

# Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format for Actions Other Than Hazardous Fuels and Fire Rehabilitation Actions

## 2010 Trailhead Ramada Kiosks DOI- BLM-AZ-C010-2010-0013-CX

### A. Background

BLM Office: Kingman Field Office                      Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

Proposed Action Title/Type: 2010 Trailhead Ramada Kiosks

Location of Proposed Action:

- Sleeping Princess Off-Highway Vehicle Trailhead - T. 21 N., R. 20 W., Section 8;
- Cave Spring Trailhead - T. 21 N., R. 19 W., Section 32;
- Twin Springs Trailhead - T. 20 N., R. 19 W., Section 16;
- Moss Wash Off-Highway Vehicle Trailhead - T. 15 N., R. 19 W., Section 13;
- Warm Springs Access Point - T. 17 N., R. 19 W., Section 4.

Description of Proposed Action:

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### B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: *Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS*

Date Approved/Amended: March 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the *Kingman Resource Management Plan* because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

- **Kingman RMP, Decision # RR17/V** – “Recreation sites, interpretive sites, trails and roads will be maintained and developed where needed to enhance recreation opportunities and allow public use.” (Page 26)

The proposed action is in conformance with the *Black Mountain Ecosystem Management Plan and Environmental Assessment, April 1996* because it is specifically provided for in the following management objective:

- **BMEMP & EA, Recreation Objective – Management Action #4** - “Establish trailhead facilities including minimally improved dirt parking and visitor registers at several locations outside wilderness area boundaries at locations shown in Table 10.” (Page 41)

**C: Compliance with NEPA:**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9,

G. Transportation 4. *“Placement of recreational, special designation, or information signs, visitor registers, kiosks and portable sanitation devices.”*

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply. (See Attachment 1)

I considered the proposal to install ramada kiosks at the five listed locations. The requirements and guidelines that are identified in the document would eliminate any potential for significant impacts to the environment.

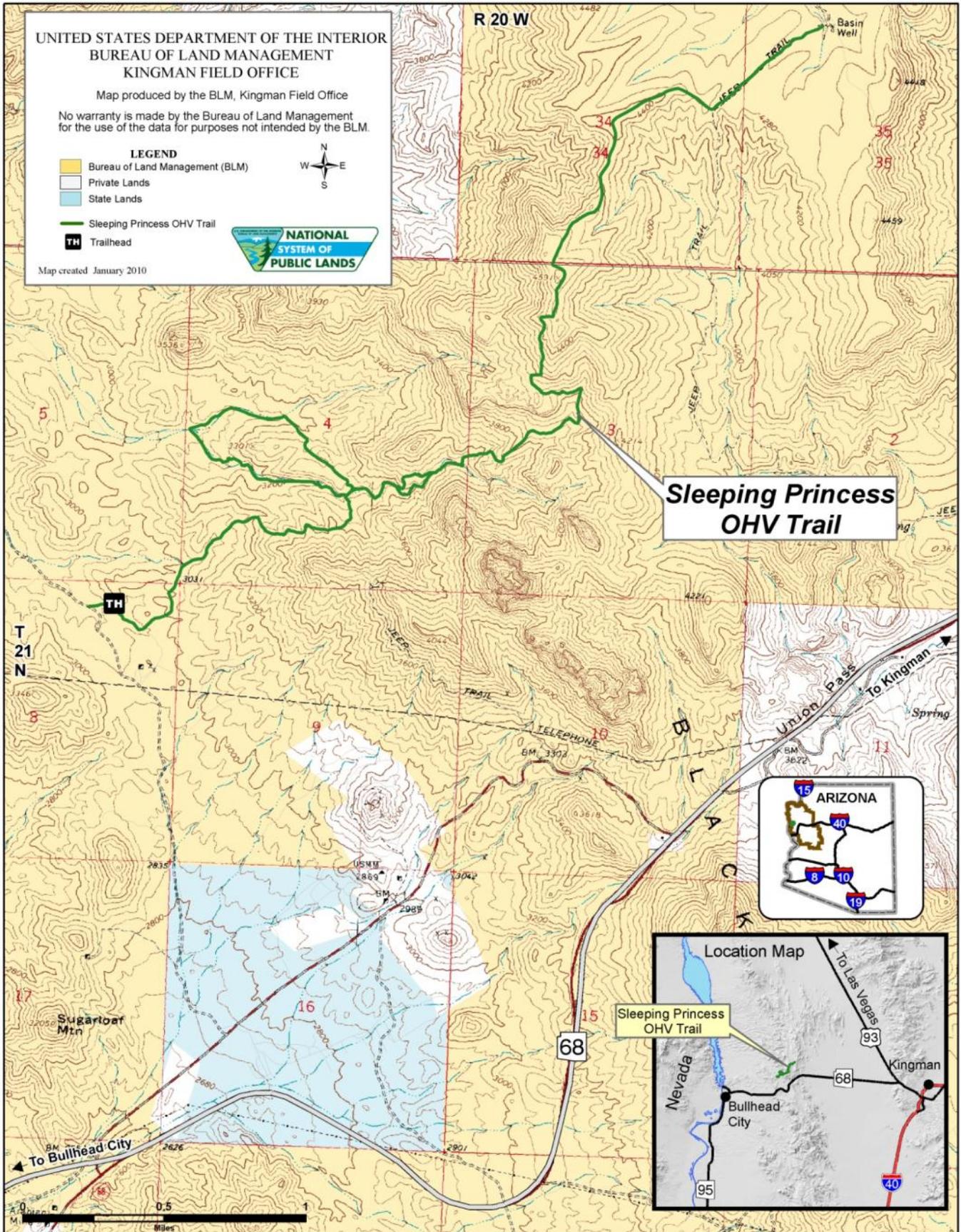
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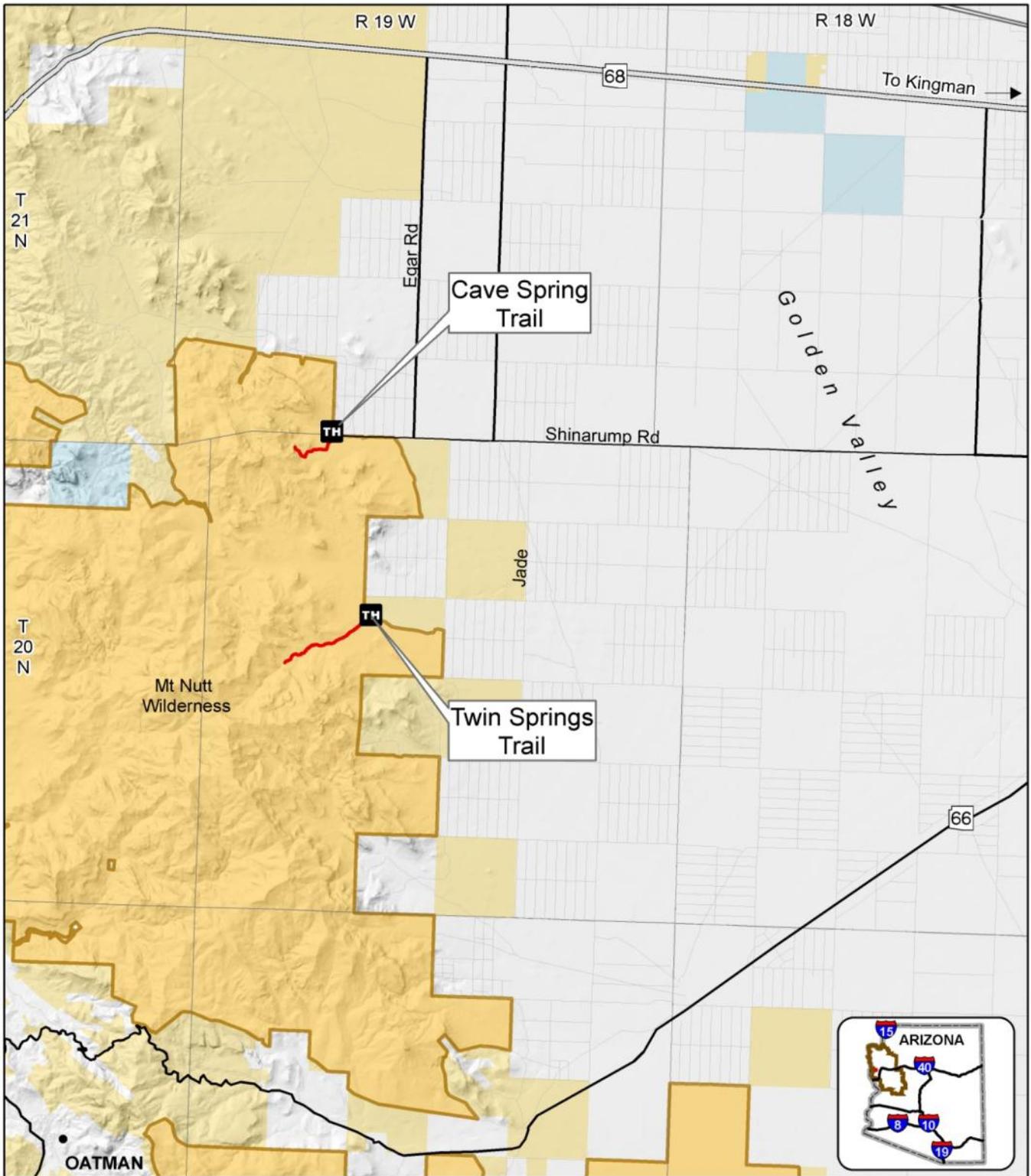
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(Signature)

Name: Jackie Neckels  
Title: Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources

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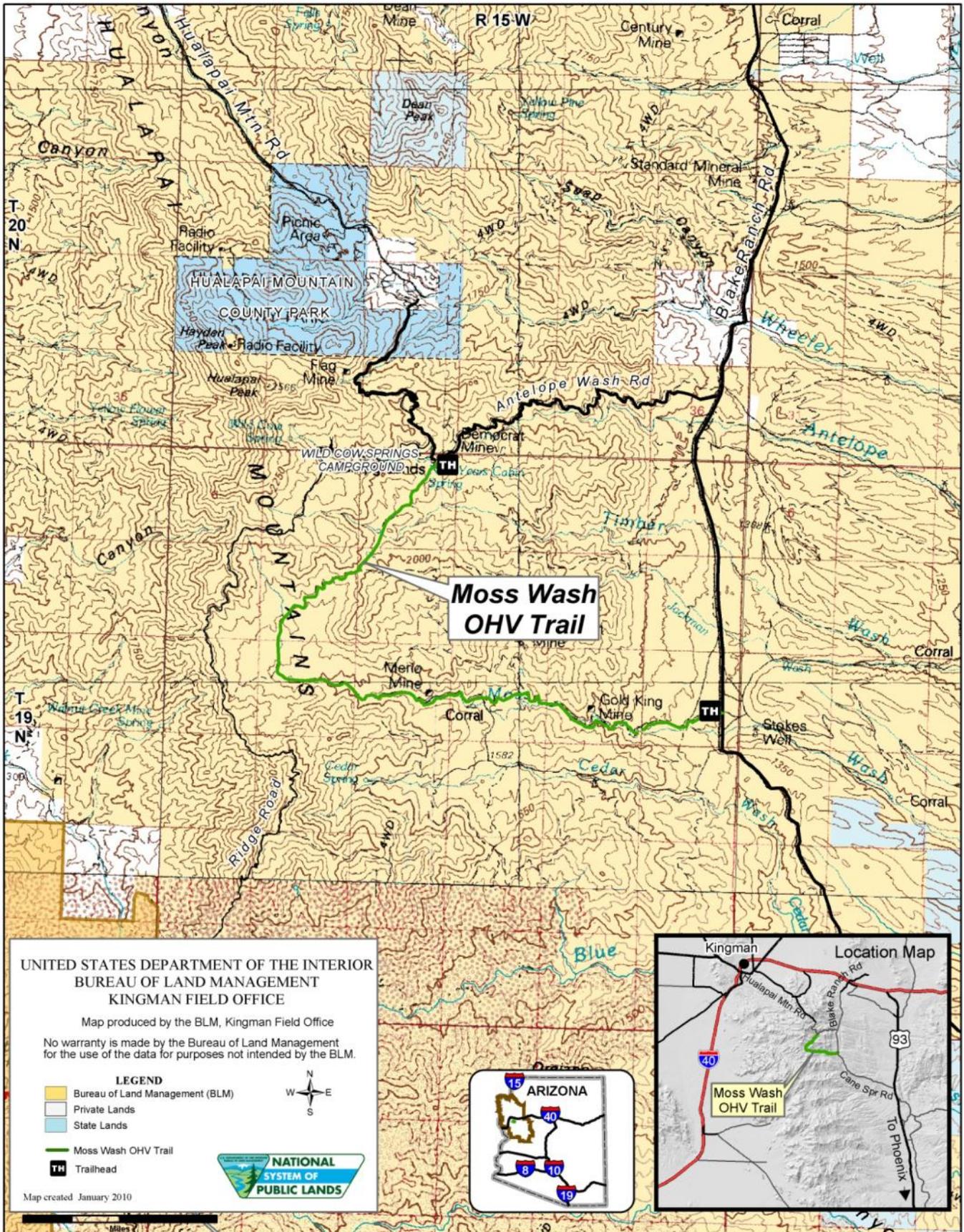


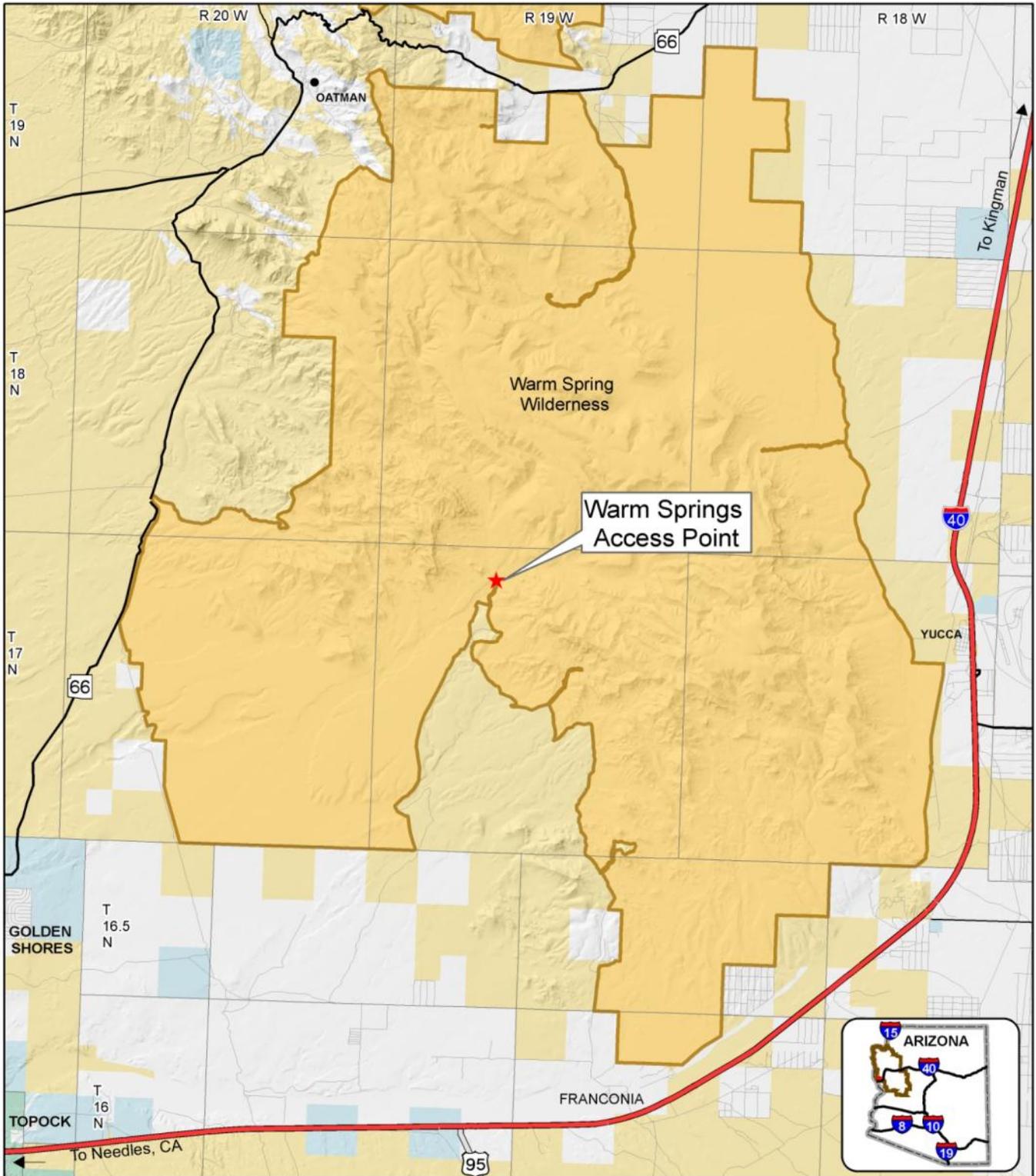
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  - BLM Wilderness
  - Trail
  - TH Trailhead

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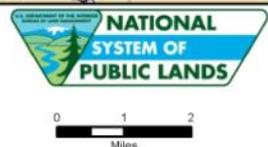
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EXHIBIT 1

United States Department of the Interior



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**GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING DESERT TORTOISE, ROSY BOA AND CHUCKWALLA ENCOUNTERED ON ROADS AND VEHICLE WAYS**

1. Stop your vehicle and allow the tortoise, rosy boa or chuckwalla to move off the road or if possible, drive around the tortoise or other animal.
  2. If the tortoise is not moving, gently\*\* pick up the tortoise and move it approximately 200 feet off the road to a shaded location.
    - a. Do **not** turn the tortoise over.
    - b. Move the tortoise in the direction it was traveling. If it was crossing the road, move it in the direction it was crossing.
    - c. Keep the tortoise within 12-18 inches of the ground, move slowly so as not to cause it to become alarmed.
    - d. Release the tortoise under the shade of a bush or rock.
- \*\* Tortoise store water in their bladder. If a tortoise becomes alarmed its defense is to void its bladder onto the captor. This could lead to dehydration of the tortoise and potentially to death.
3. Prior to moving any parked vehicles or equipment at the project site, check for tortoise under the vehicles.



## Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment ( <b>Yes or No with supporting Rationale</b> )
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	No. None expected.
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988) national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	No. The action would not have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics. Crews would practice "Leave No Trace" ethics at their campsites and at the project sites.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	No. The action does not involve highly controversial environmental effects or unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No. None expected.
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about future actions with significant environmental effects.	No. The action does not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No. The action is similar to other actions at other trailheads, but significant cumulative impacts are not anticipated.
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	No. There are no properties listed nor eligible for listing within the project area.
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	No. The action would not have significant impacts. The Sleeping Princess OHV Trailhead is located in the Black Mountains Ecosystem Management Area of Critical Environmental Concern.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No. No laws or requirements would be violated.
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	No. The action would have no impact on low income or minority populations.
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	No. There are no known sacred sites in the project areas.
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	No. Contractors would be required to wash off their vehicles and tires prior to departing their home base of operation to prevent transportation and spread of weeds into the field.

## Approval and Decision Attachment 2

**Compliance and assignment of responsibility:**

Kingman Field Office Recreation Program

**Monitoring and assignment of responsibility:**

Kingman Field Office Recreation Program

*Review: We have determined that the proposal is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria and that it would not involve any significant environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review.*

**Prepared by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Len Marceau,  
Outdoor Recreation Planner  
**Project Lead**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_

David Brock,  
Rangeland Management Specialist  
**NEPA Coordinator**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Decision:** Based on a review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed.

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jackie Neckels**  
**Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources**  
**Kingman Field Office**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_