

ABSTRACT

The Agua Fria National Monument and Bradshaw-Harquahala Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DRMP/DEIS) describes and analyses five alternatives for managing approximately 967,000 acres of Public Land in Central Arizona, north and west of Phoenix, AZ. Information provided by the public, other agencies and organizations, and BLM personnel have been used to develop and analyze the Alternatives in this DRMP/DEIS. *Alternative A* is the No Action alternative and represents continuation of current management. *Alternative B* emphasizes recreation and resource development. *Alternative C* makes land available for recreation and resource development with greater opportunities to experience natural settings than in *Alternative B*. *Alternative D* emphasizes preservation of undeveloped primitive landscapes and opportunities for non-motorized recreation. *Alternative E*, the agency Preferred Alternative, provides for a balance between authorized resource use and the protection and long-term sustainability of sensitive resources.

Major issues addressed in the DRMP/DEIS include identification of lands that would be made available for disposal, management of recreation and public access, designation and management of Special Area Designations, management of areas having wilderness characteristics, and management of visual resources.

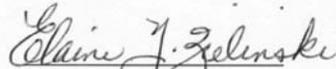
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and
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