

# Arizona NLCS Strategy 1.20.11

## Conservation System Values

Emphasize management that supports, protects, and promotes the conservation values identified in proclamation or legislation for the lands within the National Landscape Conservation System by:

- Develop a clear description of the monument objects and conservation values for each national monument, national conservation area, and national scenic or historic trail and for the Arizona wilderness system as a whole.
- Implement projects and actions that emphasize and protect the described objects and conservation values across all lands in the conservation system in Arizona, as well as, specific to individual areas.

## Community Engagement

Raise the quality of community relations through engagement of the Communities of Place and the Communities of Interest in the planning, implementation and management of the NLCS areas in Arizona by:

- Identify the Communities for each NLCS area including gateway communities and local residents, Friends Groups, academia, tribal communities, special interest groups, and the public at large.
- Establish consistent messages about the NLCS to engage Communities in the management and delivery for local NLCS units.

## Youth Opportunities

Increase the engagement of youth in opportunities on NLCS lands through:

- Employment – Emphasize youth employment opportunities on the NLCS units. Focus on nurturing students and youth toward seeking permanent careers in natural resources management. Include partnerships with tribes to develop employment opportunities.
- Environmental Education – Engage youth in appreciation of the natural environment through both formal and informal settings. Include the use of family-oriented programs, as well as school, tribal, and youth group programs.
- Community Service – Utilize youth and family-based groups as a ready source of community-minded young citizens..

