

BLACK CANYON CORRIDOR TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN

May 2017

Bureau of Land Management – Public Open House

Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- The Project Team
- Meeting Objectives
- Plan Presentation
- Participant Discussion

Introductions – BLM Project Team

Field Manager - Rem Hawes

Project Manager - Brian Buttazoni

Project Lead - Tammy Pike

Recreation Planner - Penny Foreman



Meeting Administration

- Where are the restrooms?
- We encourage you to visit each table and subject matter poster.
- Cell phones.
- Critique ideas, not people... show respect for the views of others.
- Ask honest questions.
- Make clear comments.

Meeting Administration

- ❑ Listen when others are speaking.
- ❑ Listen with an open mind – many different users.
- ❑ Focus on functional, constructive comments.
- ❑ Speak for yourself...own your words.
- ❑ Thirty second soapbox? 🕒
- ❑ Communicate effectively by actively listening.
- ❑ Enjoy our time together 😊

History



- Scoping was initiated in 2014 but was unable to move forward at that time.
- We are restarting that planning effort *now*.
- If you provided specific route information in 2014, please check to make sure we have it included on these maps.
- If your information is not included, we apologize and want to make sure to include it now.

Meeting Objectives

- Provide comments on the Black Canyon Corridor Travel Management Plan.
- Provide information related to area issues and BLM's planning decisions.
- Provide an opportunity for participant comments and discussion.
- Explain the next steps for the process.

Plan Objectives



Accommodate diverse land uses while protecting natural and cultural values and prior rights.

Plan Scope:

- Implement a system of roads and trails on BLM land.
- Guidance for route system and Black Canyon National Recreation Trail.
- Identify trail related facilities needed and desired amenities.
- Creation of a plan for implementation.

Area Uses

- OHV driving/sightseeing
- Hiking/horseback riding
- Mountain biking
- Camping/day use
- Wildlife viewing/birding
- Hunting
- Special recreation permits
- Mining/ranching
- Energy transmission
- Access to private/state land



Area Issues

- Emerging conflicts on Black Canyon National Recreation Trail (NRT).
- Community access to Black Canyon NRT.
- User safety on maintained roads.
- Improving access to parking, camping and the route system.
- Vehicle use in riparian habitat.
- Loss of Sonoran desert tortoise habitat.
- Access to valid existing rights.
- Maintaining wilderness character.
- Managing successful uses of resources and protections.
- Provide maps and information.
- Identifying interpretive opportunities.



So – Why are YOU here?

The following questions may help you provide written comments.

First-Order Questions

How do you use the area – what type of use?

Where do you go when you recreate?

How often?

Question #1

Do you think there should be separate trails for motorized and non-motorized uses?

Where?

Question #2

Where are there clearly areas where some uses are not compatible with one another?

Specifically what uses are not compatible with one another and where?

Question #3

What type of facilities do you think the area needs (e.g. bathrooms, shade shelters, kiosks, etc.)?

What is **MOST** important to you?

Question #4

What are your thoughts on how to fund construction and maintenance of area routes and facilities?

What role will individuals/groups play?

How do you feel about fees?

Group Discussion - Maps

- Based on your use, where would you like to see....
 - Roads, trails, staging areas
 - Parking areas – turn-arounds
 - Camping areas, what type of facilities? Or low primitive?
 - Day use areas
 - Rock crawling areas (technical vehicle sites)
 - Long-distance travel routes
 - Other facilities...
- Remember we're trying to accommodate many uses - but some uses may be incompatible

Going Forward

What interests/users may not have been included/invited?

If you are interested in participating, please fill out a comment form and let us know!

Next Steps

Public scoping period for 30 days (closes on June 6, 2017)

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□ Information on the BLM website: <http://bit.ly/2oMhI0C>

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Schedule

- Develop alternatives for environmental assessment (Summer 2017)
- Public meetings and comment period (30 days) for the “draft” travel management plan/EA early 2018
- Issue decision and final environmental assessment
Goal – Mid-2018
- Begin scheduling projects if funded, apply for grants – 2018.

Questions or Comments?

“THIS IS YOUR LAND, LEND A HAND”

Thank you for showing your interest and support.

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