



**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PREHISTORIC TRACKWAYS NATIONAL MONUMENT (PTNM)  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (RMP/EIS)  
PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES<sup>1</sup>**

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<p><b>TRAILS AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT:</b></p> <p>Areas closed to motorized and mechanical vehicle use is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robledo Mtn. Wilderness Study Area (WSA), 789 acres</li> </ul> <p>Motorized and mechanical vehicle use is LIMITED to existing routes.</p> <p>Casual equestrian and dispersed pedestrian recreation is allowed.</p> <p>Commercial, competitive and organized group activities are administered through the Special Recreation Permit (SRP) program.</p>	<p><b>TRAILS AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT:</b></p> <p>Areas closed to motorized and mechanical vehicle use would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entire Monument: 5,280 acres</li> </ul> <p>The PTNM would be CLOSED to Special Recreation Permits (SRP).</p> <p>Existing routes would not be maintained or improved.</p> <p>No new routes would be developed.</p>	<p><b>TRAILS AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT:</b></p> <p>Areas closed to motorized and mechanical vehicle use would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robledo Mtn. WSA: 789 acres</li> <li>• Approximately 2.6 miles (63%) of the Apache Canyon route (Tabasco Twister Trail)</li> <li>• Approximately 1.5 miles (76%) of the Branson Canyon route (Pazcuaro's Revenge Trial)</li> <li>• Approximately 0.5 miles (100%) of the Cayenne Crawler Trail</li> </ul> <p>Areas where motorized and mechanical vehicle use would be limited to designated routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing routes that do not impact paleontological resources</li> </ul> <p>Recreational route use that causes damage to sensitive resources would be closed to that recreational use.</p> <p>Routes that do not damage sensitive resources could be maintained and/or improved as necessary to facilitate designated use.</p>	<p><b>TRAILS AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT:</b></p> <p>Areas closed to motorized and mechanical vehicle use would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robledo Mtn. WSA, 789 acres</li> <li>• Approximately 2.6 miles (63%) of the Apache Canyon route (Tabasco Twister Trail)</li> <li>• Approximately 1.5 miles (76%) of the Branson Canyon route (Pazcuaro's Revenge Trial)</li> <li>• Approximately 0.5 miles (100%) of the Cayenne Crawler Trail</li> </ul> <p>Areas where motorized and mechanical vehicle use would be limited to designated routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing routes that do not impact paleontological resources</li> </ul> <p>Recreational route use that causes damage to sensitive resources would be closed to that recreational use.</p> <p>Routes that do not damage sensitive resources could be maintained and/or improved as necessary to facilitate designated use.</p>

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		<p>To the extent that they do not damage sensitive resources, new routes could be developed to enhance recreational and visitor experience and/or facilitate research.</p> <p>Activities requiring a no-fee Day-Use Pass would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motorized vehicle use</li> <li>• Mechanical vehicle use</li> </ul> <p>Commercial, competitive and organized group activities would be administered through the Special Recreation Permit (SRP) program.</p>	<p>To the extent that they do not damage sensitive resources, new routes could be developed to enhance recreational and visitor experience and/or facilitate research.</p> <p>Commercial, competitive and organized group activities would be administered through the Special Recreation Permit (SRP) program.</p>
<p><b>RECREATION:</b></p> <p>Recreational motorized and mechanized use is allowed on existing routes outside of the Robledo Mountain WSA.</p> <p>Open to dispersed recreation.</p> <p>Recreational target shooting is allowed.</p>	<p><b>RECREATION:</b></p> <p>Minimal directional and informational signs would be installed.</p> <p>Camping, campfires would not be allowed anywhere in the Monument.</p> <p>Recreational target shooting would not be allowed.</p>	<p><b>RECREATION:</b></p> <p>Visitor facilities such as toilets, shade shelters, information kiosks, trail markers, primitive campsites, and picnic sites would be developed. Campfires would be limited to designated campfire rings. Also a trail system, with interpretive facilities incorporated into them, for various recreational opportunities (bike, Off-Highway Vehicle [OHV], hiking, etc.) would be developed in accordance with the approved travel plan.</p> <p>Recreational target shooting would not be allowed.</p>	<p><b>RECREATION:</b></p> <p>Visitor facilities such as toilets, shade shelters, information kiosks, trail markers, developed campground, primitive campsites, and picnic sites, along with a community education building that would also serve as a visitor contact station would be developed. Campfires would be limited to designated campfire rings. Also a trail system, with interpretive facilities incorporated into them, for various recreational opportunities (bike, OHV, hiking, etc.) would be developed in accordance with the approved travel plan.</p> <p>Recreational target shooting would not be allowed.</p>

<p><b>GRAZING:</b></p> <p>Legislation: Section 2104 (h) Grazing- The Secretary may allow grazing to continue in any area of the Monument in which grazing is allowed before the date of enactment of this Act, subject to applicable laws (including regulations).</p>	<p><b>GRAZING:</b></p> <p>Exclude grazing from within the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument.</p>	<p><b>GRAZING:</b></p> <p>Adjust the allotment management plan to exclude grazing at specific locations such as exclosures around campsites or in areas to protect paleontological resources.</p>	<p><b>GRAZING:</b></p> <p>Allow grazing in all areas of the Monument in accordance with the current allotment management plans.</p>
<p><b>LANDS AND REALTY:</b></p> <p>Retain all public land.</p> <p>Acquire access easement on the east side of Monument.</p>	<p><b>LANDS AND REALTY:</b></p> <p>Retain all public land.</p> <p>No acquisition of access easements.</p> <p>Acquire approximately 640 acres of non-Federal mineral estate within and adjacent to the PTNM in section 36, T. 23 S., R. 1 W.</p>	<p><b>LANDS AND REALTY:</b></p> <p>Retain all public land.</p> <p>Acquire three access easements located at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• east entrance on Permian Tracks Road from private landowner (approx. 0.12 miles)</li> <li>• southeast entrance from NM State Land Office (approx. 1.7 miles)</li> <li>• west side of Monument from NM State Land Office (approx. 0.43 miles)</li> </ul> <p>Acquire approximately 640 acres of non-Federal mineral estate within and adjacent to the PTNM in section 36, T. 23 S., R. 1 W.</p>	<p><b>LANDS AND REALTY:</b></p> <p>Retain all public land.</p> <p>Acquire three access easements located at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• east entrance on Permian Tracks Road from private landowner (approx. 0.12 miles)</li> <li>• southeast entrance from NM State Land Office (approx. 1.7 miles)</li> <li>• west side of monument from NM State Land Office (approx. 0.43 miles)</li> </ul> <p>Acquire approximately 640 acres of non-Federal mineral estate within and adjacent to the PTNM in section 36, T. 23 S., R. 1 W.</p>
<p><b>PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES:</b></p> <p>Legislation: Section 2103 ESTABLISHMENT (a) In order to conserve, protect, and enhance the unique and nationally important paleontological, scientific, educational . . . established the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument.</p>	<p><b>PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES:</b></p> <p>Assess current uses and stop any use affecting paleontological resources.</p>	<p><b>PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES:</b></p> <p>Assess current uses and mitigate those that may be affecting paleontological resources that are of scientific, educational and recreational merit.</p> <p>Identify where current uses conflict with conservation and preservation of paleontological resources. Mitigate according to BLM policy.</p>	<p><b>PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES:</b></p> <p>Assess current uses and mitigate those that may be affecting paleontological resources that are of scientific, educational and recreational merit.</p> <p>Identify where current uses conflict with conservation and preservation of paleontological resources. Mitigate according to BLM policy.</p>

<p>Section 2104 (f)(2)  <b>PERMITTED EVENTS-</b> The Secretary may issue permits for special recreation events involving motorized vehicles within the boundaries of the Monument- (A) to the extent the events do not harm paleontological resources;</p> <p>Class 3 Potential Fossil Yield Classification (PFYC) acres are evaluated on a case-by-case basis for the need to mitigate for paleontological resources on all ground disturbing actions.</p>			
<p><b>EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION</b></p> <p>Legislation:          Section 2104 (d)          (1) The Secretary shall provide for public interpretation of, and education and scientific research on, the paleontological resources of the Monument, with priority given to exhibiting and curating the resources in Dona Ana County, New Mexico.          (2) The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with appropriate public entities to carry out paragraph (1).</p>	<p><b>EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION</b></p> <p>Develop, support, and partner with organizations to develop educational and interpretive materials and opportunities to all ages of the public off site.</p>	<p><b>EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION</b></p> <p>Develop, support, and partner with organizations to develop educational and interpretive materials and opportunities to all ages of the public off site.</p> <p>Develop interpretive materials to support self-guided and guided interpretive activities on the PTNM. Develop pedestrian trails with orientation kiosks and wayside exhibits interpreting the Monument’s resources on-site.</p>	<p><b>EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION</b></p> <p>Develop, support, and partner with organizations to develop educational and interpretive materials and opportunities to all ages of the public off site.</p> <p>Develop interpretive materials to support self-guided, guided, and motorized interpretive activities on the PTNM. Develop pedestrian trails with orientation kiosks and wayside exhibits interpreting the Monument’s resources on-site.</p> <p>Build, staff and maintain a full service visitor center with exhibits and programs within the PTNM</p>

NOTE: 1 All decisions would apply only to the public land within the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument