

ARIZONA Planning Bulletin

Yuma Resource Management Plan



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Ready for Public Comment

BLM Yuma Field Office Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The Bureau of Land Management Yuma Field Office (YFO) has announced the Draft Resource Management Plan (DRMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be available for review and a 90-day public comment period on December 15, 2006.

BLM has developed the DRMP and DEIS, which will replace numerous outdated federal management plans currently governing public lands within the YFO planning area. Extensive coordination and consultation have occurred with multiple federal and state agencies, as well as tribal, county, and local governments, as well as non-government organizations.

The DRMP and DEIS address the federal resources and 1.3 million acres of public land within the field office boundaries. The plans define current resources and use, and anticipate future needs of the area for the next decade and beyond.

The DRMP and DEIS documents are very large, approximately 700 pages. They 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 DRMP/DEIS documents.

To request a copy of the printed DRMP/DEIS, CD, or Route Inventory Maps, please contact the RMP Team Lead Micki Bailey 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.

All comments must be received by close of business on March 15, 2007.

Boletín de Planificación

En Español

Plan de la Agencia De Manejo de Terrenos Públicos de Yuma

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.

2007 Public Meetings

BLM invites interested parties to comment on the DRMP/DEIS at any of the following public open house meetings:

Monday, February 5 - Wellton

6 to 8 p.m.

Wellton Elementary School Gymnasium
29126 E. San Jose Ave., Wellton, AZ

Tuesday, February 6 - Quartzsite

1 to 3 p.m.

Quartzsite Senior Center
40 S. Moon Mountain Ave., Quartzsite, AZ

Tuesday, February 6 - Blythe

6 to 8 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time)

Blythe Community Center
445 N. Broadway, Blythe, CA

Wednesday, February 7 - Yuma

6 to 8 p.m.

Yuma Civic Center
1449 W. Desert Hills Dr., Yuma, AZ

Thursday, February 8 - Tucson

6 to 8 p.m.

Pima County Natural Resources Parks & Recreation
3500 W. River Rd., Tucson, AZ

Each meeting will begin with an overview presentation on the DRMP/DEIS, followed by opportunities for the public to provide written or spoken comments on the document.

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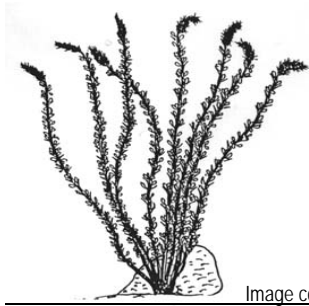


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Resource Management Plan and
Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS)

Review & Comment Process

The BLM Yuma Field Office Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DRMP/DEIS) have been written and we are beginning the public review and comment process.

Planning that began two years ago has included public scoping to identify land use issues and conflicts needing resolution. Demands on BLM-managed resources have changed significantly during the past decades, and the DRMP/DEIS address these changes and those forecasted for the future.

Primary issues of concern addressed in the DRMP/DEIS include:

- **Recreation** - opportunities and experiences
- **Transportation** - off highway vehicle access and open/closed areas
- **Lands and Realty** - public land disposal, utility corridors, withdrawals, and communication sites
- **Biological Resources** – vegetation, wildlife, and threatened and endangered species
- **Minerals** - recreational mining, rockhounding, and community pits
- **Cultural Resources** - preserving/protecting for present and future generations
- **Special Designations Management** – Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, National Byways, and National Recreation Trail

Rebecca Heck, Field Manager for the BLM Yuma Field Office would like you to review the DRMP/DEIS during the 90-day comment period that begins on December 15, 2006. Your specific comments are encouraged and vitally important to BLM, to enable effective resource management that meets the needs of those residing in and visiting the area.

• **Winter 2007 Schedule of Public Meetings included in this bulletin** •