

San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area
Resource Management Plan
Water and Riparian Resources

The following are the types of decisions, specific to **soil and water**, which will need to be addressed during the development of the RMP:

- Identify **desired outcomes** (including standards or goals under the Clean Water Act).
- Identify watersheds or specific soils that need special protection from the standpoint of human health concerns, ecosystem health, or other public uses.
- For riparian areas: identify desired width/depth ratios, streambank conditions, channel substrate conditions, and large woody material characteristics.
- Identify area-wide use restrictions or other protective measures to meet Tribal, state, and local water quality requirements.
- Identify measures (including filing for water rights under applicable state or Federal permit procedures), to ensure water availability for multiple use management and functioning, healthy riparian, and upland systems.

The following are the types of decisions, specific to **riparian vegetation**, which will need to be addressed during the development of the RMP:

- Identify **desired outcomes** for vegetative resources, including the desired mix of vegetative types, structural stages, and landscape and riparian functions; and provide for native plant, fish, and wildlife habitats and livestock forage.
- Identify areas of ecological importance and designate priority plant species and habitats, including special status species and populations of plant species recognized as significant for at least one factor such as density, diversity, size, public interest, remnant character, or age.
- Identify the actions and area-wide use restrictions needed to achieve desired vegetative conditions.