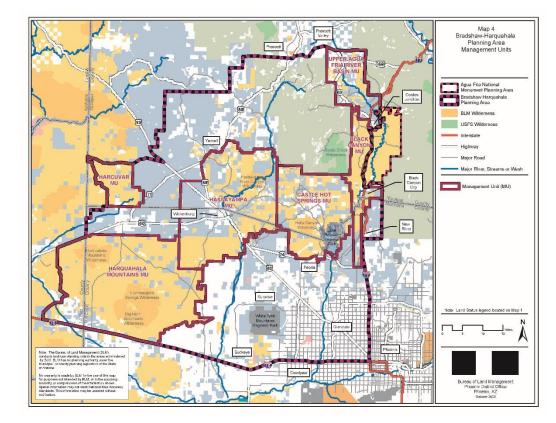
## BLACK CANYON CORRIDOR TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN

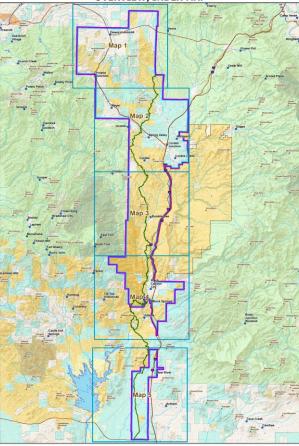
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**OVERVIEW/INDEX MAP** 





## 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 ☺



- 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?

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

Where?

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?

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

What is MOST important to you?

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) Email: blkcanyon@blm.gov

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 ATTN: Tammy Pike, Black Canyon
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 Phoenix, Arizona 85027

Information on the BLM website: <u>http://bit.ly/2oMhlOC</u>

□ Fax: 623-580-5580; Cover sheet "Attn: Tammy Pike"

## 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.



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Thank you for showing your interest and support.

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