A scenic view of a river with trees and a fallen log in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

SCOPING FORUM ON RECREATION

FRIENDS OF THE SAN PEDRO RIVER

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The Friends and San Pedro RNCA

- The Friends of the San Pedro River formed in 1987
- The San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area was established by Congress in 1988
 - The first Riparian NCA in the country
 - Created to “conserve, protect and enhance the riparian area...” among important values
 - One of BLM’s National Conservation Lands

National Conservation Lands

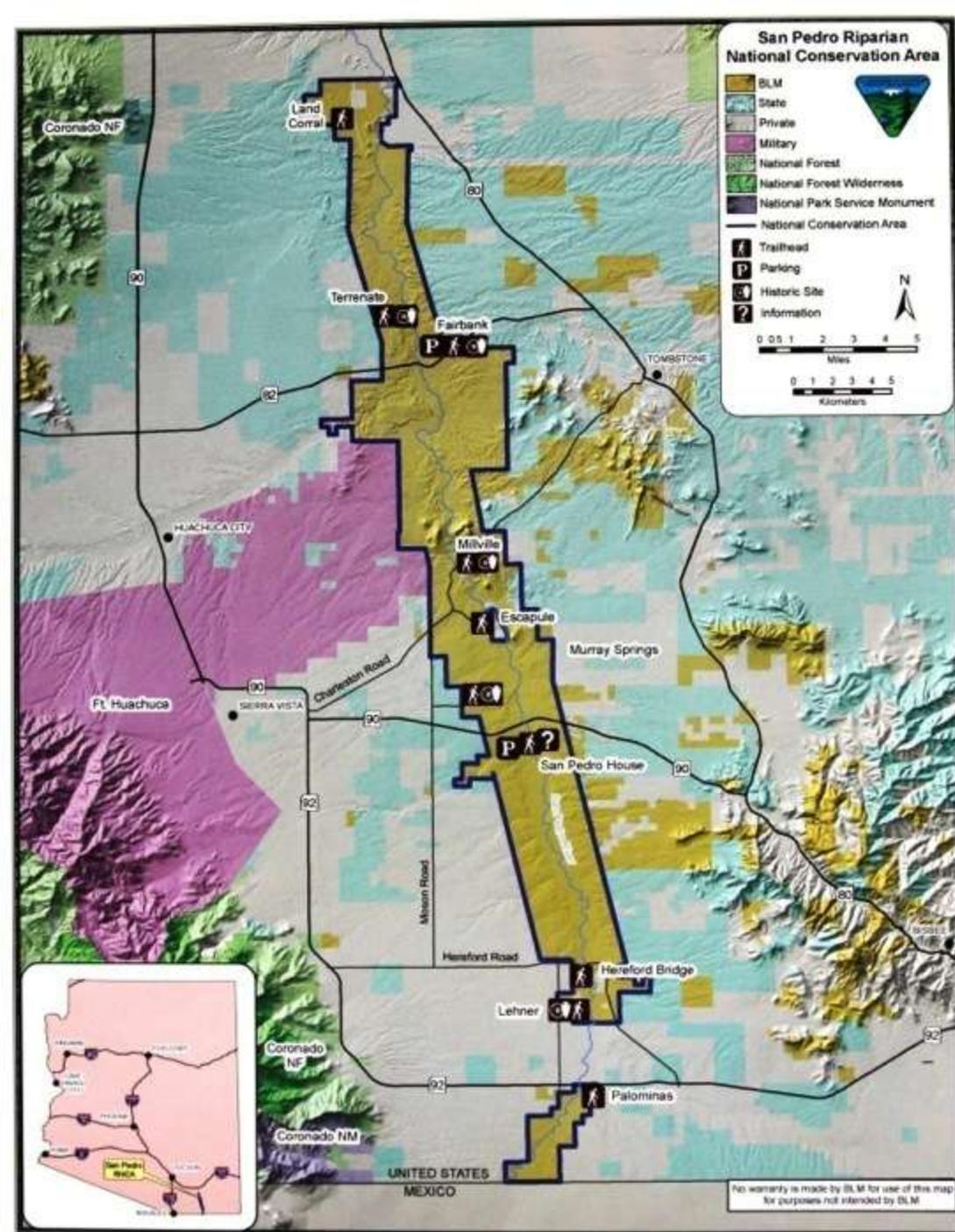
- Established by then Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt in 2000
- 28 million acres of the most ecologically rich and culturally significant lands managed by BLM
 - Composed of National Monuments and National Conservation Areas, Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Scenic and Historic Trails
- Places to experience the West as it once was

The Friends of the San Pedro River

- The Face and Voice of the River!
- Mission: Conserve and restore the river through advocacy, education, interpretation, and field work
- Volunteer-driven, non-profit organization
- Events: bird walks, history walks, river walks, hikes, historic townsite tours, youth events, festivals

San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA)

- San Pedro House
- Fairbank Historic Townsite
- Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
- Millville, Charleston
- Murray Springs Clovis Site (National Historic Landmark)
- Mammoth Kill Sites



Recreational Opportunities in San Pedro RNCA

- Visitor Contact Stations
 - San Pedro House
 - Fairbank Schoolhouse
- Regular nature walks, history walks, hikes
- Special all-day cultural events and festivals
- Special request tours and interpretive walks
- Photography workshops, school programs

Natural Resources Program

- Saturday morning interpretive walks
 - Meet weekly at San Pedro House
- Regular bird walks
 - From San Pedro House every 2nd Wednesday and 4th Saturday
 - Every Sunday morning at the Sierra Vista Environmental Operations Park
- Natural history lectures

Cultural Resources Program

- Monthly history walks
 - Murray Springs, Fairbank Townsite, Millville, Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
- Special cultural events
 - Fairbank Day, Fairbank Reunion
 - Halloween Hike, Terrenate Mud Party
- Cultural history lectures
 - Archaeology: Clovis, Cochise culture, et al
 - Spanish territorial period
 - Ranching and mining communities of the past

Education Program

- 18 school groups visited SPRNCA in year prior
- Programs presented at schools
- Bone box displayed at special events
 - FSPR events like Spring Festival
 - Community events like Earth Day

Volunteers and Docents

- 10,000 volunteer hours total in average year
 - Represents 5.5 full-time equivalent staff
 - At \$21.70/hour, worth over \$215,000 of labor
 - 3,365 educational contact hours in FY12
 - 4,050 visitor contact hours
 - 1,448 administrative hours
- 200 events annually
- 1,173 participants

San Pedro Riparian NCA Visitation

- 105,000 visitors to the San Pedro each year
- \$24 million to Cochise County from wildlife observation
- Arizona residents spent \$665 million on wildlife observation recreation
- \$1.4 billion economic impact to Arizona in 2011 from wildlife viewing activities

A landscape photograph of a sunset. The sky is filled with clouds, some of which are illuminated from below by the setting sun, creating a vibrant orange and yellow glow. The upper part of the sky is a clear, pale blue. In the foreground, the silhouettes of various trees and bushes are visible against the bright horizon. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

The End