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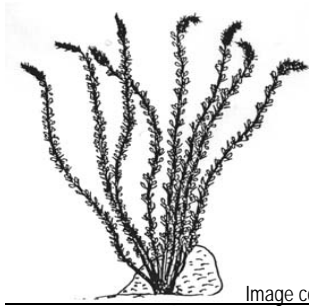


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BLM Yuma Field Office
Resource Management Plan and
Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS)

Plan Availability and What's Next

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Yuma Field Office Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS) is scheduled for publication on April 11, 2008.

The planning process provides an opportunity for administrative review by filing a protest with the BLM Director. Any person, who participated in the planning process and believes he/she will be adversely affected by this plan, may protest the proposed plan. The protest may raise only those issues that were submitted for the record during the planning process. All protests must be in writing and must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the Notice of Availability is published in the Federal Register, anticipated for April 11, 2008. Other requirements for protests will be published in the Federal Register, in local newspapers, and on our website at www.blm.gov/az.

The BLM Director will promptly render a written decision on protests and set forth the reasons for the decision. The protest decision of the Director will be the final decision of the Department of the Interior. The Arizona State Director will sign the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Yuma Field Office plan once all protests are resolved. Completion of the ROD is scheduled for September 2008.

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Yuma Resource Management Plan

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Proposed Resource Management Plan (PRMP) & Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

Available April 11, 2008

After four years in development, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Yuma Field Office is pleased to announce the PRMP/FEIS will be available on April 11, 2008.

The PRMP/FEIS defines current use and anticipates future needs of the 1.3 million acres of public land within the field office boundaries.

The proposed plan replaces numerous outdated federal management plans currently governing the area's public lands and resources. BLM worked extensively with multiple federal and state agencies, as well as tribal, county, and local governments in consultation for the PRMP/FEIS.

The PRMP/FEIS document is very large, approximately 800 pages. It may be reviewed in printed copy, electronically on CD, or on the BLM internet website at www.blm.gov/az.

Route Inventory Maps are included on each CD. A limited number of these maps are available in print, upon request, separate from the printed PRMP/FEIS documents.

To request a copy of the printed PRMP/FEIS, CD, or Route Inventory Maps, please contact Planning and Environmental Coordinator Dave Daniels at BLM Yuma Field Office, 2555 Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, AZ 85365, call BLM at 928-317-3200, or e-mail at AZ_YM_RMP@BLM.gov.

Boletín de Planificación Plan de la Agencia De Manejo de Terrenos Públicos de Yuma

En Español

La Agencia de Manejo de Terrenos Públicos de Yuma maneja 1.3 millones de acres de tierra pública dentro del suroeste del estado de Arizona. La Agencia ha desarrollado un plan que defina los recursos (la recreación, los pescados y fauna, y las designaciones especiales del área) y usos corrientes, y anticipa la necesidades del futuro del área. Si usted necesita más información sobre este proceso, por favor llame a Arturo López o Francisca Rodríguez al 928-317-3200.

Fast Facts - The proposed plan includes the following:

- 2 new Back County Byways (total 21 miles)
- 1 Scenic Byway (total 64 miles)
- 1 new Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and an extension of an existing ACEC (total 36,500 acres)
- 48,400 acres available with wilderness characteristics
- 1 new Coordinated Management Area (4,500 acres)
- No new open Off Highway Vehicle areas
- 4 closed Off Highway Vehicle areas (5,100 acres)
- 1.14 million acres "limited to existing roads and trails" until route designation is completed
- 4,600 miles of inventoried routes
- Cibola/Trigo Herd Management Area would be adjusted to 80,041 acres
- 428,000 acres available to livestock grazing and 889,000 acres unavailable to livestock grazing
- 8 right-of-way corridors (465 miles)
- 10 communication sites
- 700 acres managed for salable minerals in 5 community pits
- 11,900 acres available for disposal