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SAN PEDRO RIPARIAN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA (SPRNCA)

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP)

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San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area

What is an RMP?

A set of comprehensive decisions that:

- Establishes goals and objectives
- Identifies lands that are open or closed for certain uses
- Makes special designations

How does the Environmental Impact Statement fit in?

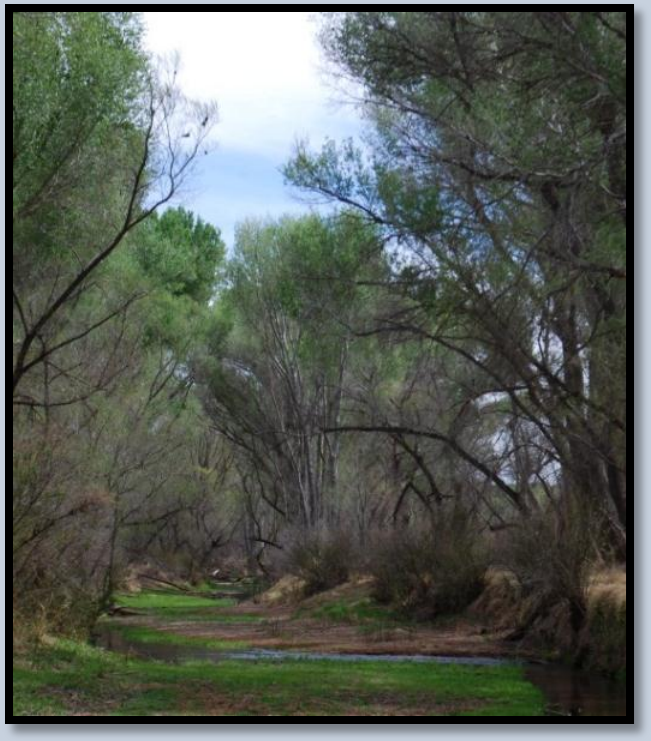
RMP: identifies goals and objectives

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): analyzes the impacts of achieving goals and objectives

San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA)

Designated by Congress in 1988:

"*To conserve, protect and enhance the riparian area and the aquatic, wildlife, archeological, paleontological, scientific, cultural, educational, and recreational resources of the conservation area*."



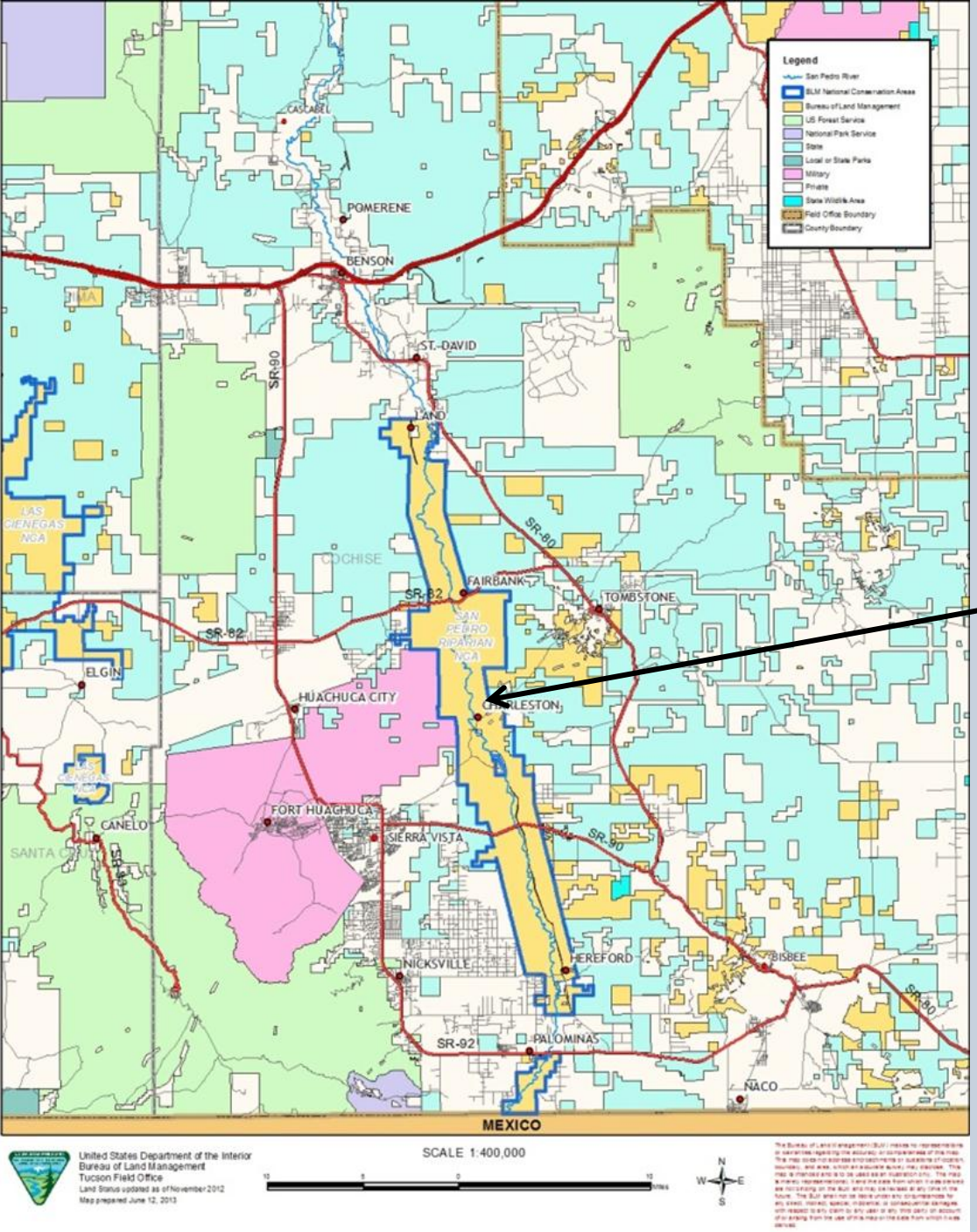
Why an RMP for the SPRNCA?

Required by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA)

Assures protection of the SPRNCA's resources and conservation values

Identifies:

- Current management
- Desired future conditions
- Management actions



Planning Area

Focused on the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA)

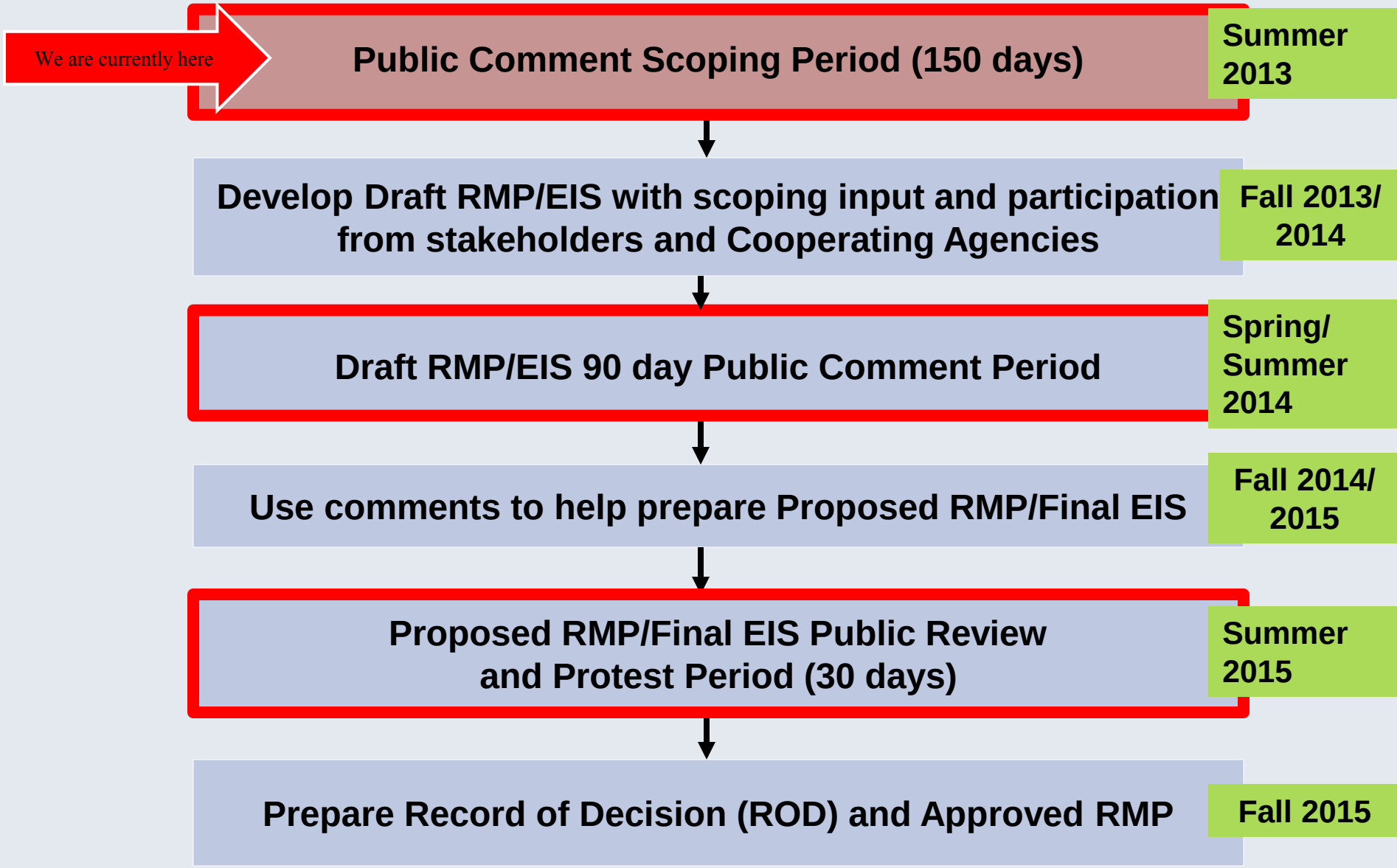
The planning area boundary is an issue that will be considered during scoping

Notice of Intent (NOI)

- Initiates the formal planning process
- Identifies preliminary planning issues
- Outlines preliminary planning criteria
- Can be found at:

http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-04-30/pdf/2013-10058.pdf

Overview of the Planning Process



BLM Planning Preparation Work

- Identify current management situation
- Update resource assessments and inventories
- Compile condition of resources
- Identify appropriate management opportunities

Summarize these findings into Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS) report

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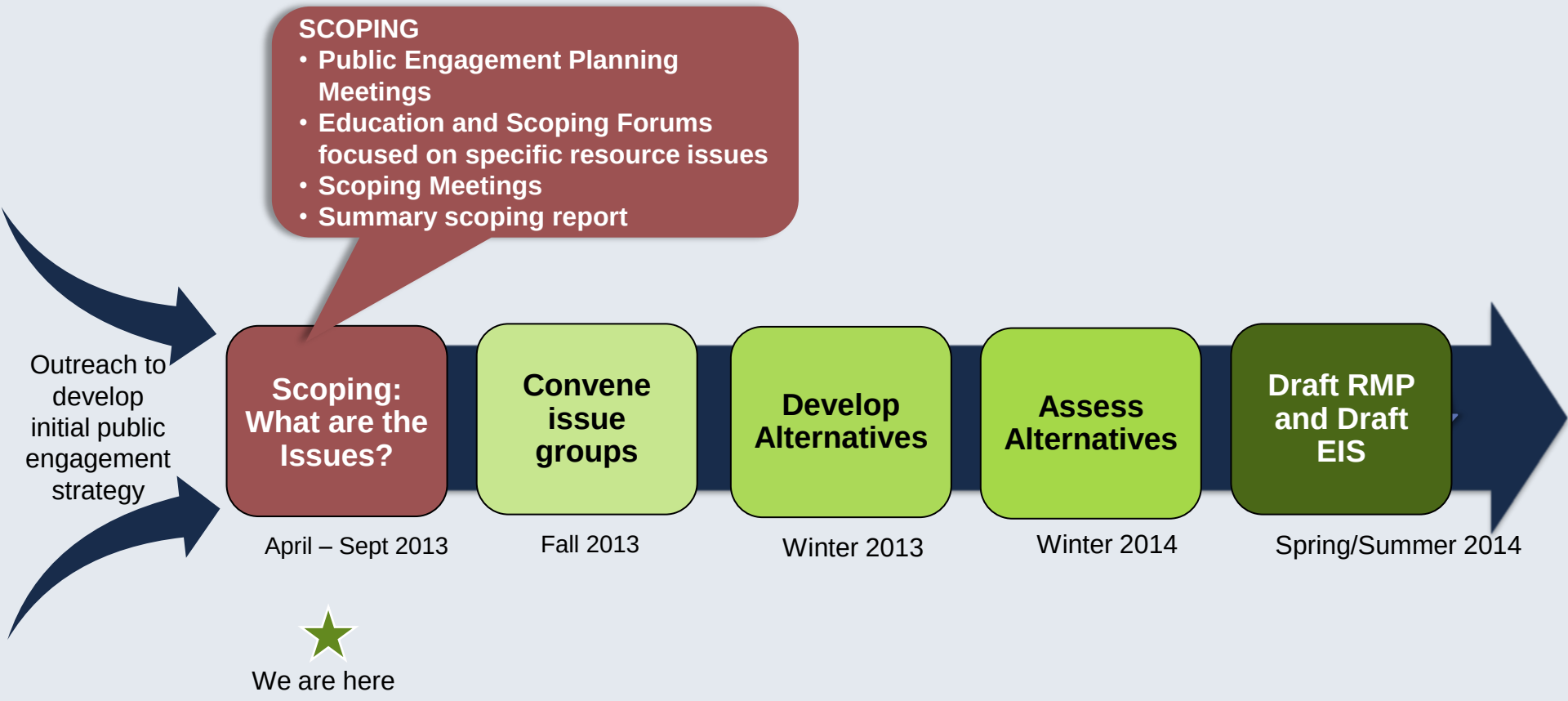
RMP Process, Phase 1 (Scoping to Draft RMP/EIS)



SCOPING

- Public Engagement Planning Meetings
- Education and Scoping Forums focused on specific resource issues
- Scoping Meetings
- Summary scoping report

What is Scoping?

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Purpose:

Determine the scope of the project

- Identify public and Agency concerns and opportunities
- Define the issues

Analysis of scoping input

- Final set of issues summarized in a scoping report

BLM SPRNCA Planning Team Members

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Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating Agency—Tribal government, federal, state, or local agency

Cooperating Agencies:

- Contribute staff to the planning team
- Help with analysis

Cooperating Agencies for the SPRNCA RMP:

Federal Agencies: Bureau of Reclamation, Fort Huachuca

State Agencies: Arizona Game and Fish Dept, Arizona Department of Transportation, San Pedro Natural Resource Conservation District

Local Agencies: Cochise County, City of Sierra Vista

Public Stakeholders

SPRNCA is a unit of BLM's National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS), part of our national system of public lands.

Who is the public?

- Anyone with an interest (local, regional, national)
- Those who use, benefit from, and care about the landscape

Stakeholder— any person or entity with an interest or concern

The content of the Resource Management Plan will be shaped by those who choose to participate.

QUESTIONS?

Public Engagement for the RMP
What We've Heard

1) Slow down - what's the hurry?
2) More information, more learning - before we comment
3) Need more access to documents and information
4) Simplify the process - make it more accessible
5) Reach out to youth
6) No time works for everyone
7) More transparency and accountability
8) More opportunities for collaboration
9) More maps
10) Other potential topics for the forums: Fire, law enforcement, border issues, vandalism

Public Engagement for the RMP
What We've Heard

1) Extended formal scoping period by 60 days (to 9/27)
2) Developed combined education forums/scoping meetings
3) Created a SPRNCA planning website
4) Simplified the process, working with stakeholders to define each phase
5) Creating a Facebook page; using other forms of social media
6) Meeting times will be balanced between weeknight and weekend sessions
7) Providing more clarity on the decision process, linking phases so stakeholders can monitor how information is being used; providing email confirmation when comments have been received
8) Opening up new opportunities for public engagement
9) Will be posting and printing more accessible maps
10) Will try to integrate additional topics into the existing forums