draft plan due out in early to mid June depending on consultation with USFWS.
- Three alternatives already developed through public workshops sponsored by the Middle Gila Conservation Partnership.



Middle Gila Canyons Transportation Plan



- “Extreme Rock Crawling” Trail System being evaluated.
- How will this impact wildlife? What uses are appropriate?
- Should riparian areas/ water sources be protected?



Middle Gila Canyons Preferred Alternative

- Full information available at <http://middlegilatravel.ecr.gov/>
- Three alternatives developed in 2005. BLM currently working on *preferred alternative*.
- Comments on what the DRAFT preferred alternative *should be* are due by May 30th. Draft available for comment in June.
- Comments and inquiries should be directed to:

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Tucson, AZ 85748

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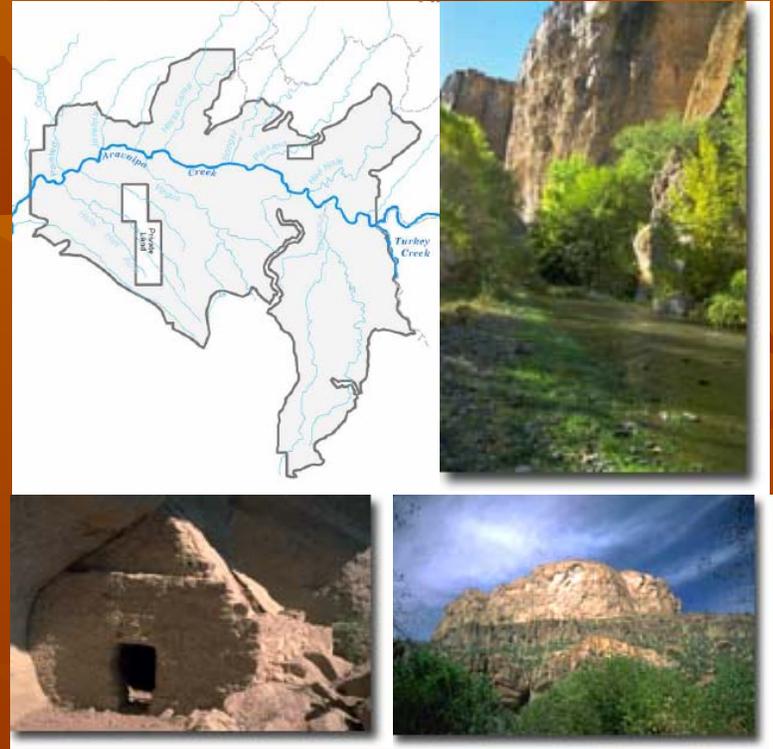
Safford Field Office

- Safford Field Office Resource Management Plan
- Aravaipa Ecosystem Plan (includes travel management)
- San Simon Valley Travel Management Plan
- Gila Box/Gila Mountains Travel Mgt. Plan



Aravaipa Ecosystem Plan

- Draft was due out this year but due to staff reductions is on hold until next year.
- Covers lands surrounding Aravaipa Wilderness Area.
- For more info contact:
Bureau of Land Management
Safford Field Office
711 14th Avenue
Safford, AZ 85546
(520) 348-4400



San Simon and Gila Travel Management Plans

- Will be implemented under existing RMP
- Currently in the inventory phase.
- Inventory funded by State OHV funds.
- Will be run through an evaluation tree process using an interdisciplinary team next year.

- For more information contact:

Bureau of Land Management
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Issues to Consider for your Input to the Land Management Agencies:

- Wildlife and habitat protection
- Access and specific roads to be open or closed
- Inappropriate and appropriate use of OHVs
- Off-road travel to retrieve big game
- Redundant roads
- Dispersed camping or recreation
- Recreational shooting



Public Lands