



# United States Department of the Interior



## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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In Reply Refer To:  
9210 (AZ-934)

March 25, 2004

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona State Office has analyzed a proposal to amend its six Resource Management Plans (RMPs) and one Management Framework Plan (MFP). The six RMPs are the Phoenix, Kingman, Arizona Strip, Safford, Yuma and Lower Gila South. The MFP is the Lower Gila North. The Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy requires all agencies to update and include aspects of fire management into their land use plans (LUP). The Arizona Statewide LUP amendment incorporates adaptive fire management into all planning processes and provides a consistent approach to incorporating the National Fire Policy into the LUPs.

Enclosed is the Proposed Arizona Statewide Land Use Plan Amendment on Fire, Fuels, and Air Quality Management, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and supporting Environmental Assessment (EA). The Proposed LUP Amendment, FONSI, and EA have been prepared in accordance with the Federal Land Management and Policy Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management's Planning Regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-5), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1508.9 and 1508.13).

Proposed LUP Amendment decisions may be protested by any person who participated in the planning process and who has an interest that is or may be adversely affected by the approval of the decisions. A protest should be submitted following the procedures provided in 43 Code of Federal Regulations 1610.5-2.

Protest letters must be postmarked on or before May 10, 2004, and may be sent via the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to:

Bureau of Land Management  
Director (WO-210), Mail Stop 1075LS  
Attention: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, Protest Coordinator  
P.O. Box 66538  
Washington, DC 20035

Or, may be sent via FedEx or UPS overnight mail to:

Bureau of Land Management  
Director (WO-210), Mail Stop 1075LS  
Attention: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, Protest Coordinator  
1620 L Street N.W.  
Washington, DC 20036

A protest may raise only issues that were submitted for the record during the planning process. All protests must be complete, in writing and contain the following information:

- The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
- A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
- A statement of the parts of the plan or amendment being protested.
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record.
- A concise statement explaining precisely why the Arizona State Director's proposed decision is believed to be wrong.

All public comments and protests, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at, Bureau of Land Management, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004, during regular business hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Following the protest period and resolution of any protests submitted, a Decision Record will be issued. The Decision Record will be mailed to all participants in this planning process and all other interested people upon their request.

Sincerely,



Elaine Y. Zielinski

Enclosure