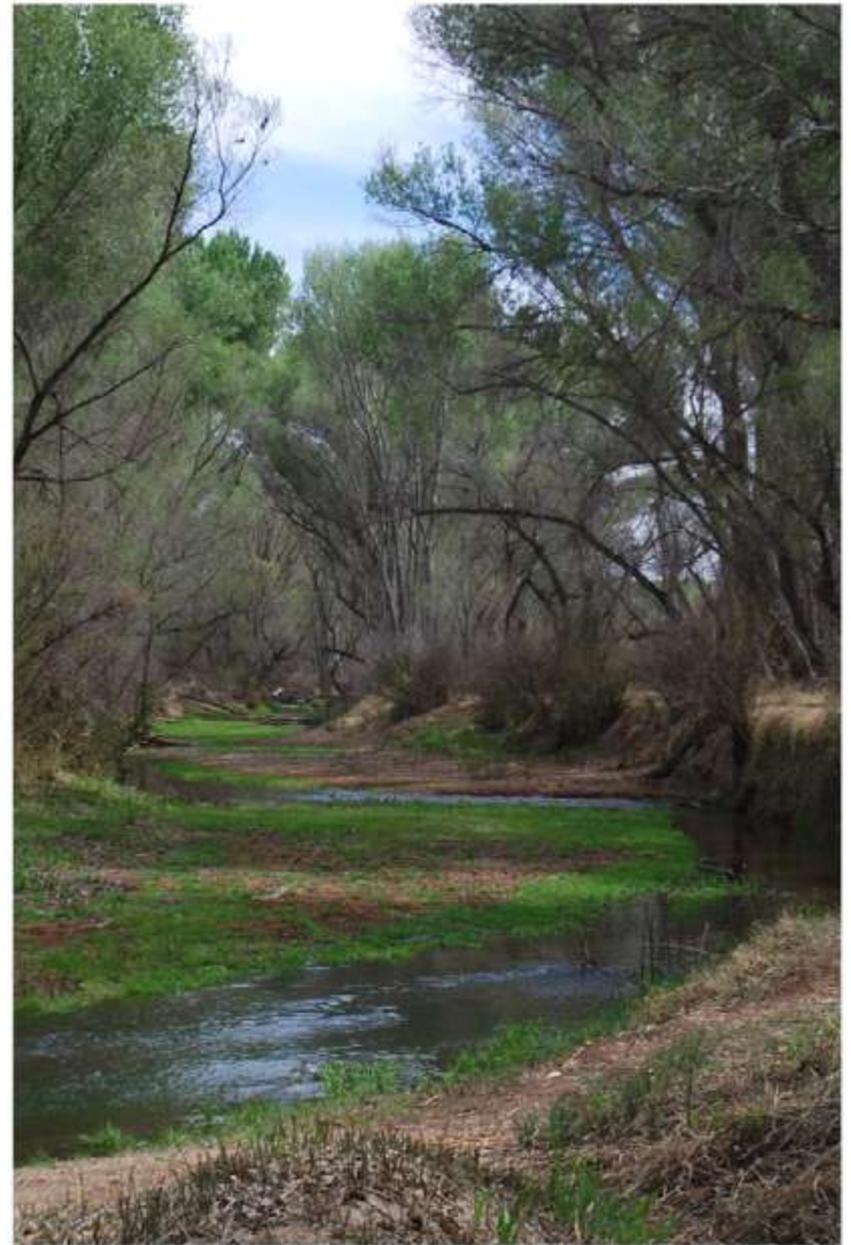


San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area

Recreation and Visitor Services

November 18, 1988 - Public Law 100-696
Section 101. (a) ESTABLISHMENT.

“In order to protect the riparian area and the aquatic, wildlife, archeological, paleontological, scientific, cultural, **educational**, and **recreational** resources of the public lands surrounding the San Pedro River...there is hereby established the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.”





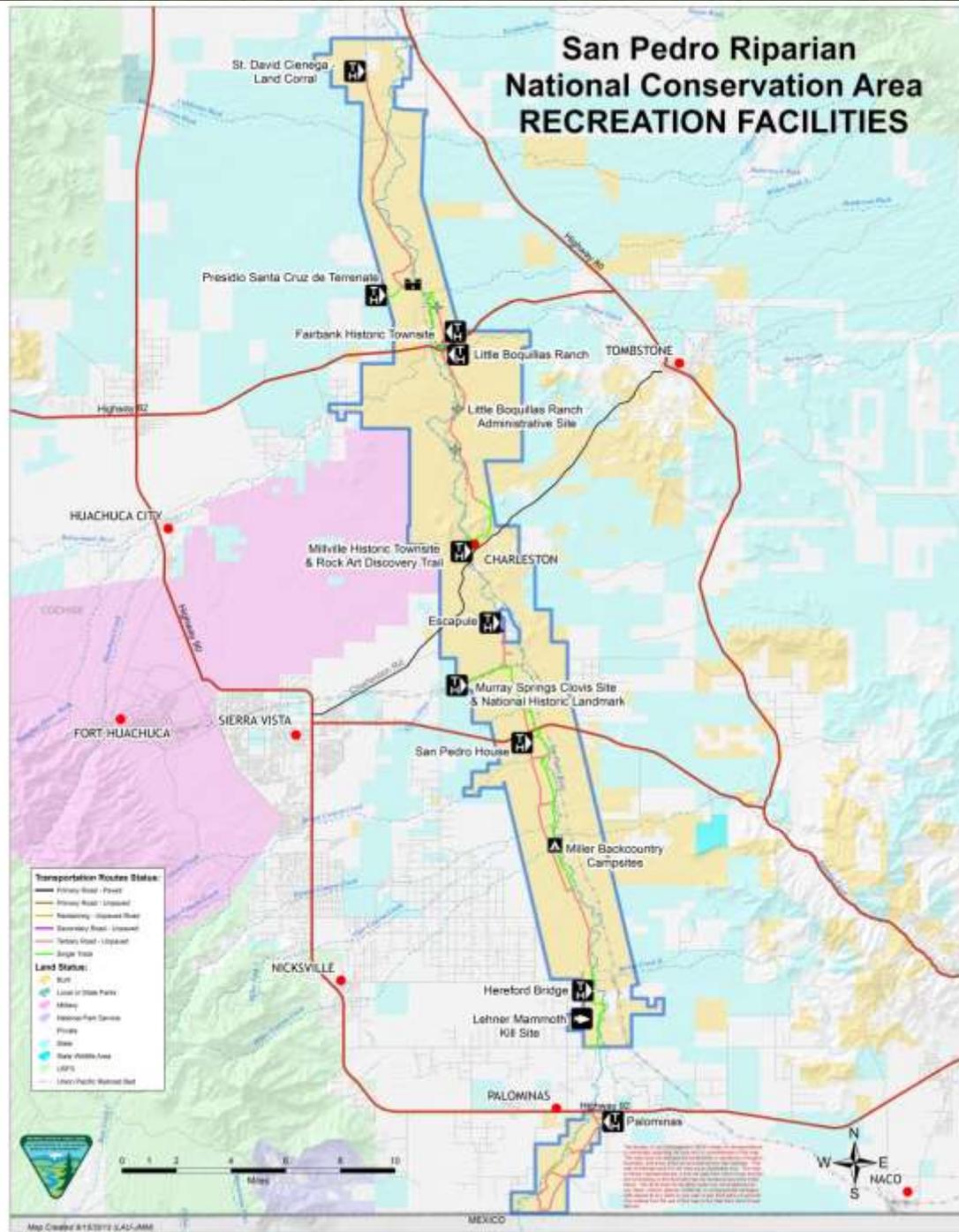
San Pedro River Riparian Management Plan & Environmental Impact Statement, June 1989, page 14:

Preferred Alternative – Theme Statement

“The Theme of the Preferred Alternative is to balance the resource protection and public use activities in the San Pedro EIS area....Public use is allowed where natural resources are not significantly impacted.”

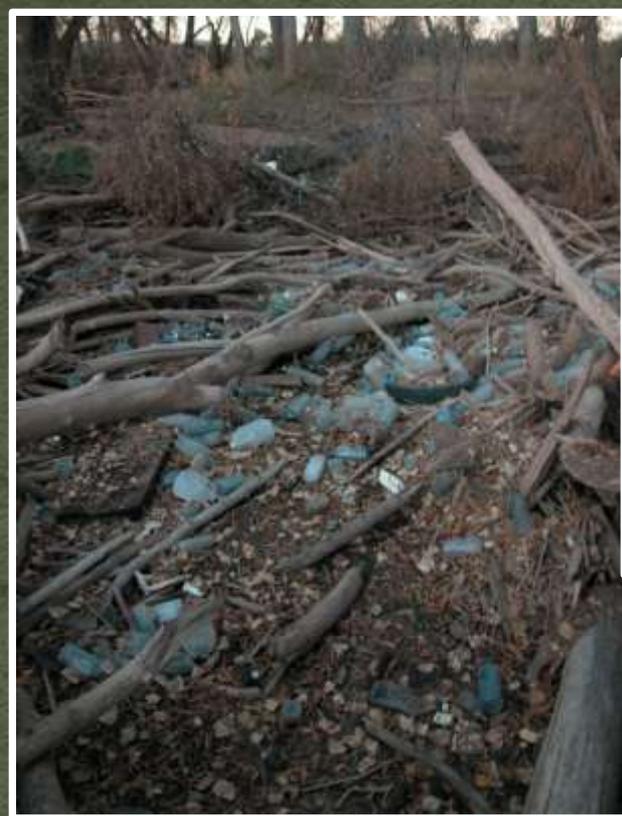
Recreation – Objective

“Provide for moderate recreation use of the EIS area(to the extent possible without impacting other sensitive resources), with both dispersed and developed recreation available. Intensively interpret all of the resources of the EIS area.”



Visitor Services and Recreation in the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area







For all these years of well-intended work...for all these years of well-engaged recreation, the BLM has often managed recreation by applying the old adage of “build it and they will come”.



In recent years a shift has occurred. The BLM understands that visitors come to the San Pedro River to attain experiences and benefits by participating in preferred recreational activities in preferred recreational settings.



Development of alternatives regarding Recreation and Education and Visitor Services—including a travel management component--in the Resource Management Plan for the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area will be guided by applicable laws and regulations AND....

BLM Handbook 8320-1: Recreation and Visitor Services Planning

The framework articulated in the new planning guidance is:

Supported by a growing recognition of how much recreation contributes to the quality of life,

Acknowledging changing public values and expectations of the Bureau of Land Management,

And is based upon satisfaction of recreation experiences, including: personal/individual benefits, social/community benefits, economic benefits, and environmental benefits.



What recreational experiences & outcomes are important to you within the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area?

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

As was said before...the Resource Management Plan for the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area will be guided by applicable laws, regulations, and policies, specifically related to:

Education and Interpretation

Visual Resource Inventory & Management

Wild & Scenic River Inventory & Management

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory & Management

