

**Bureau of Land Management  
Tucson Field Office  
San Pedro Riparian National  
Conservation Area (SPRNCA)  
Resource Management Plan  
(RMP)**



# What is an RMP?

A Resource Management Plan (RMP) is a set of comprehensive long-range decisions that guide future land management actions for BLM administered land within a planning area.

Establish goals and objectives for resource management (desired conditions) and the measures needed to achieve these goals and objectives.

## How does the EIS fit in?

**Planning** (producing the RMP) selects the goals and identifies the management actions needed to achieve them.

**Environmental analysis** (producing the EIS) identifies the consequences of achieving those goals.

# San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA)

Designated by Congress in 1988 as a Riparian National Conservation Area.

Designated to conserve, protect and enhance the riparian area and the aquatic, wildlife, archeological, paleontological, scientific, cultural, educational, and recreational resources.

Became part of the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) in 2000.

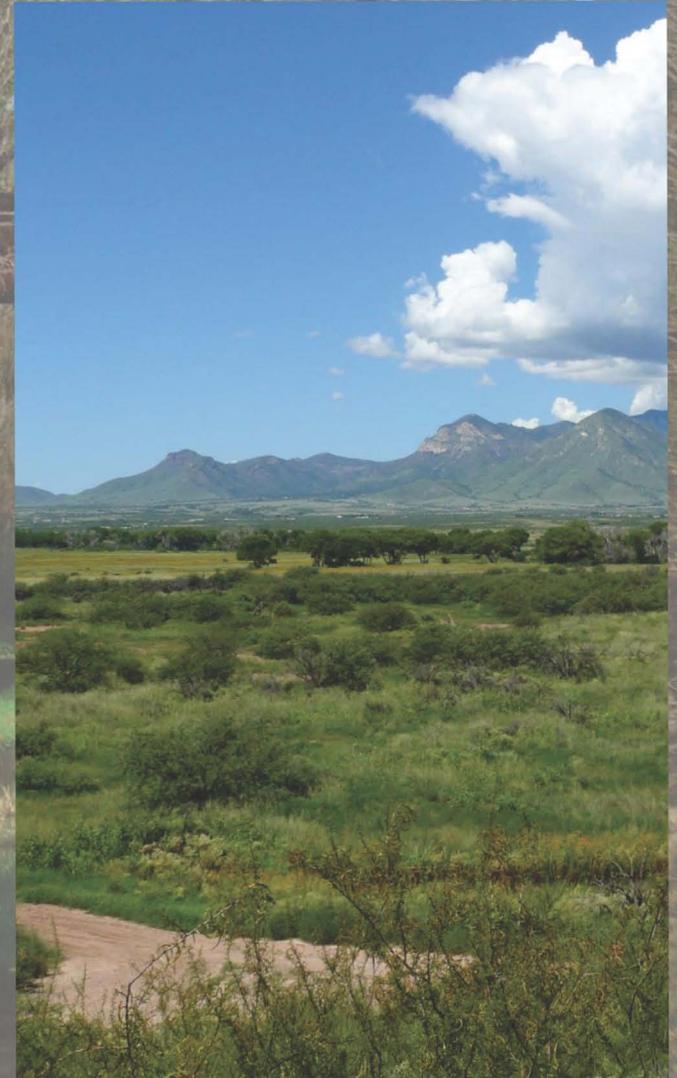


# Why an RMP for the SPRNCA?

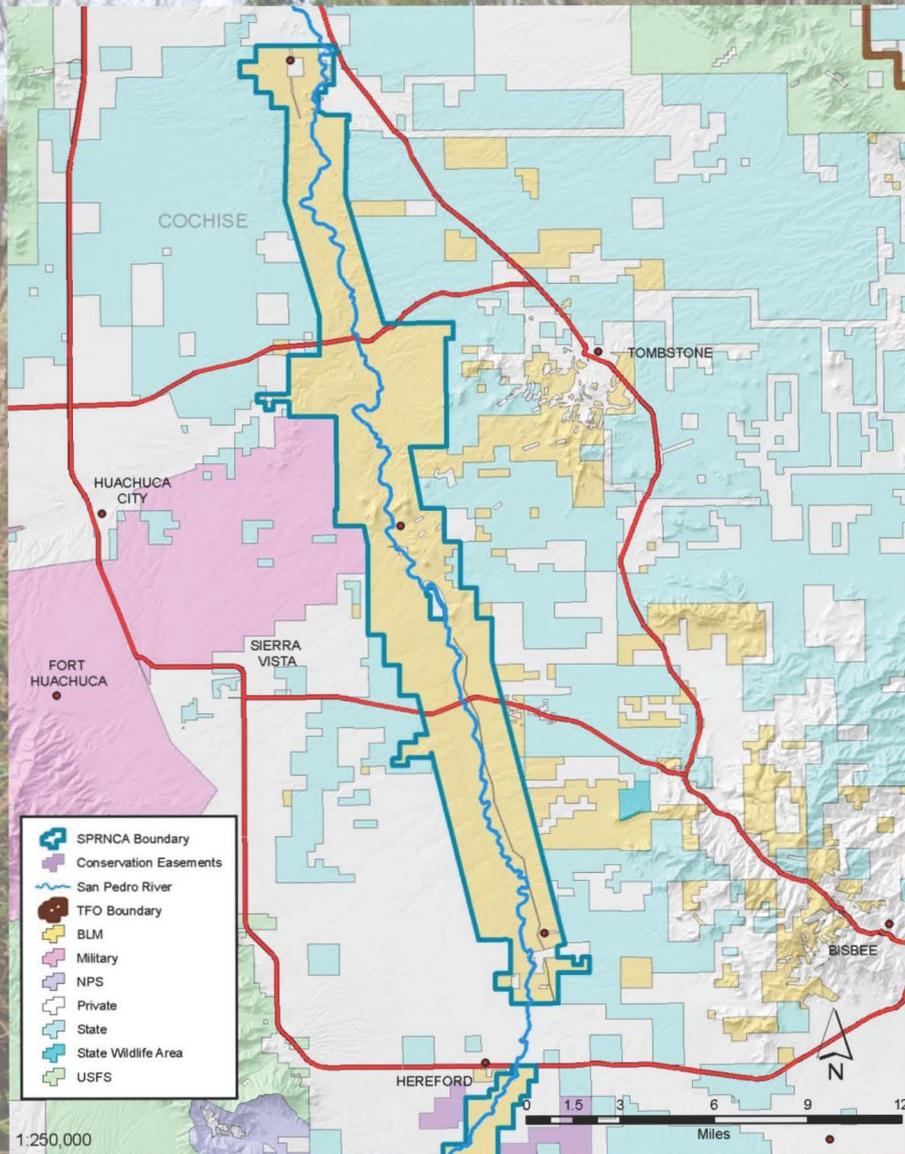
Land use plans, or RMPs, are required by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976.

Guide comprehensive management that assures protection of the SPRNCA's resources and conservation values.

Identify the current management situation, desired future conditions to be maintained or achieved, and management actions necessary to achieve those objectives identified for the conservation values.



# Planning Area



The planning effort is focused on the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA)

The planning area boundary (geographic extent of the planning area) has not yet been determined, and is an issue that will be considered during scoping

# Overview of the Planning Process

We are currently here

**Public Comment Scoping Period (90 days)**

**Summer 2013**

**Develop Draft RMP/EIS with scoping input and participation from stakeholders and Cooperating Agencies**

**Fall 2013/  
2014**

**Draft RMP/EIS 90 day Public Comment Period**

**Spring and  
Summer 2014**

**Use comments to help prepare Proposed RMP/Final EIS**

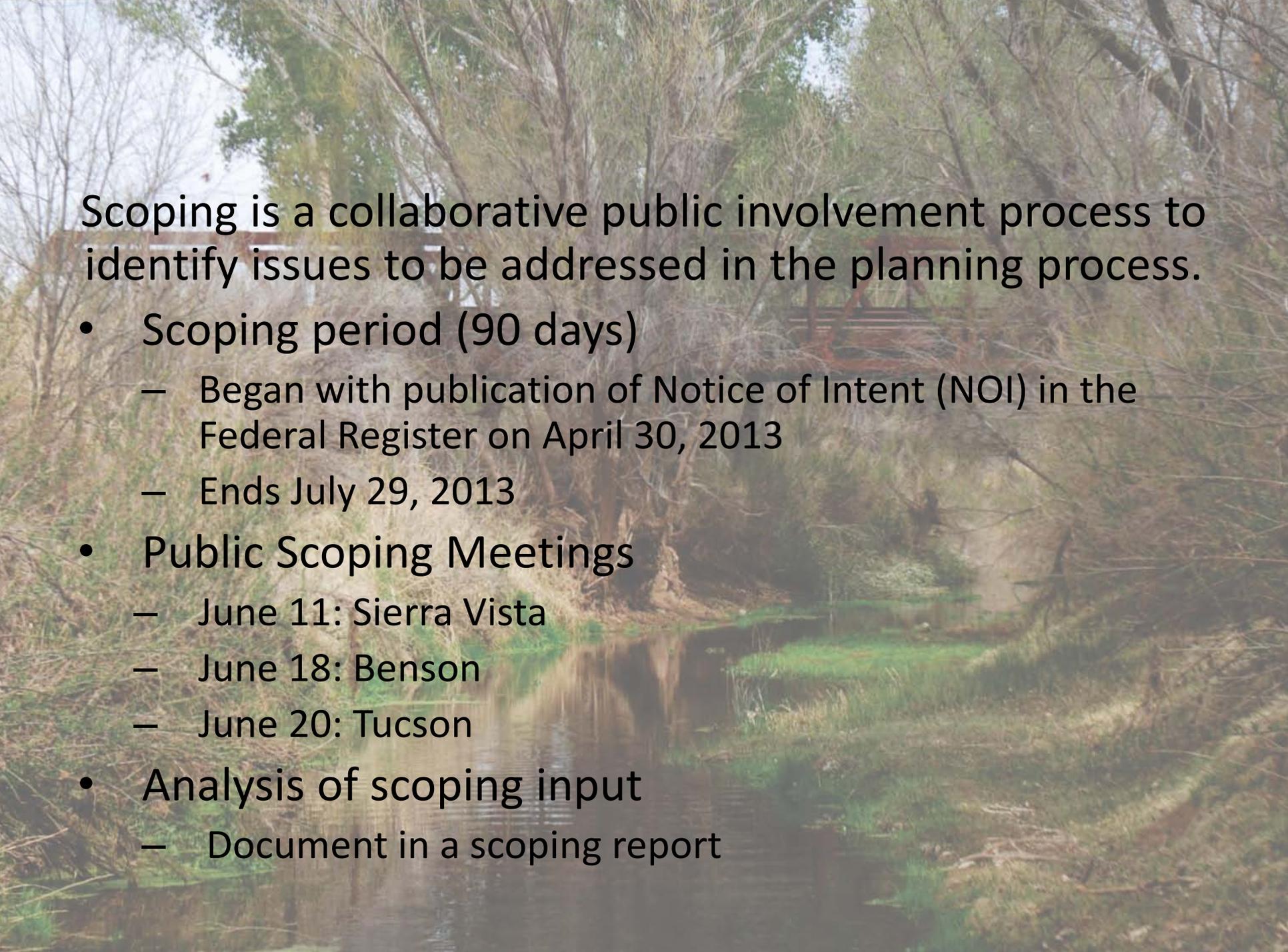
**Fall 2014/  
2015**

**Proposed RMP/Final EIS Public Review and Protest Period (30 days)**

**Summer 2015**

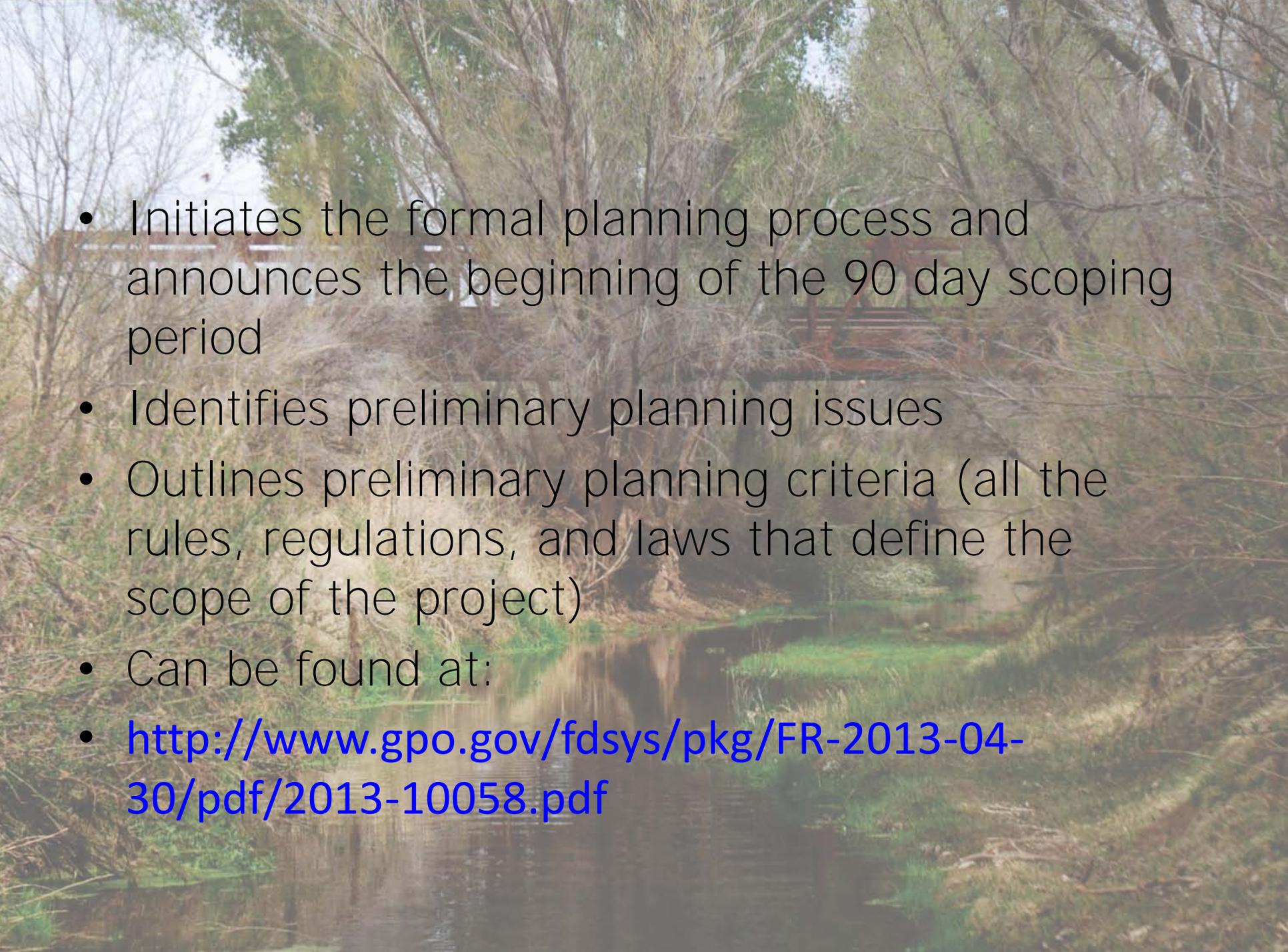
**Prepare Record of Decision (ROD) and Approved RMP**

**Fall 2015**



Scoping is a collaborative public involvement process to identify issues to be addressed in the planning process.

- Scoping period (90 days)
  - Began with publication of Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register on April 30, 2013
  - Ends July 29, 2013
- Public Scoping Meetings
  - June 11: Sierra Vista
  - June 18: Benson
  - June 20: Tucson
- Analysis of scoping input
  - Document in a scoping report

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- Initiates the formal planning process and announces the beginning of the 90 day scoping period
  - Identifies preliminary planning issues
  - Outlines preliminary planning criteria (all the rules, regulations, and laws that define the scope of the project)
  - Can be found at:
  - <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-04-30/pdf/2013-10058.pdf>

# San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area RMP Process

## DRAFT (5.14.13)

### Strategic Planning Sessions

BLM Staff  
Cooperators  
Public

Refine Public Engagement process

### Scoping Meetings

Synthesis

Official Scoping Report

User-friendly scoping summary

Public meeting share scoping results

Identify issue groups

BLM develops AMS

Consolidation of AMS and issue group input

Issue groups develop alternatives

Public Meeting: Report out consolidation

Develop impact indicators

Public Meeting(s): AMS report Issue Group report

DRMP DEIS (May 2014)

Educational Forums (water, cultural, etc)

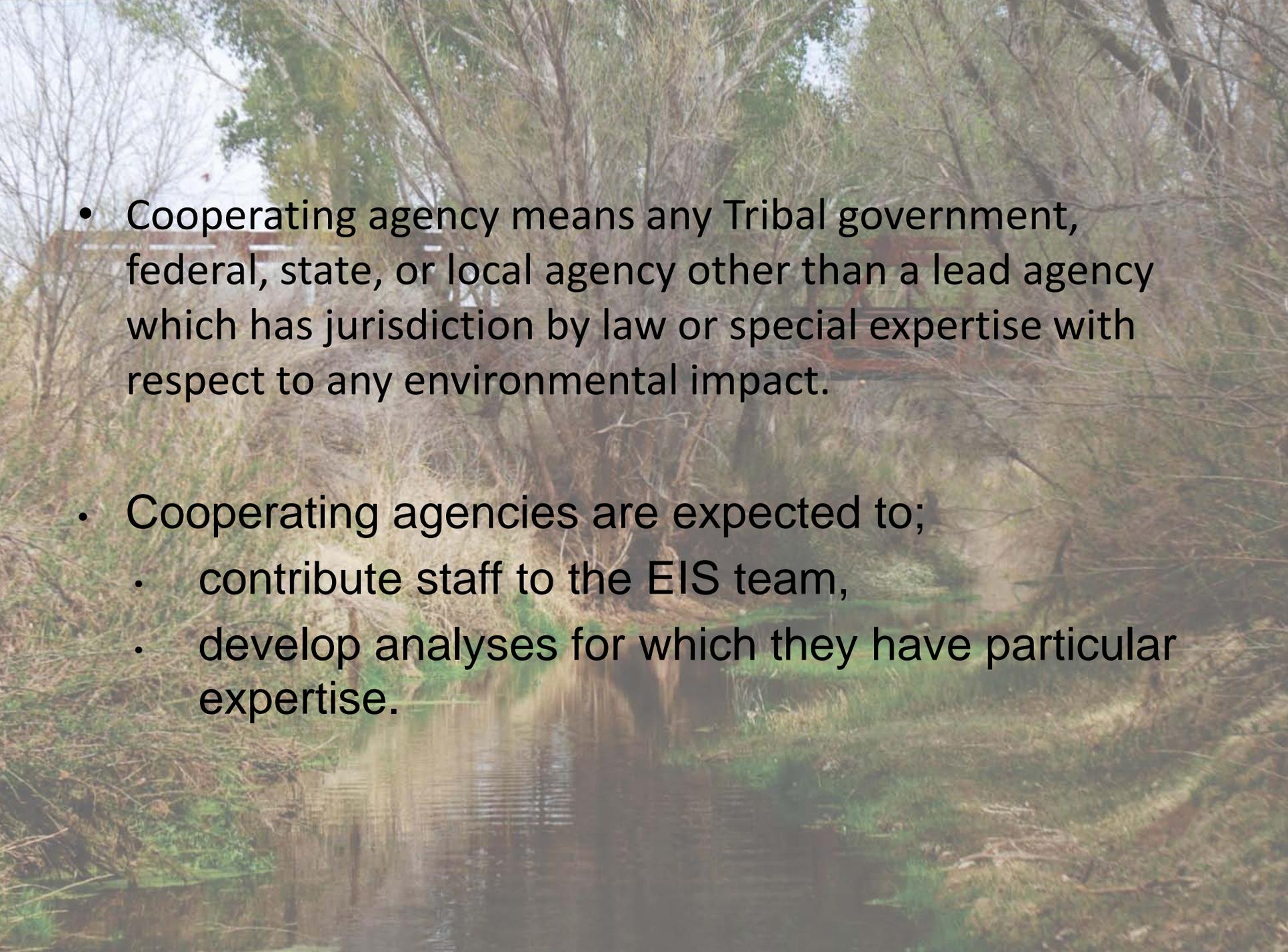
NOI publication

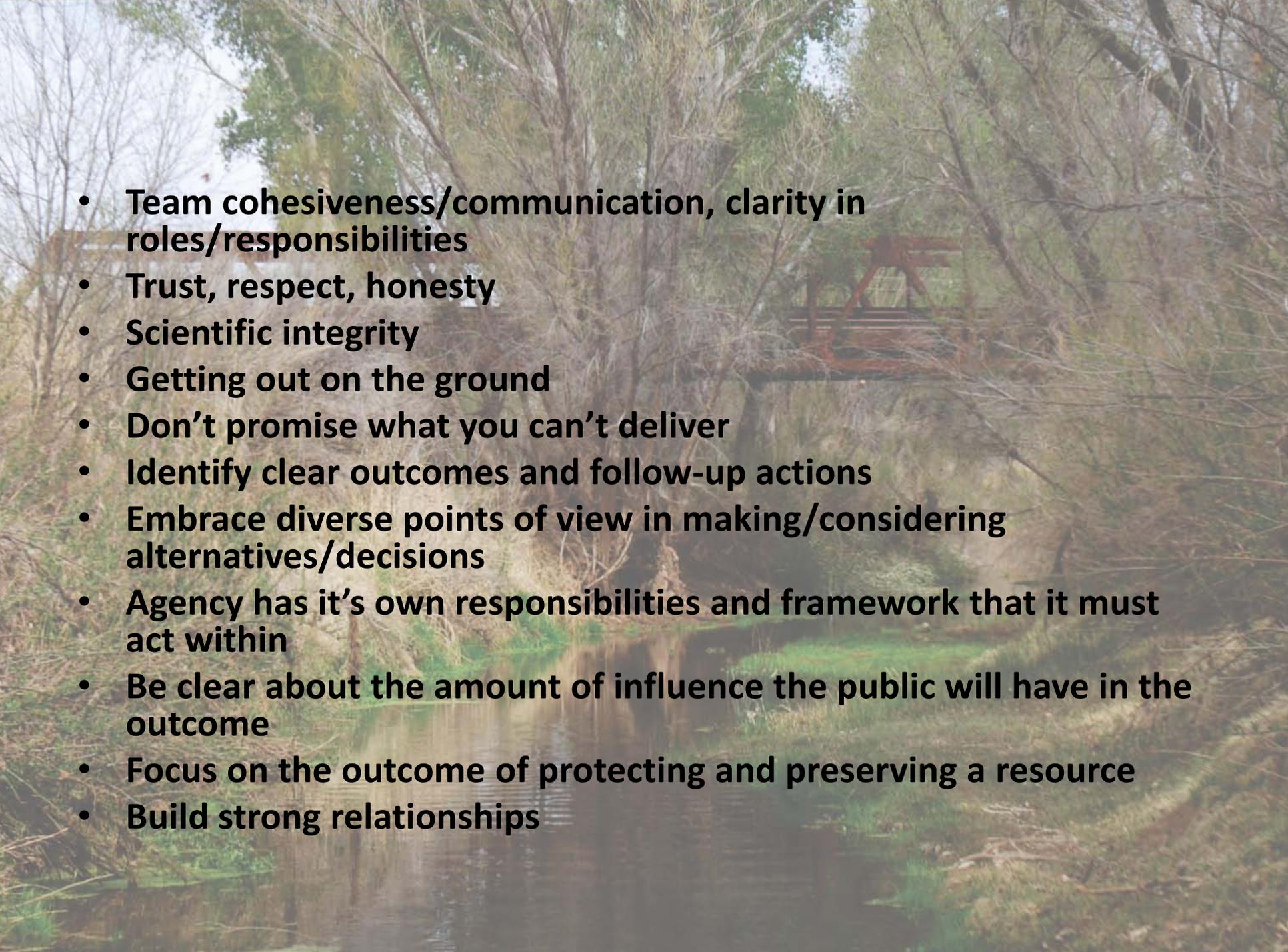
May June July August September October Nov May

We are here

2013

2014

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- Cooperating agency means any Tribal government, federal, state, or local agency other than a lead agency which has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact.
  - Cooperating agencies are expected to;
    - contribute staff to the EIS team,
    - develop analyses for which they have particular expertise.

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- **Team cohesiveness/communication, clarity in roles/responsibilities**
  - **Trust, respect, honesty**
  - **Scientific integrity**
  - **Getting out on the ground**
  - **Don't promise what you can't deliver**
  - **Identify clear outcomes and follow-up actions**
  - **Embrace diverse points of view in making/considering alternatives/decisions**
  - **Agency has it's own responsibilities and framework that it must act within**
  - **Be clear about the amount of influence the public will have in the outcome**
  - **Focus on the outcome of protecting and preserving a resource**
  - **Build strong relationships**