



APPENDIX D
RECREATION SETTINGS AND
WORKSHEETS

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Recreation Settings and Recreation Management Area Worksheets

D.1 RECREATION SETTINGS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Setting prescriptions are a way of describing the desired conditions for recreation resources in an SRMA or ERMA. The LSFO has identified a spectrum of four generalized settings for this planning area, and uses the terms “community interface,” “passage,” “front country,” and “back country” to describe them. These settings are described in **Table D-I**, Description of Recreation Management Settings for Lower Sonoran Decision Area.

Each setting is defined by nine criteria: three condition classes (physical, social and operational) which are further broken down by three components that identify the attributes within the classes. It is the combination of these nine criteria that are determined and prescribed for each RMA to achieve the desired characteristics and outcomes for each area. Management actions and allowable uses identified for each RMA (see below) can only be allowed if they remain within the criteria that have been identified for each of the three components within the condition classes. The settings criteria for each class and component are described in **Table D-2**, Recreation Setting Classes Prescriptions for Lower Sonoran Decision Area.

Table D-I
Description of Recreation Management Settings for Lower Sonoran Decision Area

Community Interface	Front Country	Passage	Back Country
Community Interface represents public lands bordering or surrounded by communities and their associated urban infrastructure. This zone will also include lands projected to be influenced by the increasing urbanization of the planning area over the next 15 to 20 years.	Front Country offers the main setting and locations for intensive resource-dependent recreation uses and facilities. Motorized and mechanized vehicles must remain on existing or designated routes.	Passage setting provides a motorized travel corridor traversing the Back Country setting. This corridor is 200 feet wide (100 feet each side of centerline), centered on a motorized travel route designated for public use, and is available for management infrastructure in response to resource concerns and visitor demand.	Back Country areas are large and natural landscapes. Noticeable human-induced modifications are uncommon. Designated motorized and mechanized travel routes entering or crossing Back Country settings are allocated to the Passage setting.

Table D-1
Description of Recreation Management Settings for Lower Sonoran Decision Area

Community Interface	Front Country	Passage	Back Country
The zone can be natural in appearance, but the landscape is subject to change from intensive recreation activities and other land use authorizations.	The lands are generally natural in appearance and may see minor to moderate alterations over the life of the LUP due to land use authorizations and BLM management actions.	The lands are generally natural in appearance and may see minor to moderate alterations over the life of the LUP due to land use authorizations and BLM management actions.	The landscapes are mainly natural in appearance.

Table D-2
Recreation Setting Classes Prescriptions for Lower Sonoran

	Community Interface	Front Country	Passage	Back Country
Setting Prescription Criteria				
<i>Physical Conditions</i>				
Remoteness	Not remote, directly adjacent to urban and rural housing and communities.	Moderately remote, within a one to two hour drive from urban and rural communities.	Remote setting, within a several hour drive from communities to access areas.	Area is remote and primitive.
Naturalness	This zone can be natural in appearance, but the landscape is subject to high evidence of human change.	Mostly natural environment with low to high evidence of human changes at specific attractions.	This zone is mostly natural with low to moderate evidence of human induced change.	Predominantly natural environment of moderate to large size. Human modifications occasionally evident, but not intrusive.
Facilities	Degree of developed user facilities will be moderate to high at recreation sites.	The extent of developed user facilities will be moderate to high at recreation sites.	The degree of developed user facilities will be low to moderate at recreation sites.	The degree of developed user facilities will be low to none.

Table D-2
Recreation Setting Classes Prescriptions for Lower Sonoran

	Community Interface	Front Country	Passage	Back Country
<i>Social Conditions</i>				
Contacts	Generally there is high level of interaction among users. Visitors may encounter more than 150 people per day.	Moderate to high level of interaction (average 25-75 individuals singly or in groups per day with the occasional group nearing 150 individuals.).	Generally the level of interaction among visitors is low (up to 25 individuals per day) but occasionally up to 150 individuals singly or in groups per day.	The level of interaction among visitors is low. Visitors encounter up to 25 individuals singly or in groups per day on designated trails or near Community Interface, Front Country, or Passage settings and 10 or fewer individuals singly or in groups per day in more remote off-trail settings.
Group Size	Generally the maximum group size would be up to 75 individuals but groups of up to 400 may be encountered under permit at recreation sites designed for such use. On average group size would be 12-25.	Generally the maximum group size would be up to 75 individuals, but groups of up to 200 may be encountered under permit. On average, group size would be 8-20 individuals.	Generally up to 25-50 individuals with the occasional group size reaching 200 individuals. On average group size would be 4-15 individuals.	Generally a maximum group size up to 50 individuals with the occasional group size reaching 75 individuals.. On average groups size would be 2-8 individuals.
Evidence of Use	In local areas (1-5 acres or less) moderate impacts to soil and vegetation persist from year to year.	In local areas (1 acre or less) minor impacts to soil and vegetation persist from year to year.	In local areas (1 acre or less) minor impacts to soil and vegetation persist from year to year.	Impacts to soil and vegetation recover yearly or are negligible in extent (.1 acre).

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Recreation Setting Classes Prescriptions for Lower Sonoran

	Community Interface	Front Country	Passage	Back Country
<i>Operational Conditions</i>				
Mechanized Use	Motorized and mechanized use on designated routes.	Motorized and mechanized use on designated routes.	Motorized and mechanized on designated routes.	Motorized use is not allowed. Mechanized use is allowed on designated trails.
Management Controls	Potentially high management presence with increased staffing of park rangers, campground hosts and law enforcement. Increase in regulatory restrictions and signing likely.	Moderate to high management presence with increased staffing of park rangers, campground hosts and law enforcement. Increase in regulatory restrictions and signing possible.	Low to moderate management presence. The occasional park ranger and law enforcement may be present. Limited regulatory restrictions and signing.	Low management presence from staffing however regulatory restrictions and signing likely at access points.
Visitor Services	Visitor information provision levels are high. On-site assistance at developed recreation sites likely year round.	Visitor information levels are moderate to high. On-site assistance at developed recreation sites likely during seasonal use periods.	Visitor information levels are low to moderate.	Visitor information levels are low.

D.2 SPECIAL AND EXTENSIVE RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA WORKSHEETS

Recreation Management Area (RMA) worksheets are used to develop and document the objective(s), targeted opportunities and outcomes, prescribed setting character, and activity planning framework for designated RMAs. The worksheets are concise outlines of management direction intended for a particular area, as well as the proposed prescribed management actions and uses necessary to achieve those objective(s). Following are the RMA worksheets for the five Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) and six Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMAs), along with their associated recreation management zones where applicable, for the Lower Sonoran Decision Area.

D.2.1 LOWER SONORAN DECISION AREA SPECIAL RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA WORKSHEETS

<u>Buckeye Hills East Trails Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)</u>	
Rationale: The Buckeye Hills East SRMA (25, 800 acres), has been established to promote motorized and non-motorized recreational opportunities, emphasizing single-track trails. The Buckeye Hills East area is located directly south of the town of Buckeye across the Gila River with scattered private and state land parcels directly to the north and east. The granitic hills have been popular for off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, predominately motorcycles, for the past 40 years providing local visitors natural open spaces close to town for recreational activities including OHV driving, hiking, equestrian, picnicking, camping, photography, target shooting and sightseeing. The area is within a PM ₁₀ nonattainment area which will require mitigation measures to be considered and designed into travel management planning, proposed actions and facility development.	
Management Focus (RMZ Objectives)	To provide recreational opportunities for local residents seeking primarily motorized trail experiences for a range of skill levels and distances in natural open spaces adjacent to the communities of Buckeye, Goodyear and Avondale. Single track trails would be maintained with developed loop opportunities where appropriate.
<i>Objective Statement</i>	Through the life of the plan, 85% of sampled visitors will respond to a visitor survey that they were satisfied with a recreational use activity in which they were able to participate.
<i>Activities</i>	OHV driving, hiking, equestrian, picnicking, dispersed camping, photography, target shooting and sightseeing.
<i>Experiences</i>	Enjoy the natural open space; learn how to use and appreciate natural resources; ability to take moderate risks.
<i>Benefits</i>	Enhanced awareness and understanding of nature. Community and social exposure of outdoor lifestyles. Greater community ownership and stewardship of natural resources. Increased local tourism revenue.
PRESCRIBED RECREATION SETTING CHARACTERISTICS	
<i>Recreation Settings</i>	100% Community Interface

<u>Buckeye Hills East Trails</u> Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)		
<i>Physical</i>	<i>Remoteness Naturalness Facilities</i>	Directly adjacent to communities. In the north-end, landscape may have high evidence of human change, with mostly natural appearance in the south-end. Facilities mostly small parking areas and interpretive sites with potential for large staging areas.
<i>Social</i>	<i>Contacts Group Size Evidence of Use</i>	Potential for high level of interaction among users (average 50-100 individuals singly or in groups per day). Visitors may encounter more than 150 people per day during high use season (October through April) but not often. In local areas (1-5 acres or less) moderate impacts to soil and vegetation.
<i>Operational</i>	<i>Mechanized Use Management Controls Visitor Services</i>	Motorized and some mechanized use. Potential for high management presence with volunteer park rangers, campground host and/or law enforcement. Increase in regulatory restrictions and signing likely. Possible on-site assistance at developed recreation sites during seasonal use periods.
MANAGEMENT ACTIONS & ALLOWABLE USE DECISIONS		
<i>VRM Class</i>		Mostly Class IV
<i>All Minerals Activities</i>		Open
<i>Lands Actions</i>		Avoidance for all LUAs, including utility-scale renewable energy and major linear ROWs
<i>Travel Management</i>		Limited to existing or designated roads and trails. Both motorized and non-motorized uses but emphasizing motorized trail opportunities.
<i>Road Maintenance</i>		Majority of roads maintained at levels 1 to 3 with access roads maintained at level 5.
<i>Camping</i>		Vehicle-based within 100 feet of centerline of existing or designated routes, or limited to designated sites if established in subsequent activity planning. Dispersed primitive camping.
<i>Length of Stay</i>		Standard 14-day limit
<i>SRPs</i>		Authorized on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 43 CFR 2930. Vendor permits allowed if meets criteria established in the RMP. Organized groups over 75 people requires permit. Competitive motorized and non-motorized speed events, including motorcycle enduros or equestrian endurance rides, would be considered on a case-by-case basis.
<i>Firewood Collection</i>		Reasonable amounts of dead and down wood with the exception of no collection within ¼ mile of developed recreation sites. Saguaro skeletons and wood pallets prohibited.
<i>Amenities*/Facilities</i>		Up to six staging, parking and/or training areas may be developed with standard and expanded amenity facilities. One large staging area could be developed not to exceed 10 acres.
<i>Fees</i>		The RMZ or specific sites would potentially be established as fee sites in accordance with FLREA.

Administrative Actions

Coordinate and establish partnerships with communities adjacent to the area, interested agencies, interested user groups and individuals to produce a collaborative recreation management plan. Potential partners include the towns of Buckeye, Goodyear and Avondale, Maricopa County, Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Arizona OHV Coalition, Arizona Horseman's Association and local OHV and equestrian clubs.

**Standard recreation site amenity examples - picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signing, and security
Expanded amenities examples: services such as hookups, dump stations, special tours, access roads or transportation systems and reservation services.*

<u>Gunsight Wash</u> Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)	
Rationale: The Gunsight Wash area south of the town of Ajo (T14S, R5W, Sections 2-4 and 9-11; approximately 2,500 acres) has been a popular overnight camping spot for national and international winter visitors since the 1980s. The adjacent area is Sonoran pronghorn habitat with the Organ Pipe National Monument and Cabeza-Prieta Wildlife Preserve nearby as well. BLM proposes management actions to be responsive to the continued demand for this experience in an area where the surrounding landscapes need to be retained and wildlife protected.	
Management Focus (RMZ Objectives)	To provide structured, managed camping where there is a high demand from long distance winter visitors seeking a remote, primitive winter camping experience and access to adjacent public lands.
<i>Objective Statement</i>	Through the life of the plan, 90% of sampled visitors report satisfaction with their camping experience
<i>Activities</i>	RV and primitive camping, social gathering and hiking with sightseeing/touring, photography and wildlife viewing on the adjacent BLM and other federal lands.
<i>Experiences</i>	Enjoy having easy access to natural landscapes, exploring, and participating in group outdoor activities.
<i>Benefits</i>	Greater freedom from urban living. Enhanced ability for visitors to find areas providing recreational experiences.
PRESCRIBED RECREATION SETTING CHARACTERISTICS	
<i>Recreation Settings</i>	Front Country (100%)
<i>Physical</i>	<i>Remoteness Naturalness Facilities</i>
	Moderately remote setting and moderately natural in appearance with portions of the landscape is subject to high evidence of human change. Provide developed extended stay RV and primitive camping area while maintaining the natural environment at the site. Developed facilities would be moderate.
<i>Social</i>	<i>Contacts Group Size Evidence of Use</i>
	During the use season (October to April) there is a moderate level of interaction averaging 25-50/day with group sizes 8 to 12. Almost none in the off season. Level of interaction and group size may increase slightly with the addition of amenities. Encounters could reach 75 with group sizes up to 20 during busiest time of use season (December to April).
<i>Operational</i>	<i>Mechanized Use Management Controls Visitor Services</i>
	Motorized and mechanized use on existing and/or designated routes. Moderate management presence with campground host through most of year. Moderate to high level of visitor services.
MANAGEMENT ACTIONS & ALLOWABLE USE DECISIONS	
<i>VRM Class</i>	Class III
<i>Locatable Minerals Activities</i>	Proposed to withdraw to exploration and development.
<i>Leasable Minerals</i>	Closed to leasable minerals and seismic exploration.

MANAGEMENT ACTIONS & ALLOWABLE USE DECISIONS	
<i>Mineral Materials</i>	Closed to mineral material disposals.
<i>Lands Actions</i>	Exclusion for utility-scale renewable energy and major linear LUAs; Avoidance minor linear and non-linear LUAs.
<i>Travel Management</i>	Limited to existing or designated roads and trails. Both motorized and non-motorized uses. Predominately roads suitable for 2WD access for RVs.
<i>Road Maintenance</i>	Approximately 40% of roads maintained at levels 3 to 5
<i>Camping</i>	Vehicle-based within 100 feet of centerline of existing or designated routes, or limited to designated individual and group sites when established in subsequent activity planning. Dispersed primitive camping.
<i>Length of Stay</i>	14 day limit
<i>SRPs</i>	Authorized on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 43 CFR 2930. Vendor permits allowed if meets criteria established in the RMP. Organized groups over 75 people requires permit. No competitive motorized or non-motorized speed events.
<i>Firewood Collection</i>	No collection within ¼ mile of signed developed site. Saguaro skeletons and wood pallets prohibited.
<i>Amenities*/Facilities</i>	Standard and Expanded; May install amenities such as restroom, ramada area, picnic tables, individual campsites and improved roads.
<i>Fees</i>	Potentially establish the campground as a recreation fee site in accordance with FLREA to allow for the collection of use fees.
Administrative Actions	
Coordinate and establish partnerships with adjacent communities, interested agencies, Native American Tribes, interested user groups and individuals to produce a collaborative recreation management plan. Potential partners include the towns of Why and Ajo, Pima County, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, Organ Pipe National Park Service, the Tohono O'odham Nation, and the International Sonoran Desert Alliance.	

**Standard recreation site amenity examples - picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signing, and security*
Expanded amenities examples: services such as hookups, dump stations, special tours, access roads or transportation systems and reservation services.

<u>Painted Rock</u> Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)	
<p>Description: The 300 acre Painted Rock Petroglyph Site and Campground has been established for the past 25 years as an interpretive and campground site for national and international winter visitors. The site, approximately 90 miles southwest of Phoenix, Arizona, provides visitors the opportunity to view an ancient archaeological site containing hundreds of symbolic and artistic rock etchings, or "petroglyphs," produced centuries ago by prehistoric peoples. There are also inscriptions made by people who passed through during historic times. Many well-known events in Arizona history occurred near the petroglyph site, including the expedition of Juan Bautista de Anza that founded San Francisco, the Mormon Battalion and the Butterfield Overland Mail. Formerly a unit of the Arizona State Parks system, jurisdiction of Painted Rock Petroglyph Site reverted to the Bureau of Land Management in 1989. The surrounding 9,500 acre area is a large wildlife habitat viewing area as well as a popular recreational area offering hunting opportunities with cultural and historical values as well. BLM proposes management actions to be responsive to the continued demand for this experience in an area where the surrounding landscapes need to be retained and recreational values protected.</p>	
Management Focus (RMZ Objectives)	To provide structured, managed camping where there is a high demand from national and international winter visitors seeking a remote, primitive winter camping experience near an adjacent petroglyph site day use area and access to adjacent public lands which provide cultural and historic attractions of regional, national and international interest.
<i>Objective Statement</i>	Through the life of the plan, 85% of sampled visitors report satisfaction with their camping experience
<i>Activities</i>	RV and primitive camping, social gathering, cultural and historic site viewing, interpretive exhibit viewing, picnicking and hiking
<i>Experiences</i>	Enjoy having easy access to natural landscapes, exploring, and participating in group outdoor activities.
<i>Benefits</i>	Greater freedom from urban living. Enhanced ability for visitors to find areas providing recreational experiences. Environmental education
PRESCRIBED RECREATION SETTING CHARACTERISTICS	
<i>Recreation Settings</i>	
Front Country (100%)	
<i>Physical</i>	<i>Remoteness Naturalness Facilities</i>
	Provide developed extended stay RV and primitive camping area while maintaining the natural environment at the site. Facilities include restrooms, ramada areas, individual campsites with picnic tables and grills, and improved roads
<i>Social</i>	<i>Contacts Group Size Evidence of Use</i>
	During the use season (October to April) there is a moderate level of interaction averaging 25-50/day with group sizes 8 to 12. Almost none in the off season. Level of interaction and group size may increase slightly with the addition of amenities such as a dump station, potential water hookups, and electricity for the additional host site. Encounters could reach 75 with group sizes up to 200 during busiest time of use season (December to April).
<i>Operational</i>	<i>Mechanized Use Management Controls Visitor Services</i>
	Motorized and mechanized use on existing routes within campground area. Adjacent area limited to designated and/or signed open routes. At least one campground host throughout most of year, sometimes two hosts during busiest time of January to March. High level of visitor services.

MANAGEMENT ACTIONS & ALLOWABLE USE DECISIONS	
<i>VRM Class</i>	Class III
<i>Locatable Minerals Activities</i>	The day use area and campground areas would be recommended for withdrawal to locatable minerals exploration and development (300 acres). The remaining area would be open (9,500 acres).
<i>Leasable Minerals in Campground and Adjacent Area</i>	The day use area and campground areas would be closed to leasable minerals exploration and development (300 acres). Selected public lands adjacent to the campground would be open to leasables with No Surface Occupancy and closed to seismic exploration (6,100 acres). The remaining lands in the SRMA would be open (3,400 acres).
<i>Mineral Materials</i>	The campground area and selected lands adjacent to the campground would be closed to mineral material disposals (6,400 acres). The remaining lands in the SRMA would be open (3,400 acres).
<i>Lands Actions</i>	The day use and campground area (300 acres) would be excluded from utility-scale renewable energy and major linear LUAs; and avoidance areas for minor linear and non-linear LUAs. The remaining portion of the SRMA would be open to all.
<i>Travel Management</i>	Limited to existing or designated roads and trails. Both motorized and non-motorized uses. Predominately roads suitable for 2WD access for RVs.
<i>Travel in Adjacent Area</i>	On the approximate 9,800 acres of public lands adjacent to the campground and petroglyph day use area, motorized use would be limited to signed open and/or designated roads, primitive roads and trails.
<i>Road Maintenance</i>	90% of roads maintained at levels 3 to 5.
<i>Campground Camping</i>	60 individual and 2 group use designated sites for all alternatives; no plans to increase # of sites although there is room for expansion.
<i>Length of Stay</i>	90 day limit year round
<i>Camping in Adjacent Area</i>	The public lands adjacent to the campground and petroglyph day use area would remain closed to vehicle-based camping.
<i>SRPs</i>	Authorized on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 43 CFR 2930. Vendor permits allowed if meets criteria established in the RMP. Organized groups over 75 people requires permit. No motorized or non-motorized competitive speed events.
<i>Firewood Collection</i>	Same as A with the exception of no collection within ¼ mile of signed camping area. Saguaro skeletons and wood pallets prohibited.
<i>Target Shooting</i>	Prohibited within the signed developed area, within ¼ mile of an occupied structure, and across roads and primitive roads and trails in accordance with state and federal regulations.
<i>Amenities*/Facilities</i>	Standard and Expanded amenities; may install more amenities such as a second restroom, additional ramada areas, picnic tables, individual campsites and improved roads.
<i>Fees</i>	The campground was established as a recreation fee site in September 14, 2005 in accordance with FLREA. A business plan for the site has been approved and is in effect.

Administrative Actions

Coordinate on-the-ground management actions or changes to the existing Painted Rock Petroglyph Site and Campground Recreation Management Plan, and establish partnerships as needed with interested communities, agencies and other organizations as needed. Potential cooperative parties include the Native American Tribes, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Arizona Game and Fish Department, town of Gila Bend and Arizona Anza NHT Coalition.

**Standard recreation site amenity examples - picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signing, and security*
Expanded amenities examples: services such as hookups, dump stations, special tours, access roads or transportation systems and reservation services.

<u>Saddle Mountain</u> Special Recreation Management Area (ERMA)	
<p>Rationale: The Saddle Mountain ERMA (47,500 acres) has been established to promote non-motorized recreational opportunities, provide geologic, cultural, and wildlife interpretive sites, and protect the recreational values associated with the area's scenic landscapes and vistas. The Saddle Mountain area, approximately 60 miles west of Phoenix, Arizona, provides visitors the opportunity to view outstanding landscapes and recreate in an area that has cultural and wildlife values. The core area is large wildlife habitat area as well as a popular recreational area with cultural and some historical values. BLM proposes management actions to be responsive to the continued demand for this experience in an area where the surrounding landscapes need to be retained and recreational values protected.</p>	
Management Focus (RMZ Objectives)	To provide recreational opportunities for local visitors seeking a primarily non-motorized trail experience with limited motorized access to explore, discover and view the outstanding scenic landscapes, unique geologic features, and cultural and wildlife resources of the area.
PRESCRIBED RECREATION SETTING CHARACTERISTICS	
<i>Recreation Settings</i>	5% Community Interface; 77% Front Country; 17% Back Country; < 1% Passage
MANAGEMENT ACTIONS & ALLOWABLE USE DECISIONS	
<i>VRM Class</i>	Mostly Class III with some Class II and IV
<i>Locatable and Leasable Minerals Activities</i>	Open
<i>Mineral Materials</i>	Closed
<i>Lands Actions</i>	Avoidance for utility-scale renewable energy and major linear LUAs
<i>Travel Management</i>	Limited to existing or designated roads and trails. Both motorized and non-motorized uses. Non-motorized routes would be developed to meet demand for hiking, equestrian and mountain biking activities.
<i>Road Maintenance</i>	Majority of roads maintained at level 1 with up to 10% maintained at level 3.
<i>Camping</i>	Vehicle-based within 100 feet of centerline of existing or designated routes, or limited to designated sites when established in subsequent activity planning. Dispersed primitive camping allowed.
<i>Length of Stay</i>	14 day limit
<i>SRPs</i>	Authorized on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 43 CFR 2930. Vendor permits allowed if meets criteria established in the RMP. Organized groups over 75 people requires permit. No motorized competitive speed events and motorized technical or specialized uses (such as rock crawling). Non-motorized competitive speed events on a case-by-case basis.

MANAGEMENT ACTIONS & ALLOWABLE USE DECISIONS	
<i>Firewood Collection</i>	Same as A with the exception of no collection within ¼ mile of designated campsites. Saguaro skeletons and wood pallets prohibited.
<i>Amenities*/Facilities</i>	Standard amenities; mostly parking areas, trailheads and interpretive signing as needed.
Administrative Actions	
Coordinate and establish partnerships with communities adjacent to the area, interested agencies, user groups and individuals to produce a collaborative recreation management plan. Potential partners include Tonopah, Maricopa County, Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Friends of Saddle Mountain along with various local OHV and non-motorized recreational organizations.	

**Standard recreation site amenity examples - picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signing, and security
Expanded amenities examples: services such as hookups, dump stations, special tours, access roads or transportation systems and reservation services.*

<u>Ajo</u> Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA)	
<u>Ajo Desert</u> Recreation Management Zone (RMZ)	
Management Focus (RMZ Objectives)	The Ajo Desert RMZ is designated for local and regional visitors to engage in predominately undeveloped, primitive, and self-directed recreational experiences without provisions for motorized or mechanized access, except for identified routes. Activities include OHV driving, mountain biking, hiking and equestrian activities.
Acres	149,800
PRESCRIBED RECREATION SETTING CHARACTERISTICS	
<i>Recreation Settings</i>	15% Front Country; 82% Back Country; 3% Passage
MANAGEMENT ACTIONS & ALLOWABLE USE DECISIONS	
<i>VRM Class</i>	Coffeepot-Batamote Mountains Class II and remainder Class III
<i>All Minerals Activities</i>	Open
<i>Lands Actions</i>	Avoidance for all LUAs, including utility-scale renewable energy and major linear ROWs. Back country settings are exclusion areas for utility-scale renewable energy projects and major linear ROWs.
<i>Travel Management</i>	Limited to existing or designated primitive roads and trails. Both motorized and non-motorized uses.
<i>Road Maintenance</i>	Majority of roads maintained at levels 1 to 3 with access roads and pullouts maintained at level 5.
<i>Camping</i>	Vehicle-based within 100 feet of centerline of existing or designated routes. Dispersed primitive camping allowed.
<i>Length of Stay</i>	7-day limit in consecutive 28 day period
SRPs	Authorized on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 43 CFR 2930. Vendor permits allowed if meets criteria established in the RMP. Organized groups over 75 people requires permit. Competitive motorized speed events would be prohibited. Competitive non-motorized speed events, such as equestrian endurance rides would be considered on a case-by-case basis.
<i>Firewood Collection</i>	Same as A with the exception of no collection within ¼ mile of developed recreation sites. Saguaro skeletons and wood pallets prohibited.
<i>Amenities*/Facilities</i>	Standard, primarily trailheads and interpretive signing as needed.
Administrative Actions	
Coordinate and establish partnerships with adjacent communities, interested agencies, Native American Tribes, interested user groups and individuals to produce a collaborative recreation management plan. Potential partners include the towns of Why and Ajo, Pima County, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, Organ Pipe National Park Service, the Tohono O'odham Nation and the International Sonoran Desert Alliance.	

*Standard recreation site amenity examples - picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signing, and security
 Expanded amenities examples: services such as hookups, dump stations, special tours, access roads or transportation systems and reservation services.

<u>Ajo</u> Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA)	
<u>Ajo Gateway</u> Recreation Management Zone (RMZ)	
Management Focus (RMZ Objectives)	The Ajo Gateway RMZ is designated for local and regional visitors to enjoy intensive recreational use consisting of predominately motorized activities as well as non-motorized opportunities on public lands bordering the Ajo community, but natural in appearance. Activities include motocross bike riding, mountain biking and hiking in a system of primitive roads and trails just outside of town.
Acres	27,100
PRESCRIBED RECREATION SETTING CHARACTERISTICS	
Recreation Settings	100% Community Interface
MANAGEMENT ACTIONS & ALLOWABLE USE DECISIONS	
VRM Class	Mostly Class IV with some Class III
All Minerals Activities	Open
Lands Actions	Avoidance for all LUAs, including utility-scale renewable energy and major linear ROWs.
Travel Management	Limited to existing or designated primitive roads and trails. Both motorized and non-motorized uses. The Ajo Scenic Loop road could be designated during travel management planning to interpret and educate local and seasonal visitors on adjacent public lands.
Road Maintenance	Majority of roads maintained at levels 1 to 3 with access roads and pullouts maintained at level 5.
Camping	Vehicle-based within 100 feet of centerline of existing or designated routes. Dispersed primitive camping allowed.
Length of Stay	7-day limit in consecutive 28 day period
SRPs	Authorized on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 43 CFR 2930. Vendor permits allowed if meets criteria established in the RMP. Organized groups over 75 people requires permit
Firewood Collection	Same as A with the exception of no collection within ¼ mile of developed recreation sites. Saguaro skeletons and wood pallets prohibited.
Amenities*/Facilities	Standard; primarily trailheads and interpretive signing as needed.
Administrative Actions	
Coordinate and establish partnerships with adjacent communities, interested agencies, Native American Tribes, interested user groups and individuals to produce a collaborative recreation management plan. Potential partners include the towns of Why and Ajo, Pima County, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, Organ Pipe National Park Service, the Tohono O'odham Nation and the International Sonoran Desert Alliance.	

*Standard recreation site amenity examples - picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signing, and security
Expanded amenities examples: services such as hookups, dump stations, special tours, access roads or transportation systems and reservation services.

<u>Arlington Trails</u> Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA)	
Management Focus (RMZ Objectives)	Arlington Trails ERMA (60,600 acres) is designated for local and regional visitors seeking a dispersed or family-oriented motorized recreation experience including off-highway vehicle driving for various vehicle types and skill levels, camping, exploring and sightseeing in a remote Sonoran Desert landscape.
PRESCRIBED RECREATION SETTING CHARACTERISTICS	
<i>Recreation Settings</i>	100% Front Country
MANAGEMENT ACTIONS & ALLOWABLE USE DECISIONS	
<i>VRM Class</i>	Mostly Class IV
<i>All Minerals Activities</i>	Open
<i>Lands Actions</i>	Avoidance for all LUAs, including utility-scale renewable energy and major linear ROWs.
<i>Travel Management</i>	Limited to existing or designated roads and trails. Both motorized and non-motorized uses. Up to 25 miles of new roads may be constructed as needed to connect loop routes to provide opportunities for a family riding experience. Existing roads could be re-aligned to improve resource management or public safety.
<i>Road Maintenance</i>	Maintain at levels 1-3 with up to 10% maintained at level 3. Up to 30% maintained level 5.
<i>Camping</i>	Vehicle-based within 100 feet of centerline of existing or designated routes, or limited to designated sites if established in subsequent activity planning. Dispersed primitive camping allowed.
<i>Length of Stay</i>	Standard 14-day limit
<i>SRPs</i>	Authorized on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 43 CFR 2930. Vendor permits allowed if meets criteria established in the RMP. Organized groups over 75 people requires permit. Competitive motorized and non-motorized speed events, including motorcycle enduros or equestrian endurance rides, would be considered on a case-by-case basis.
<i>Firewood Collection</i>	Same as A with the exception of no collection within ¼ mile of developed recreation sites. Saguaro skeletons and wood pallets prohibited.
<i>Amenities*/Facilities</i>	Standard amenities as needed. Up to 2 staging areas would be developed with standard and expanded amenity facilities limited to a maximum of 10 acres each.
<i>Fees</i>	The RMZ, or specific sites, could be established as fee sites as needed in accordance with FLREA.
Administrative Actions	
Coordinate and establish partnerships with communities adjacent to the area, interested agencies, interested user groups and individuals to produce a collaborative recreation management plan. Potential partners include the towns of Arlington, Buckeye and Tonopah, Maricopa County, Arizona Game and Fish Department, the Arizona OHV Coalition, and local OHV clubs.	

**Standard recreation site amenity examples - picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signing, and security
Expanded amenities examples: services such as hookups, dump stations, special tours, access roads or transportation systems and reservation services.*

<u>Buckeye Hills West Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA)</u>	
Management Focus (RMZ Objectives)	The Buckeye Hills West ERMA (25,800 acres) would be designated for dispersed recreational opportunities adjacent to the Maricopa County Buckeye Recreation Area Regional Park and the Robbins Butte State Wildlife Area. The RMZ would be managed for motorized and non-motorized recreational activities including off-highway vehicle (OHV) touring, hiking, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, photography and hunting.
PRESCRIBED RECREATION SETTING CHARACTERISTICS	
<i>Recreation Settings</i>	100% Front Country
MANAGEMENT ACTIONS & ALLOWABLE USE DECISIONS	
<i>VRM Class</i>	Class III
<i>Locatable Minerals Activities</i>	Open with the exception of closed to Fred J. Weiler PLO 1015 lands, adjacent Buckeye Hills Maricopa County Park and Robbins Butte Wildlife Area (contain BLM subsurface minerals).
<i>Leasable Minerals</i>	Open with the exception of closed to Fred J. Weiler PLO 1015 lands, adjacent Buckeye Hills Maricopa County Park and Robbins Butte Wildlife Area (contain BLM subsurface minerals).
<i>Mineral Materials</i>	Open with the exception of closed to Fred J. Weiler PLO 1015 lands, adjacent Buckeye Hills Maricopa County Park and Robbins Butte Wildlife Area (contain BLM subsurface minerals).
<i>Lands Actions</i>	Avoidance for all LUAs, including utility-scale renewable energy and major linear ROWs with exception of exclusion area in Fred J. Weiler PLO 1015 lands.
<i>Travel Management</i>	Limited to existing or designated primitive roads and trails. Both motorized and non-motorized uses.
<i>Road Maintenance</i>	Majority of roads maintained at levels 1 to 3 with access roads maintained at level 5.
<i>Camping</i>	Overnight camping prohibited unless specifically authorized
<i>Length of Stay</i>	Standard 14-day limit
<i>SRPs</i>	Authorized on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 43 CFR 2930. Vendor permits allowed if meets criteria established in the RMP. Organized groups over 75 people requires permit. Competitive motorized and non-motorized speed events, including motorcycle enduros or equestrian endurance rides, would be prohibited.
<i>Firewood Collection</i>	Reasonable amounts of dead and down wood, except no collection within ¼ mile of developed recreation sites. Saguaro skeletons and wood pallets prohibited.
<i>Amenities*/Facilities</i>	Standard amenities as needed.
<i>Fees</i>	The RMZ would be established as Special Management Area and potential fee sites established as needed in accordance with FLREA.

Administrative Actions

Coordinate and establish partnerships with communities adjacent to the area, interested agencies, interested user groups and individuals to produce a collaborative recreation management plan. Potential partners include the towns of Buckeye, Arlington and Tonopah, Maricopa County, Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Arizona OHV Coalition.

**Standard recreation site amenity examples - picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signing, and security
Expanded amenities examples: services such as hookups, dump stations, special tours, access roads or transportation systems and reservation services.*

<i>Gila Bend Mountains</i> Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA)	
Management Focus (RMZ Objectives)	The Gila Bend Mountains ERMA would be designated to provide local and regional visitors dispersed, self-directed recreation opportunities and experiences in a remote and undeveloped Sonoran Desert landscape which includes two wilderness areas. Activities include off-road vehicle driving, camping, hiking, hunting and sightseeing.
PRESCRIBED RECREATION SETTING CHARACTERISTICS	
<i>Recreation Settings</i>	15% Front Country; 83% Back Country; 2% Passage
<i>Acreage</i>	259,800
MANAGEMENT ACTIONS & ALLOWABLE USE DECISIONS	
<i>VRM Class</i>	Woolsey Peak/Signal Mountain Wildernesses Class I and remainder Class II - IV
<i>Locatable Minerals Activities</i>	Open except in wilderness areas which are withdrawn
<i>Leasable Minerals and Mineral Materials</i>	Open except in wilderness areas which are closed
<i>Lands Actions</i>	Exclusion in wilderness areas and back country settings. Avoidance remaining area for all LUAs, including utility-scale renewable energy and major linear ROWs.
<i>Travel Management</i>	Limited to existing or designated primitive roads and trails outside of wilderness. Both motorized and non-motorized uses. Closed in wilderness to motorized and mechanized uses.
<i>Road Maintenance</i>	Maintain 90% at level I with up to 3% maintained at levels 3-5 to allow for two-wheel drive access.
<i>Camping</i>	Vehicle-based within 100 feet of centerline of existing or designated routes, or limited to designated sites if established in subsequent activity planning. Dispersed primitive camping allowed.
<i>Length of Stay</i>	Standard 14-day limit
<i>SRPs</i>	Authorized on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 43 CFR 2930. Vendor permits allowed if meets criteria established in the RMP. Organized groups over 75 people requires permit. Competitive motorized speed events, including motorcycle enduros, would be prohibited. Competitive non-motorized speed events such as endurance rides, would be analyzed on a case-by-case basis.
<i>Firewood Collection</i>	Same as A with the exception of no collection within ¼ mile of developed recreation sites. Saguaro skeletons and wood pallets prohibited.
<i>Amenities*/Facilities</i>	Minor investments in visitor facilities. Standard amenities at the Sundad public use site.

Administrative Actions

Coordinate and establish partnerships with communities adjacent to the area, interested agencies, interested user groups and individuals to produce a collaborative recreation management plan. Potential partners include the towns of Buckeye, Arlington and Tonopah, Maricopa County, Arizona Game and Fish Department, and the Arizona OHV Coalition. The town of Agua Caliente would also be a potential partner when the historic mining site of Sundad is developed as a recreation/Public Use Site.

**Standard recreation site amenity examples - picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signing, and security*
Expanded amenities examples: services such as hookups, dump stations, special tours, access roads or transportation systems and reservation services.

<u>Lower Gila Historic Trails Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA)</u>	
Management Focus (RMZ Objectives)	The Lower Gila Historic Trails ERMA (42,600 acres) would be designated to provide recreation and educational opportunities and experiences to local, regional and national visitors who seek to discover, tour, and learn about the Juan Bautista de Anza NHT, the historic Butterfield Overland Stage Route and Mormon Battalion trails that intersect the NHT corridor, in addition to the area's rich cultural and natural history and resources.
PRESCRIBED RECREATION SETTING CHARACTERISTICS	
<i>Recreation Settings</i>	100% Front Country
MANAGEMENT ACTIONS & ALLOWABLE USE DECISIONS	
<i>VRM Class</i>	Class III
<i>Locatable Minerals Activities</i>	Recommend for withdrawal to exploration and development
<i>Leasable Minerals</i>	Closed to geophysical exploration; Open to leasables with No Surface Occupancy.
<i>Mineral Materials</i>	Closed
<i>Lands Actions</i>	Exclusion for utility-scale renewable energy and major linear ROWs; Avoidance for minor linear and non-linear LUAs.
<i>Travel Management</i>	Limited to existing or designated roads and trails. Both motorized and non-motorized uses.
<i>Road Maintenance</i>	Maintain at levels 1 to 3, with up to 10% of the route network maintained at level 5
<i>Camping</i>	Vehicle-based within 100 feet of centerline of existing or designated routes, or limited to designated sites if established in subsequent activity planning. Dispersed primitive camping allowed.
<i>Length of Stay</i>	Standard 14-day limit
<i>SRPs</i>	Authorized on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 43 CFR 2930. Vendor permits allowed if meets criteria established in the RMP. Organized groups over 75 people requires permit. Competitive motorized speed events, including motorcycle enduros, would be prohibited. Competitive non-motorized speed events such as endurance rides, would be analyzed on a case-by-case basis.
<i>Firewood Collection</i>	Same as A with the exception of no collection within ¼ mile of developed recreation sites. Saguaro skeletons and wood pallets prohibited.
<i>Amenities*/Facilities</i>	Facility infrastructure modest in scope and scale, but may include expanded amenities as needed. Standard amenities at the Butterfield West public use site.

Administrative Actions

Coordinate and establish partnerships with communities adjacent to the area, interested agencies, interested user groups and individuals to produce a collaborative recreation management plan. Potential partners include Native American Tribes, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Arizona Game and Fish Department, town of Gila Bend and Arizona Anza NHT Coalition.

**Standard recreation site amenity examples - picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signing, and security
Expanded amenities examples: services such as hookups, dump stations, special tours, access roads or transportation systems and reservation services.*

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