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The ever- increasing demand for natural resource based recreation opportunities by growing communities, tourism, and organized group and commercial ventures have challenged with the capability of the BLM to meet visitor and customer requests for information, support, facilities, monitoring, planning, resource sustainability, and visitor protection on the public lands. The BLM in Arizona has formulated the following strategy to broaden capabilities.

Partner-Based Delivery System

Identify, plan and implement partnered-delivery initiatives with public recreation providers such as Arizona State Parks and local communities.

- Structure project and program delivery that is based on a foundation of local stewardship in local places and about local resources.
- Pursue project and program delivery with targeted groups with vested interest in providing quality visitor experience, safety, appropriate use ethics, and long term sustainability.
- Ensure engagement of multi-cultural youth groups and families in the development of delivery systems.

Geographic-Based Visitor Information

Package maps, signing and visitor information geographically and in partnership with communities and place-based coalitions.

- Emphasize a “recreation gateway “approach featuring communities providing delivery of sustainable visitor information, travel and tourism development.
- Identify specific communities and partners in cooperatively-managed and delivered visitor information services for pilot projects.

Enhanced Volunteer Roles

Expand volunteer roles in delivery of recreation services on public lands.

- Increase the volunteer workforce role in delivery of recreation services and projects.
- Encourage and sustain collaborative partnerships, stewardship and public service through a cadre of citizen volunteers.
- Focus efforts on opportunities for community service, common interest environmental education and youth development toward employment.