

Section 1. NM/NCA Information					
Name of Unit	Type	Field Office	District	State	FY2012 Manager Name
Sonoran Desert	National Monument	Lower Sonoran	Phoenix	Arizona	Richard B. Hanson

Designating Authority Name	Citation	Date of Designation
Establishment of the Sonoran Desert National Monument	Proclamation 7397	January 17, 2001

Acres - TOTAL	BLM	Non-BLM
496,600	486,400	10,200

Budget - FY2012 TOTAL	1711 base	1711 one-time	Other	NM/NCA Organizational Code
\$1,237,425	\$562,695	\$0	\$674,730	LLAZP04000

Section 2. Resources, Objects, and Values (R/O/V)	
Name of R/O/V	% of Unit Inventoried for Presence/Absence
Functioning Desert Ecosystem	--
Diversity Plant/Animal Species	--
Saguaro Cactus Forests	100
Sand Tank Mountains	100
Scientific Study Plants/Climate	--
Vegetation Communities	100
Wildlife	--
Archeological/Historic Sites	6

Section 3. Stressors	
Name of Stressor	Description
Criminal Activity	Drug and human smuggling
Target Shooting	Shooting demand and resulting impacts
Recreation	OHV, camping and resulting impacts

Section 4. Planning				
Plan Type	Date of Latest Milestone	Plan Status	Implementation Strategy?	Activity/Implementation Plans
Resource Management Plan	September 14, 2012	ROD / Approved RMP	Pending	Travel Management, September 14, 2012

Section 5. Staffing				
Position	Series/Grade	Full/part/seasonal	% Time Dedicated	Home office
Manager (vacant)	GS-0340-12	Full	100	SDNM
Outdoor Recreation Planner	GS-0023-11	Full	100	SDNM
Wildlife Biologist	GS-0486-11	Full	100	SDNM
Park Ranger	GS-0025-07	Full	100	SDNM

Section 6. Significant Events, Activities, Accomplishments, and Stories			
Event	Date	Purpose	Story
Friends of SDNM	October 3, 2012	Partnership	New cooperative financial assistance agreement established.
Operation ROAM	October, 2011 - May, 2012	Operations	Strategic Initiative to combat and remediate smuggling impacts.
LUP Record of Decision	September 14, 2012	Planning	Land Use Plan completed for SDNM.

Section 7. Science Projects (BLM and External)					
Project Name	Project Description	Project's Key Words	Principal Investigator	Project's Status	BLM's Contributed Funds (can be \$0 or greater)
Human Impact Monitoring	Cooperative Agreement	Recreation, Impacts	Pam Foti	Research In Progress	\$10,000
Pilot Remote Sensing	Cooperative Agreement	Satellite, Impacts	Pat Chavez	Research In Progress	\$75,000
Wildlife Corridor Validation	Cooperative Agreement	Mountain Lion, Movement Corridor	Dan Sturla	Research In Progress	\$0

Section 8. Manager's Corner

During fiscal year 2012 the Sonoran Desert National Monument (SDNM) passed a milestone with finalization of the Record of Decision (ROD) for its Land Use Plan. Included with the ROD was a completed Travel Management Plan, putting the monument on a solid footing to begin the implementation phase of planning.

Fiscal year 2012 saw another successful year of implementing Operation Restore Our Arizona Monuments (ROAM), designed to counter and remediate the impacts of criminal drug and human smuggling occurring in the southern portions of the SDNM. Staff, with the assistance of youth crews, removed 20 tons of trash, 25 tires, 61 abandoned bicycles, and 24 abandoned vehicles, as well as reclaimed 15.25 miles of illegally established roads used for smuggling purposes. Another 6.4 miles of illegally established footpaths used for smuggling purposes were reclaimed. Multiple law enforcement 'surges' occurred during the operation period.

A new cooperative financial assistance agreement was established with the Friends of the Sonoran Desert National Monument. The agreement will provide funding to assist the Friends with outreach in local communities, capacity building, and volunteerism.

The pilot remote sensing project continued to develop methods of detecting and measuring impacts from illegal drug and human smuggling; impacts from recreation were inventoried and monitored; and two mountain lions were captured and fitted with radio collars to monitor their movements to and from the SDNM.