



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
National Landscape Conservation System

## AGUA FRIA NATIONAL MONUMENT

### Location

The Agua Fria National Monument is 40 miles north of Phoenix.

### Brief Description

The 70,900-acre Agua Fria National Monument contains one of the most significant systems of prehistoric sites in the American Southwest. The BLM has documented at least 450 prehistoric sites and four major settlement areas, and thousands more are known to exist within the monument. This area contains three mesas - Perry, Black, and Sycamore - and the Agua Fria River Canyon. In addition to its rich record of human history, the monument contains a diversity of plant communities, pristine riparian habitat, topographical features, and a wide array of wildlife. Elevations range from 2,150 to 4,600 feet.

### Access

Take Interstate 17 to either Badger Springs, Bloody Basin Road, or Cordes Junction exits.

### Permits Required

Permits are required for visiting groups of 25 or more people. Commercial guides must also be permitted. Livestock grazing and authorized rights-of-way are still allowed. New mining claims are not permitted.

### Recreational Opportunities

Prehistoric archaeological sites, such as stone pueblos and rock art, are numerous but remote and difficult to reach. Visitors who encounter archaeological sites are encouraged to observe, enjoy and photograph them while leaving all artifacts as found for others to discover and appreciate. Defacing archaeological sites is vandalism and is punishable by law. The historic Teskey home site and 1880s era School House in the monument east of the town of Cordes Lakes, were recently stabilized and interpreted for the public. Additional activities include wildlife viewing, photography, primitive camping, hiking, hunting and rugged back-country vehicle travel. Vehicles must remain on roads.

### Facilities

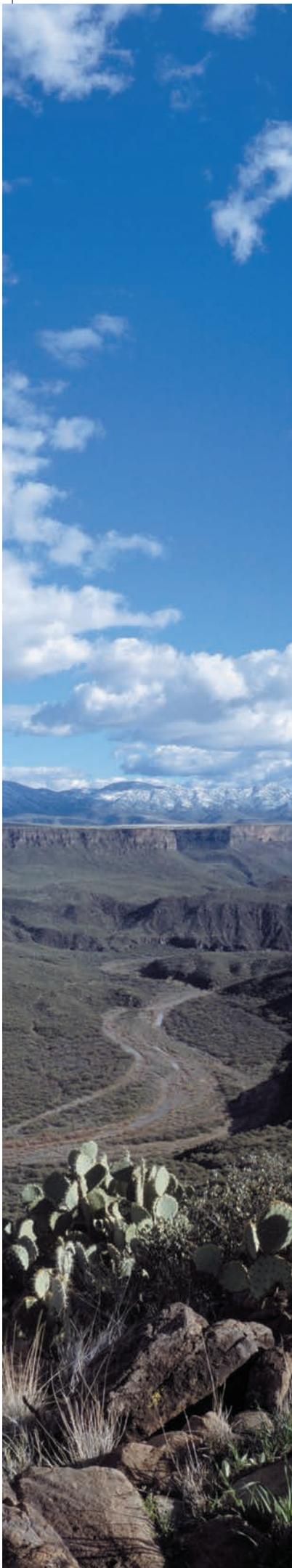
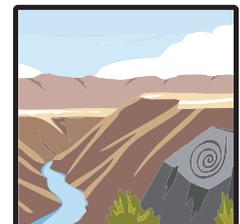
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### Safety

Visits to the area require special planning. Potential hazards exist, including rugged and unmaintained roads, poisonous reptiles and insects, extreme heat and flash floods. Visitors should bring plenty of water and gasoline. Four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended.

### Contact

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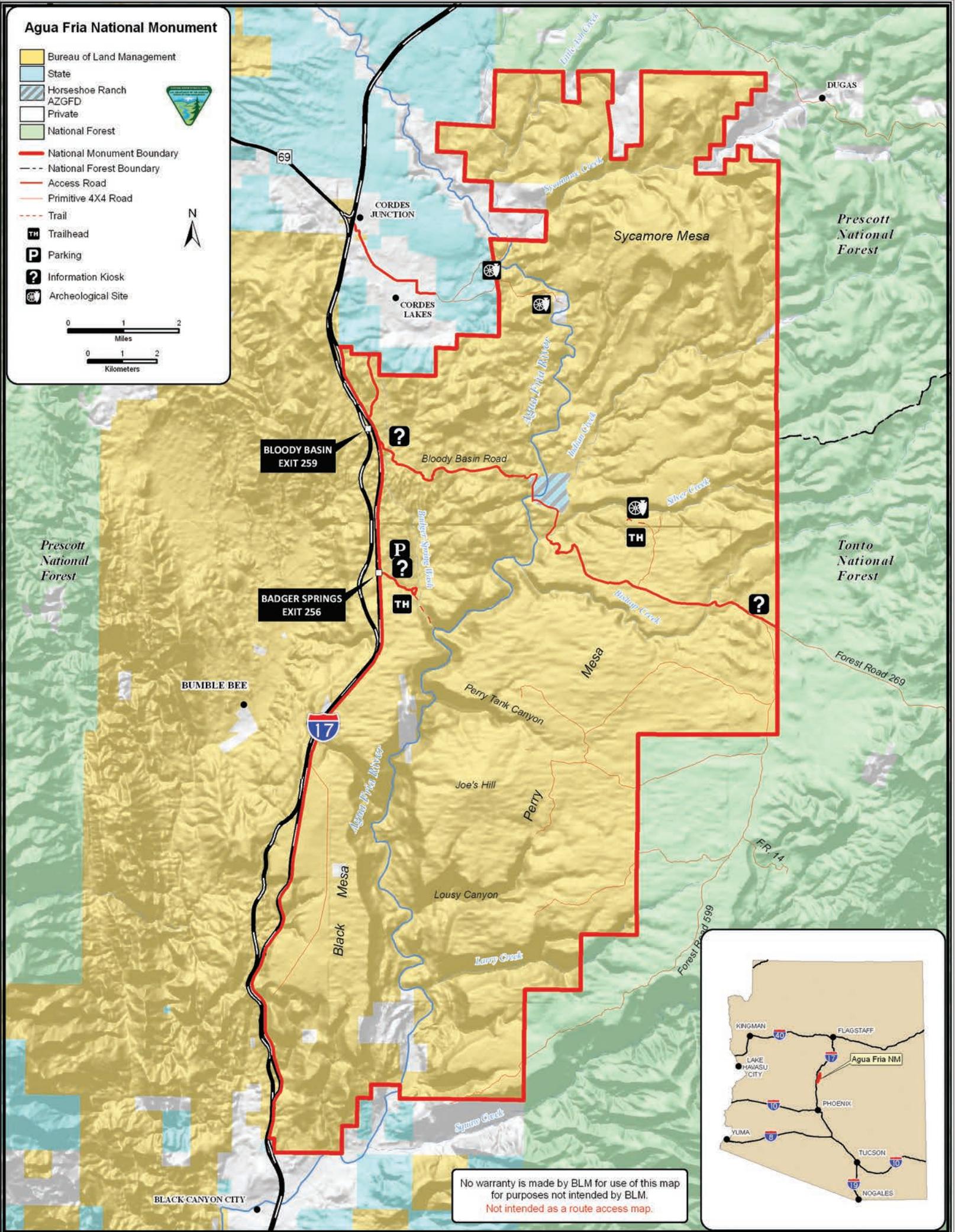
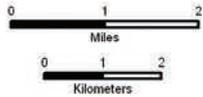


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- National Monument Boundary
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- Access Road
- Primitive 4X4 Road
- Trail
- Trailhead
- Parking
- Information Kiosk
- Archeological Site



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