

DECISION RECORD

EA Number: DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0037-EA

BLM Office: Tucson Field Office

Casefile Number: AZA-36457

Decision: It is my decision to select the proposed action which is to allow for the acquisition of 346 acres of land from Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, including all fee simple rights, and mineral rights, attached to this property.

Alternatives Considered: The “No Action” alternative was analyzed in the environmental assessment. The No Action alternative was not selected because it would not meet the purpose and need for the project.

Rational for Decision: The proposed action is specifically provided for in the Ironwood Forest National Monument RMP (2013). The environmental assessment analyzed the potential impacts to the environment and the public should the land be acquired by BLM. A FONSI has been signed; therefore there are no significant impacts to the environment that would require an environmental impact statement. By selecting the proposed action, the Tucson Field Office is implementing this portion of the Ironwood Forest National Monument RMP (2013).

1. The Proposed Action is specifically provided for in Ironwood Forest National Monument RMP and is in conformance with the RMP;
2. The Proposed Action complies with FLPMA, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other federal, state, local and tribal laws and policies to the greatest extent possible;
3. The land acquisition will provide the BLM with opportunities to manage all of the resources identified in the EA; and
4. Based on the environmental analysis in the EA, no unnecessary or undue environmental degradation of public lands has been identified. No impacts to any threatened or endangered species or significant scientific resources are anticipated.

No mitigation will be required for the addition of 346 acres of land to the Ironwood Forest National Monument.

Administrative Review Opportunities

This decision may be protested or appealed under the procedures outlined in BLM Handbook 8720-1 Chapter IV (8) and 43 CFR Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1.

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in writing to Viola Hillman, Field Manager, Tucson Field Office, 3201 East Universal Way, Tucson, Arizona, 85756 within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error. If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulations at 43 CFR 2801.10 or 43 CFR 2881.10 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show

sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed in this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulations, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

| /s/Karen Simms (acting for)
Viola Hillman, Tucson Field Manager

07/03/2014
Date

Attachments:

Finding of No Significant Impact dated
Environmental Assessment – DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0037-EA