

Bureau of Land Management • Arizona State Office

**Congressional Staff Field Tour
Ironwood Forest National Monument
Wednesday, April 6, 2005**

Congressional Staff Expected

Senator John McCain (R)
Carlos Sierra

Dist. 1 Congressman Rick Renzi (R)
Theresa Martinez

Dist. 6 Congressman Jeff Flake (R)
Kelly Headman

Dist. 7 Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
Ruben Reyes

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Elaine Zielinski
Joanie Losacco
Lorraine Buck
Shela McFarlin
Darrell Tersey
Larry Shults

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7:30 a.m. Leave BLM State Office

9:00 a.m. Arrive Marana Airport, Avra Valley Road

9:30 a.m. Drive west on Avra Valley Road

- Discuss effects of Undocumented Immigrants (UDI) on the monument: trash, abandoned vehicles, criminal activities. BLM speakers: Law Enforcement Ranger Vic Brown; Acting Monument Manager Larry Shults; International Borderlands Coordinator Shela McFarlin; Lorraine Buck, Public Affairs.

Tour UDI campsite if accessible

- Discuss cleanups and rehabilitation efforts lead by monument Park Ranger Maile Adler, and contractors from the Student Conservation Association and Eco Careers Organization. BLM speaker: Maile Adler, Park Ranger, and monument manager.

Noon Lunch at Sky Riders Café, Marana Airport

1:00 p.m. Depart café. Drive north on Pump Station Road.

Tour unauthorized shooting area

- Discuss safety and resource issues associated with careless shooting; discuss shooting dialogue process and efforts to educate the public on responsible shooting. BLM speakers: Acting Monument Manager Larry Shults; Lorraine Buck, Public Affairs.

1:30 p.m. Drive west on Silverbell Road

Take scenic walk to base of Ragged Top Mountain

- Discuss planning issues, development within monument. BLM speaker: Larry Shults.

2:30 p.m. Leave for Phoenix, via Sasco Road to Red Rock exit.

4:30 p.m. Arrive at BLM State Office, Phoenix.



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Subject April Field Tour

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*Confirmed date with
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Subject Attending Cong. Staff Tour?

Hi -

I'm following up to my email of March 8, to find out if you will be attending the congressional staff tour BLM has planned for April 6. As background, here's the text of my last email message regarding the tour:

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We are finalizing our logistical arrangements this week and will need to know if you are attending. The agenda for the day-long trip is attached.



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**Please confirm if you will be attending. I would greatly appreciate your response.
Thank you!**

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04/04/2005 04:20 PM

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bcc
Subject Wednesday's Logistics

Hi Carlos, Joanne, Kelly, and Ruben,

This is to confirm your participation in the BLM tour this Wednesday, April 6. Thank you for your interest! We will visit the Ironwood Forest National Monument to take a look at some of the recreational shooting and border issues in that area. We will leave from the BLM office at 222 N. Central Avenue (directly across from the Bank One Building and next door to the San Carlos Hotel). Please meet me in front of the building at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday morning -- I will have a vehicle ready for our departure. It looks like the weather is turning quite warm so be sure to bring sun screen and wear long sleeves, hat, etc. I will have water available in the vehicle. We will stop at the Sky Riders Cafe at the Marana Airport for lunch, and we should be back at the BLM building by 4:30 p.m.

Ruben -- since you are coming from Tucson, we will meet you at the Marana Airport on Avra Valley Road at 9 a.m. If you would like a ride there, please contact Lorraine Buck in our BLM Tucson Office and she will be happy to make arrangements to meet you to drive to the site. You can reach her at 520-258-7240.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday morning. In case of any last minute changes, you can reach me on my cell phone at 480-227-3415.

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April 29, 2005

Hi Carlos,

It was a pleasure to have met you earlier this month during our tour of the Ironwood Forest National Monument!

I hope you enjoy this photo of our trip. Ragged Top Mountain is a favorite of many people who enjoy the Monument.

As always, if you need any information or assistance with any BLM program or issue, please give me a call.



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05/04/2005 12:06 PM

To <elaine_zielinski@blm.gov>
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Subject

Hi Elaine,

After receiving my lovely picture today in front of Ragged Top Mountain, I realized I forgot to follow up and thank you for the pleasant trip. You know the Senator's door is always open to you and your staff.

Take Care,

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05/04/2005 11:58 AM

To <Joanie_Losacco@blm.gov>
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Hi Joanie,

Just got the picture, thanks! And thank you for taking the time to take us to Ironwood NM. It was a pleasant trip, and it beats being in the office. If you guys need anything at all don't hesitate to ask. Oh yeah, and tell your daughter not to change her views. You should be proud of a "Fighting Irish liberal."

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