

**Bureau of Land Management
Tucson Field Office**

**San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area
(SPRNCA)**

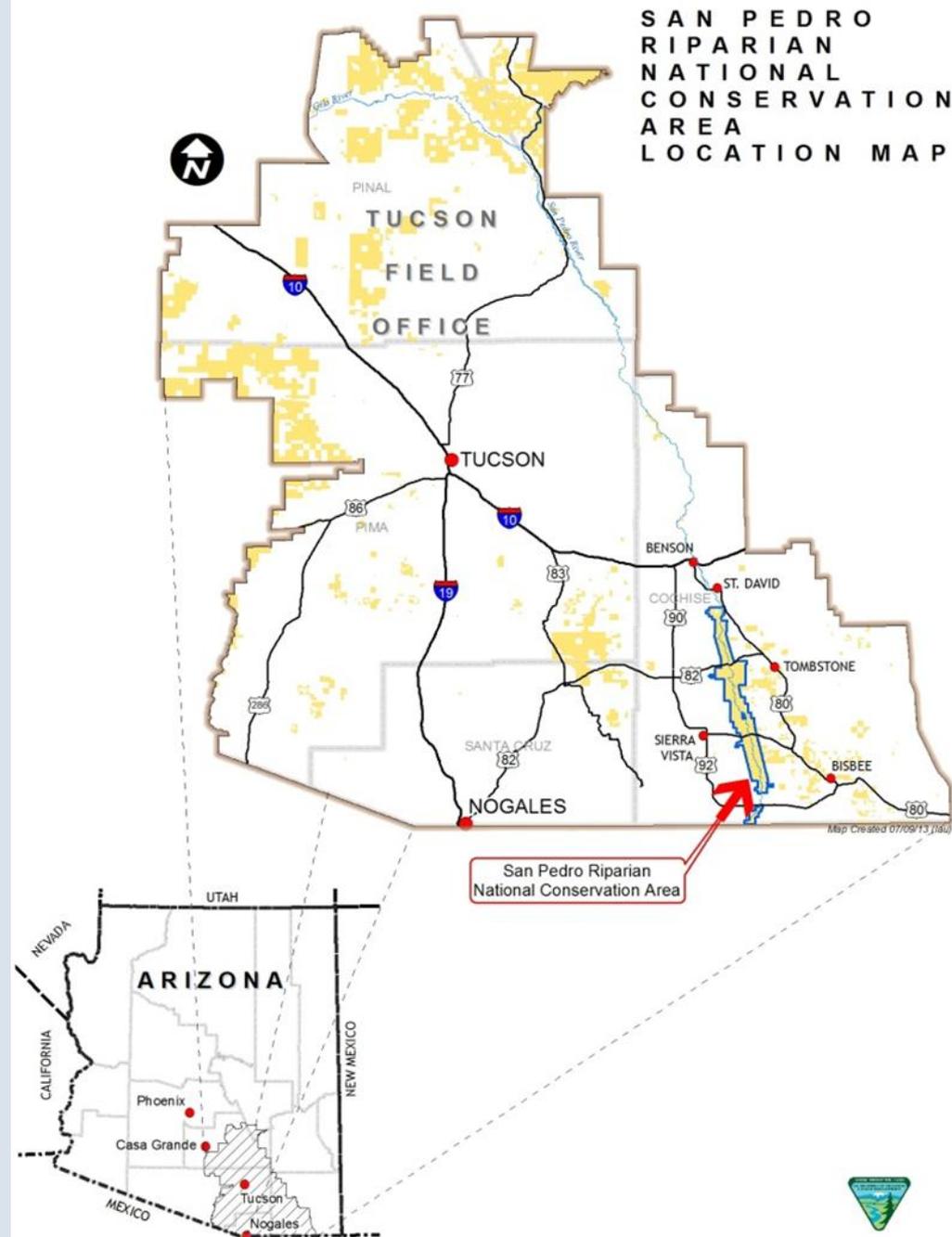
Resource Management Plan (RMP)



San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA)

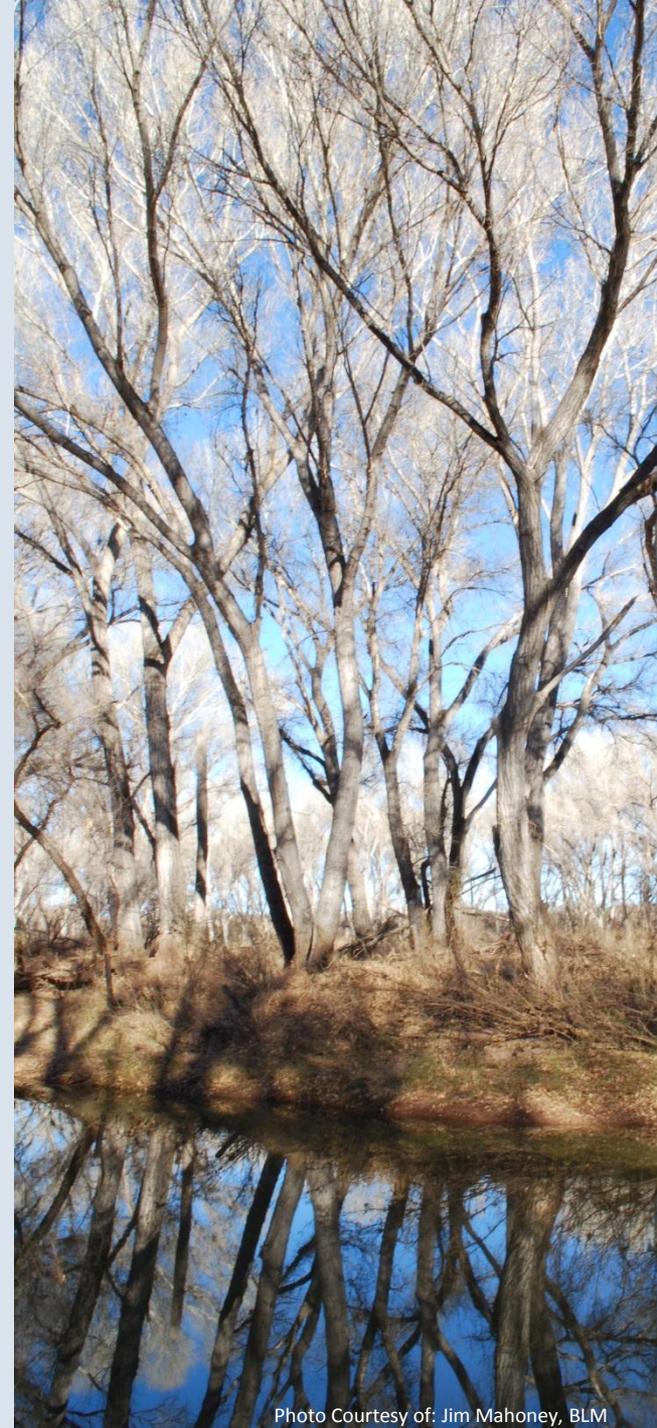
Designated by Congress in 1988:

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



What is an RMP?

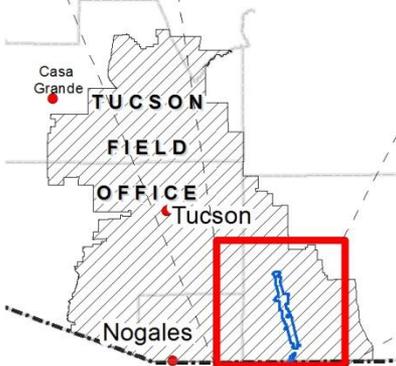
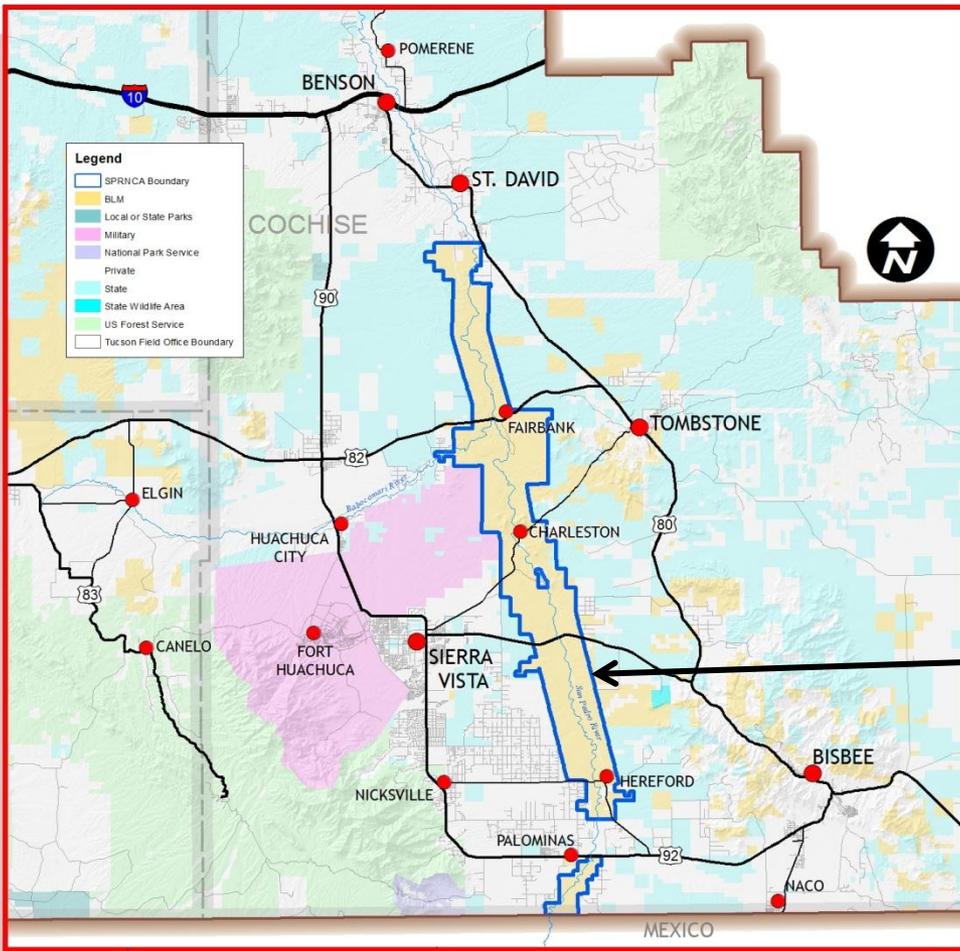
- A set of comprehensive decisions that:
 - Establishes goals and objectives
 - Identifies lands that are open or closed for certain uses
 - Makes special designations



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



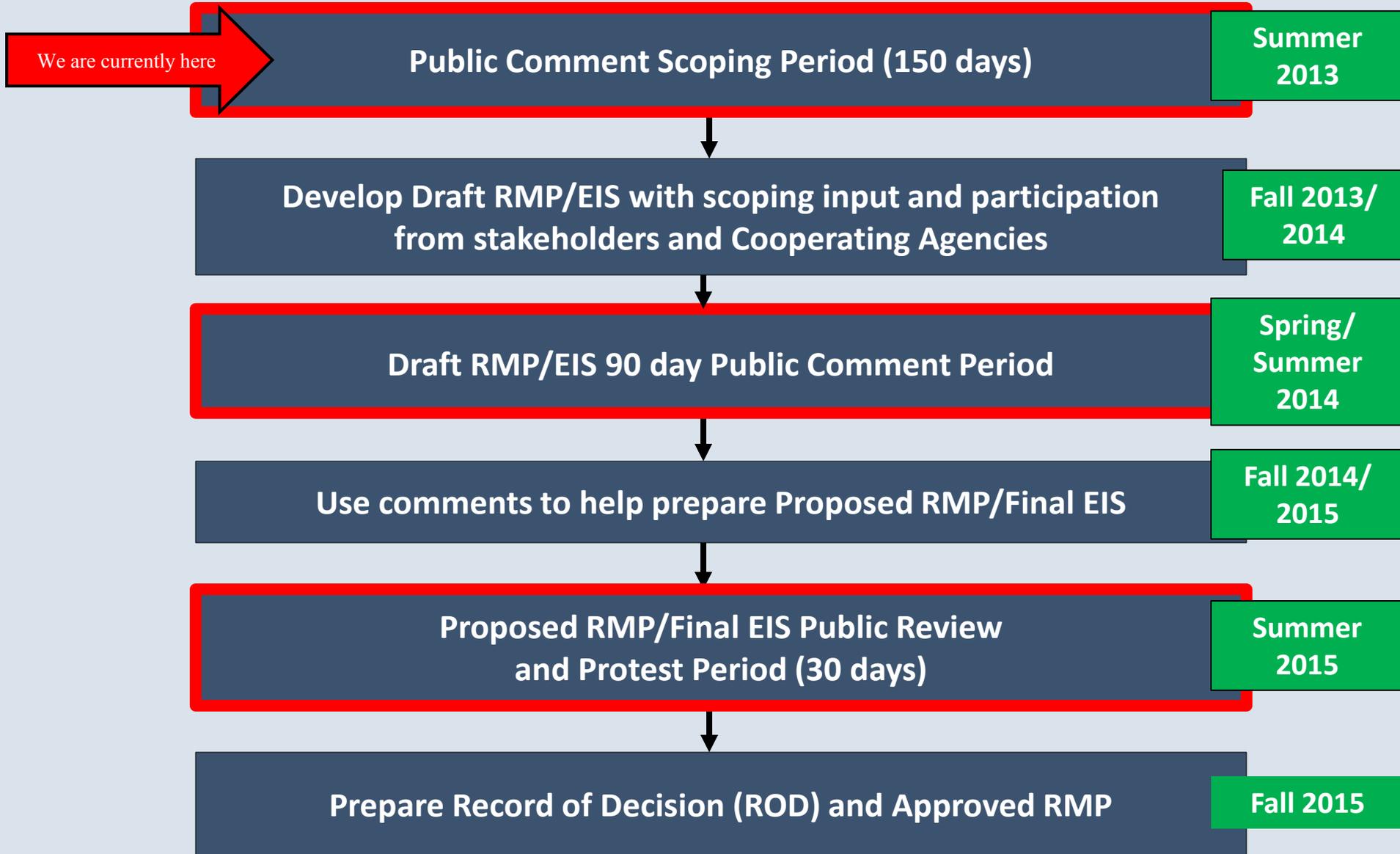
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RIPARIAN
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LOCATION MAP

BLM Planning Preparation Work

- Assess current decisions for SPRNCA resources
 - Identify areas for improvement
- Update resource assessments and inventories
- Compile studies and data to summarize current condition of the resource
- Summarize findings into a report
- Invite Tribal, Federal, State, and local governments to be Cooperating Agencies



Overview of the Planning Process



What is Scoping?

- Process to identify issues
 - Problems, concerns, or opportunities about the SPRNCA, its resources or uses
- Helpful comments:
 - Apply to BLM lands
 - Within BLM's decision authority
 - Help to define:
 - A range of desired conditions
 - Allocations
 - Strategies for implementation
 - Special designations



Scoping Comments

*Scoping comments define the issues, and
issues define the RMP!*

All comments are sorted into three categories

1. Can be dealt with in the RMP
2. Can be dealt with administratively
3. Outside of scope of the project *or* addressed in the implementation plan (following the RMP)

Examples

- Can be dealt with in RMP (substantive)

- Restrict or prohibit OHV use in washes and riparian areas.
- Consider water quality, watershed condition, bank conditions and shearing when considering the biological impacts from grazing.

- Can be dealt with administratively

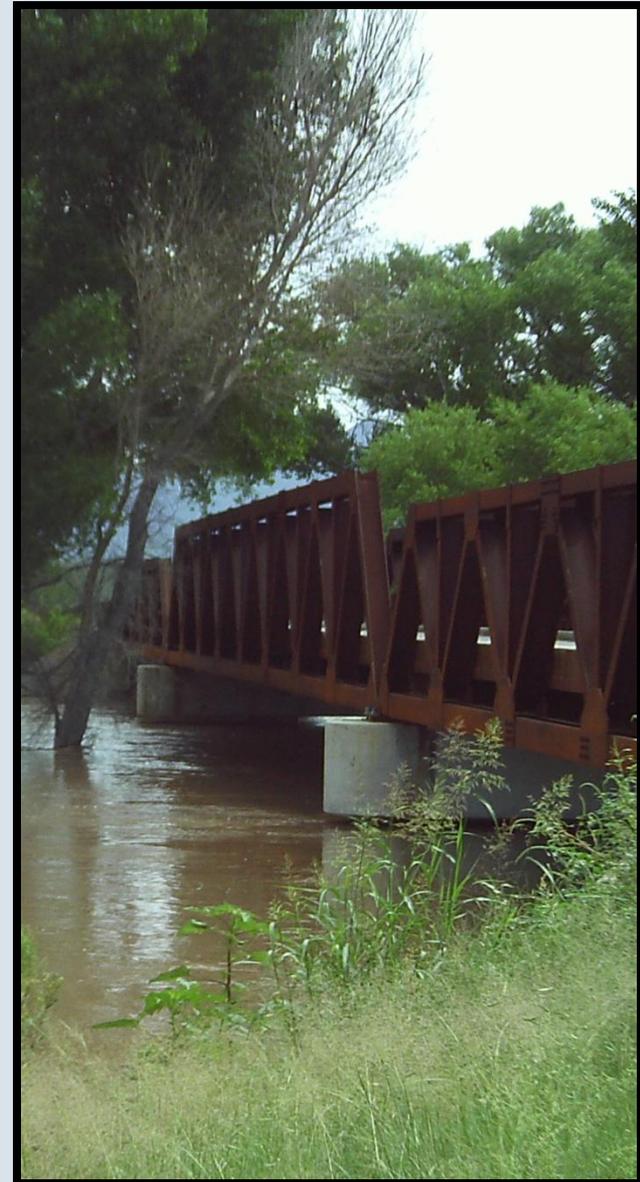
- I want to be a volunteer to fix this area.
- I want to ensure that I can maintain my right-of-way.

- Outside of scope of the project

- I am opposed to ATVs.
- I believe that the Luke Air force base should be closed.

What happens to scoping comments?

- BLM will review and place into appropriate categories
- BLM will use comments to refine planning issues
- The planning issues, generated from scoping comments will be used to develop the range of alternatives in the RMP



Decision Space

- Cannot change the NCA boundary or Public Law 100-696
- Must meet requirements of Public Law 100-696
- BLM must comply with existing laws, regulations, and BLM policies such as NEPA, FLPMA, and the Endangered Species Act
- The RMP will recognize Arizona Game and Fish Department's authority to manage wildlife



PUBLIC COMMENT/ REGISTRATION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management – Arizona

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PLEASE LEAVE COMMENTS AT THE MEETING REGISTRATION TABLE

Or Send To: BLM Tucson Field Office, 3201 E. Universal Way,
Tucson AZ 85756
Attn: Amy Markstein

Please Read Carefully

Comments, including names, street addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of respondents will be available for public review at the BLM during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays. **Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, address, phone number or e-mail address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must check the box below and initial the statement at the beginning of your comments.** Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Organization (if any) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

Public Disclosure: I request confidentiality to the extent allowed by law. Initial: _____

Comments:

Scoping

- Anyone with an interest (local, regional, national) can submit scoping comments
 - Individuals, organizations, non-profits, cooperating agencies, tribes, federal, state, and local agencies
- Not necessary to attend a meeting to submit a comment
- No limit to the number of comments you can submit during scoping

Submitting comments after today

To be included in the Scoping Report, comments should be sent to BLM no later than September 27:

Fax: (520) 258-7238

Email: blm_az_tfo_sprnca_rmp@blm.gov

Mail: Amy Markstein, BLM Tucson Field Office,
3201 E. Universal Way, Tucson AZ 85756



What happens after scoping?

**Scoping:
What are the
Issues?**

May – Sep 2013

**Convene
issue groups**

Fall 2013

**Develop
Alternatives**

Winter/Spring 2014

**Assess
Alternatives**

Spring 2014

**Draft RMP
and Draft EIS**

Fall 2014

QUESTIONS?

