

Lands Update

For the Arizona Game and Fish Commission

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Phoenix, Arizona

U.S. FOREST SERVICE LAND AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLANNING

General Planning Status – Please see attached worksheet.

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest

No changes.

Coconino National Forest

The Department received copies of the draft Forest Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Draft EIS includes four alternatives, including the current plan (no-action alternative) and proposed plan, and discloses the environmental consequences under each. Potential areas of concern to the Department include designation of additional wilderness areas, and restrictions on motorized travel and recreational shooting. The Department is currently reviewing these documents with comments due March 30th. The first of a series of public meetings on plan revision was held in Flagstaff on January 14th.

Coronado National Forest

The Draft Travel Management Plans are being developed for each District and will be released successively for public comment beginning in Spring 2014.

Coronado Land and Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

The Department is reviewing the draft proposed land management plan and programmatic draft environmental impact statement (EIS). Comments are due to the Forest by February 20th.

The final land management plan will replace the current plan, written in 1986, and provide guidance for managing 1,783,639 acres of National Forest System lands for the next 10 to 15 years. The Forest has been working on the revision in one form or another since 2007 and the Department has provided numerous inputs to the Forest on various iterations of the plan over that time.

The draft EIS evaluates four alternatives, including the proposed plan and the current plan, and discloses the environmental consequences that could occur under each alternative. Comments received on the proposed plan and draft EIS will inform the decision on the final land management plan that is expected in 2014. The Forest expects a final decision in 2015.

Kaibab National Forest

No Changes

Prescott National Forest

No changes.

Tonto National Forest

Plan Revision

The Tonto National Forest (TNF) is currently initiating the design of the public participation process for the Plan revision. The Department was invited and will be attending several of the meetings beginning in January.

Travel Management Environmental Impact Statement

The Interdisciplinary team (ID team) has been meeting and working to provide data and input into the process for development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Department has provided a Specialist Report to the team to provide subject matter expertise analyzing the effects of motorized travel management on game and non-game species of wildlife and the effects of visitor satisfaction of motorized use management, focusing on hunters and anglers. The draft EIS was released to the ID team in October, and went through the regional Forest Service revision in November. The Department maintains the agenda item on the bimonthly leadership meetings. In addition, the Department has reviewed and submitted comments on the DEIS as a part of the ID Team process. The Department met with the NEPA coordinator for discussion of our comments submitted through the ID team process.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE – GENERAL UPDATES

Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI)

The Forest Service continues working on revisions to the draft 4FRI Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and is coordinating closely with Department staff. Release of the final EIS is planned for mid-2014, but may be delayed by vacancies on the USFS 4FRI team. Department and Governor's staff have a January meeting scheduled with representatives of the timber management company subcontracted to conduct logging operations and market forest products from 4FRI (Campbell Group).

Apache Sitgreaves National Forest

Reintroduction of Little Colorado Spinedace

On October 23, 2013, Department personnel reintroduced Little Colorado spinedace into Willow Creek, Coconino County in a cooperative project with the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Spinedace were last documented in Willow Creek, a major tributary to Clear Creek, in the 1960s but had disappeared since then. The repatriated spinedace originated from a population in Leonard Canyon in Region II and had been held in captivity at a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service facility in Flagstaff until the stocking. A supplemental stocking is scheduled for the spring of 2014.

Winter Fish Kill Monitoring

On December 17-18, 2013 and January 6, 2014, Department personnel conducted limnological surveys in several lakes prone to winter fishkills, including Carnero Lake, Crescent Lake, and Lee Valley Lake on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Apache County. These surveys are scheduled annually from December through March, and typically are conducted by snowmobile. However, the surveys conducted this winter season were both conducted by vehicle since there is virtually no snowpack on the roads leading to these lakes. There was enough ice (6.4-7" in

December and 10.4-11.6” in January) to conduct the surveys safely. Dissolved oxygen was good at all 3 lakes, and the prediction is that no winterkills will occur primarily due to the mild winter weather conditions. This should result in great spring fishing for large rainbow trout at Carnero Lake and Crescent Lake, and good for Arctic grayling at Lee Valley Lake.

Coronado National Forest

Rosemont Copper Project

On December 13, a Notice of Availability for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was published in the Federal Register. On December 16, 2013 the draft Record of Decision was posted on the project website. On December 31, a legal notice will be published in the Arizona Daily Star, which initiates the 45-day objection period beginning January 1, 2014. In March of 2013, new regulations were released that provide an opportunity for eligible entities to file an objection to a proposed NEPA project before the final decision is signed. This allows entities to have unresolved concerns reviewed by a higher-level Forest Service official, called the reviewing officer, before the decision is made.

The new regulations allow entities who submitted timely, specific written comments about the proposed project during any designated opportunity for public comment, to file an objection to the proposed project. Those who commented on the Rosemont Copper Project during the scoping period in 2008, or during the comment period for the draft EIS in 2011-2012, including the Department, have standing to object to the proposed project.

The Department is reviewing the documents for potential objections on the proposed project.

Following the objection filing period, the Forest Service will have a 45-day review period, with the option for one 30-day extension. The total objection period has a statutory limit of 120 days following the legal notice commencing the objection process. At the end of this period, the reviewing officer will issue a written response to the objections which may include instructions to the responsible official to incorporate additional changes in the draft Record of Decision or to move forward with the project.

Objections will be subject to review by the Southwestern Regional Forester, Cal Joyner. The objection process may include an opportunity for the objector to meet with the reviewing officer and the responsible official, with the objective of having a dialogue about the objection issues and exploring opportunities for resolving the concerns expressed in the objection.

The responsible official cannot sign the final decision until the reviewing officer has responded in writing to all pending objections, and the decision must be consistent with any instructions issued by the reviewing officer.

There will be NO opportunity for additional administrative review or appeal of the final decision.

Kaibab National Forest

North Kaibab Ranger District Westside Project

This is a long-term partnership effort to improve mule deer winter range and habitat for other wildlife in Unit 12A West. The Department continues to work with US Forest Service staff to implement control measures on established weed infestations. Cooperators at Northern Arizona University have provided initial results of the 'firescape' analysis that will help design future fuels management and habitat protection efforts.

Prescott National Forest (PNF)

Annual Coordination Meeting

February 11th has been established as the date for the Region 3 and Region 6 annual coordination meeting with Prescott National Forest. An agenda is currently being developed for this meeting, with the location and time to be determined.

Strategic Action Planning Committee

Department personnel have participated in two Strategic Action Planning Committee meetings with PNF. The Regional Habitat Program has accepted a seat on the Strategic Action Planning Committee's (SAPC) Steering Committee – which will assist in guiding the Forest's shorter term, strategic plan implementation efforts. At this time, the possibility exists that the SAPC will attempt to use anticipated CAGCS Wildlife Corridor efforts as a pilot project for implementation of the Ecosystem Management Decision Support (EMDS) program they are currently developing.

Tonto National Forest

OHV Rehabilitation/Improvement Project

The Mesa Ranger District proposes to rehabilitate 4 sites with native plants in partnership with Boy Scouts and construct 4 vehicle enclosures to reduce the spread of resource degradation at 4 sites that currently experience high volumes of OHV recreation. They will construct approximately 10 miles of pipe rail fencing or use boulders to exclude OHV impacts to wildlife habitat. The Department is currently reviewing the project and will provide comment in Jan. 2014.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM)

Kingman Field Office

Annual Coordination Meeting

February 6th has been selected as the date for the Region 3 and Region 4 annual coordination meeting with BLM Kingman, Havasu, and Colorado River District Administration. An agenda is currently being developed for this meeting, with the location and time to be determined.

RAC Grazing Sub-Committee

The Department accepted membership into the RAC Grazing Sub-Committee, and participated in the kickoff meeting and field site visits for BLM Kingman's FACA-Chartered RAC Grazing Sub-committee Team.

Yuma Field Office

La Posa Travel Management Plan

Public comment period has ended. BLM received about 100 comments. BLM will review and plans to publish final EA in 2 to 3 months. The Department continues to be a cooperating agency and actively representing the Department's interests in the planning process.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Laguna Dredging Project

Bureau of Reclamation is close to completing the dredging below Laguna Dam and removing vegetation from the front of the Dam. This project has been on the books for years, waiting for funding. The goal is to increase Colorado River storage capacity and improve dam safety. The improved boat ramp at the site is open to the public.

WILDLIFE AREAS

Horseshoe Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP)

The Department continues to coordinate and participate on the CRMP for the Horseshoe and Copper Creek Allotments. Information is provided to the public via an updated web-site and the agencies are utilizing the services of a facilitation group. Progress continues as the group is finalizing shared goals and objectives while working into strategies. The CRMP is currently being drafted in sections. The desire to ensure the federal agencies can utilize the CRMP process as their NEPA for formal decision and implementation has affected the timelines somewhat, but will greatly enhance the ability to conduct management actions under one NEPA umbrella at process completion. The anticipated plan document completion will be in 2014

The various subteams continue to move forward on drafting the CRMP, prioritizing improvements, analyzing data and coordinating. Collaboration on AIMS data analysis with BLM/TNC/AGFD commenced in December and will report back to the planning team in February.

Analysis for the aquatic portion has been reinitiated, and the subteam (internal participants) met in December to discuss status, needs and strategy to move forward. The sub team members (external) were then notified for initiation of a meeting and request for data.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

PIPELINES

Kinder Morgan CO2 Pipeline Project

No change

Sierrita Natural Gas Pipeline Project

No change

TRANSMISSION LINES

Southline Transmission Line Project

The BLM is analyzing cooperating agency comments on the Administrative Draft EIS. At the recent request of the BLM, the Department provided additional information regarding biological values of the Willcox Playa area and met with BLM, the project proponent, and consultants onsite at Willcox Playa Wildlife Area to illustrate the biological importance of the area. Sub route P7 extends from northeast of Wilcox to the southwest, along the east side of the Willcox Playa and through the Willcox Playa Wildlife Area. The Department has requested that BLM eliminate Subroute P7 from further consideration on multiple occasions due to its proximity to sandhill crane and waterfowl roosting areas. This route is situated between roosting and foraging areas, making bird strikes with towers and conductors quite likely. During the meeting, the Department was informed that BLM had identified Subroute P7 as the agency preferred route based on requests from the Department of Defense to keep lines as far away as possible from the Buffalo Soldier Range. Publication of the Draft EIS is expected by the end of January.

TRANSPORTATION

I-11 Phoenix to Las Vegas Project

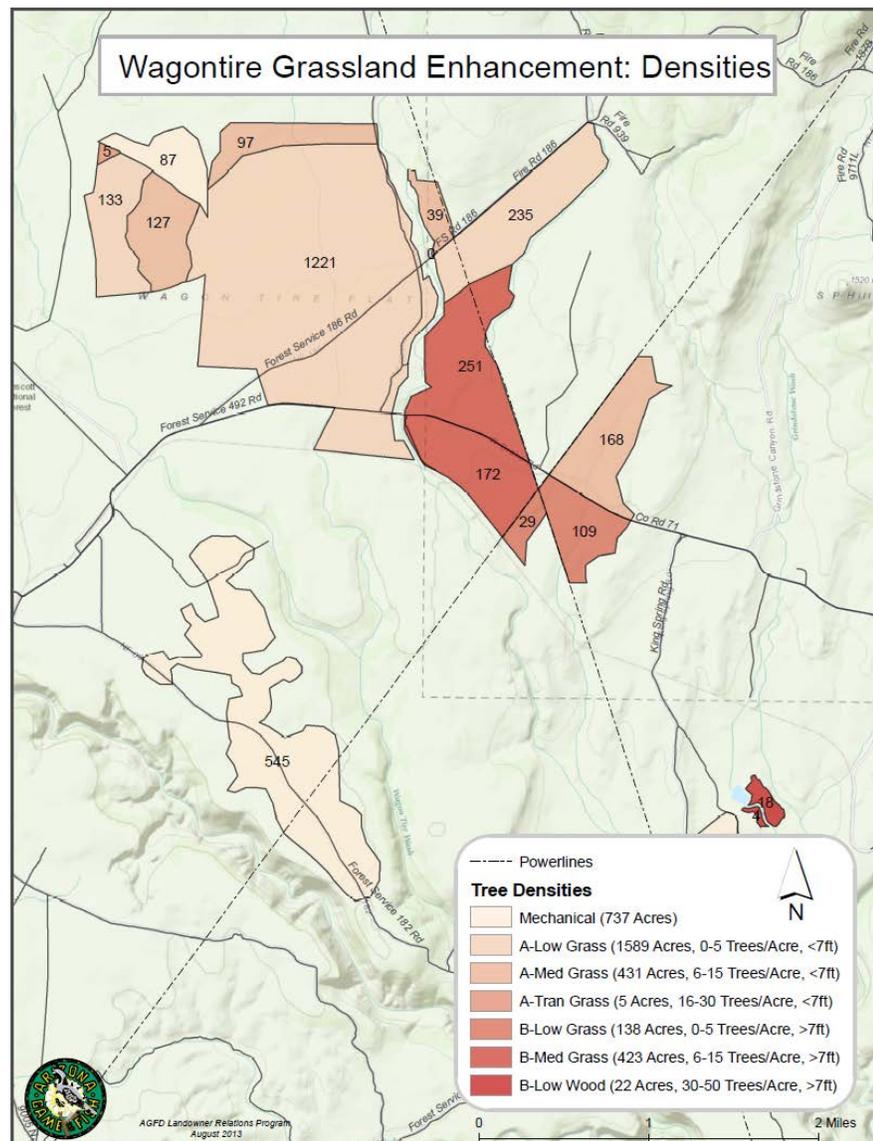
Department staff participated in an Interstate 11 stakeholders/partners meeting to review the draft results of the level 2 alternatives evaluation. ADOT and the consultant both commented that the Department's comments and quantitative analysis added significant value to their evaluation and thanked the Department for our efforts. The draft evaluation proposes that the segment the Department had the biggest concerns over does not meet the reasonable and feasible standard. It also proposes to modify a segment to avoid potential impacts to Department Wildlife Areas along the Gila River. These positive results are testimony to the value of establishing partnerships early in the impact analysis process. Department staff will be reviewing and providing comments on the draft evaluation.

GENERAL UPDATES

Central Arizona Grasslands Conservation Strategy (CAGCS) Implementation Team Project Status Updates as of January 7, 2014

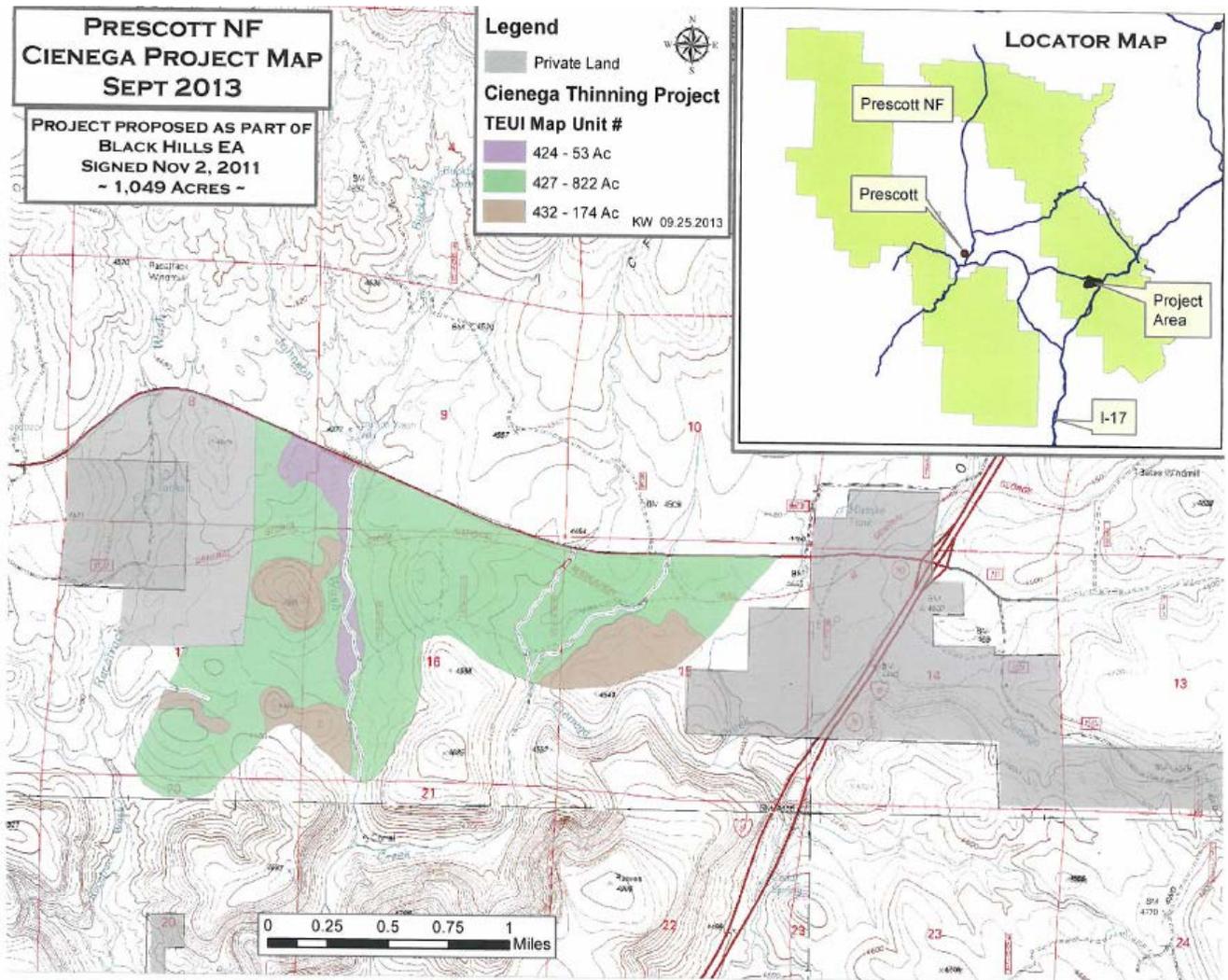
Wagontire Grassland Enhancement Project

This project is occurring on the West Bear Allotment (Almida Ranch) on Prescott National Forest (PNF) land. A Challenge Cost Share Agreement has been finalized and signed by Prescott National Forest and AGFD. PNF will be contributing \$25,000 in addition to the \$44,350 provided through CAGS for Phase I of this treatment. Phase I (2,608 acres) will be treated utilizing hand crews with chain saws. Bid solicitations have been conducted and two Oregon contractors have been selected and notified – Umpqua Valley Forestry and Summitt Forests Inc. The Regional landowner relations personnel have been working in cooperation with the PNF, Chino Valley Biologist (Dan Garcia de la Cadena) to identify polygons in the field to delineate cut areas, exclusions and other field considerations. If the weather continues to cooperate, work could proceed later this winter. Both companies have indicated that they will implement a blitzkrieg approach to their assigned areas - and be in and out of the project within the span of only a few weeks. Phase II of this project will be directly contracted to the rancher, who will be compensated by the Department (\$12,500) to mechanically treat 737 acres. Work on Phase II should begin this spring.



Cienega Watershed Improvement Project

This project is another partnership with Prescott National Forest (PNF) taking place within the greater Black Hills Vegetation Management project area, south of Hwy 169, east of the landfill and just west of I-17. This project comprises treatment of 1049 acres and will be used by PNF Fire personnel as part of their training and treatment methods. A Collection Agreement between the two agencies has not yet been finalized, but will likely be completed within the next week or two. CAGCS is allocating \$50,000 toward this project; the Forest has completed and conducted an environmental assessment and cultural resource inventory work, with a value of approximately \$20,000. AGFD internal compliance (EAC) is near completion, but is currently being held up by proof of verification of tribal consultation by PNF. This should be secured from the PNF Verde office within the week. It is hoped that the treatment can proceed sometime in February, contingent on the completion of internal process, which includes garnering signatures on the agreement with PNF.



7-Up Grassland Improvement Project: Phase II

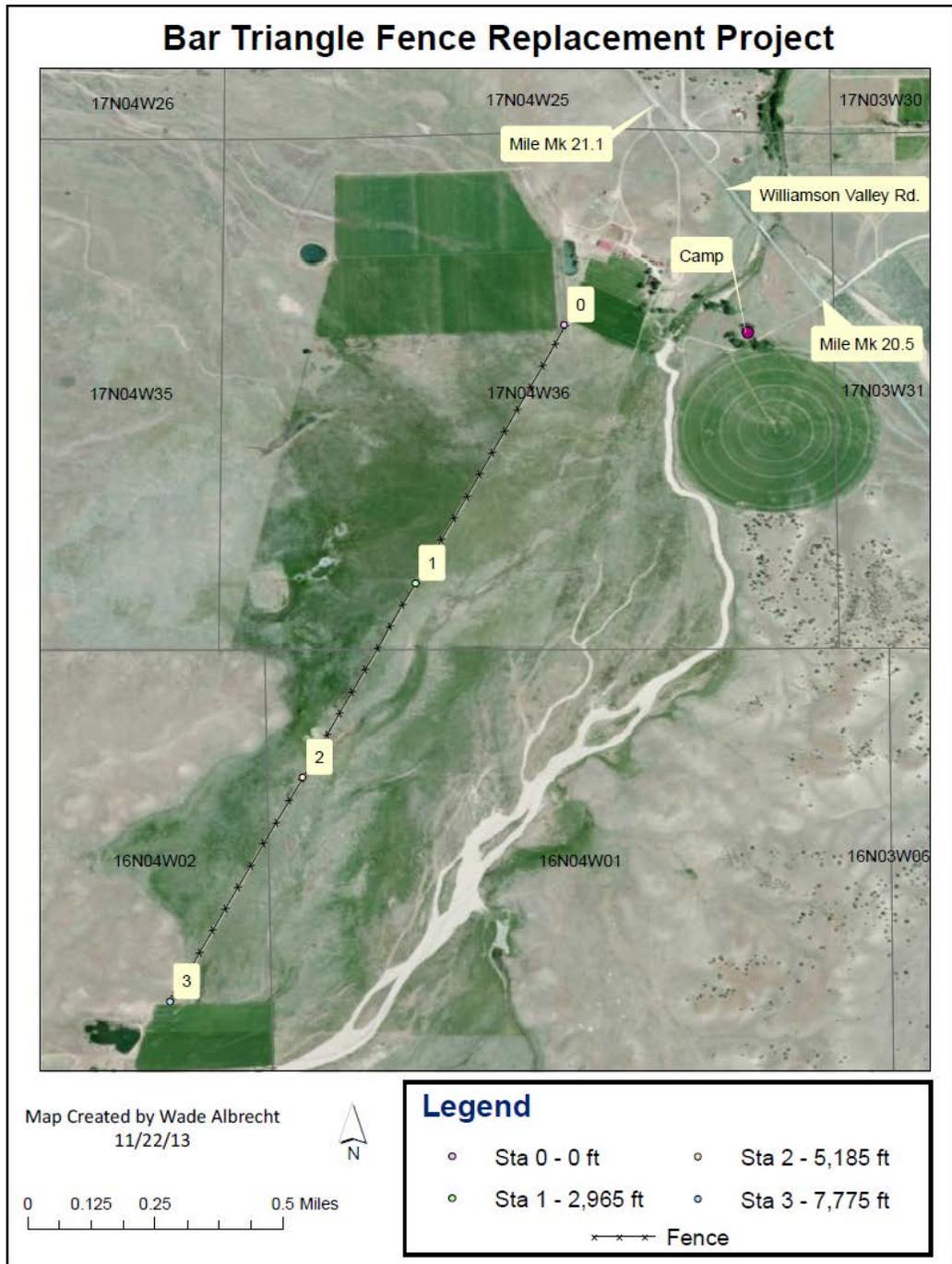
This is a continuation of a project that was initiated back in 2010 and will be occurring on lands contiguous to the original treatment areas along the interface of the Yolo and 7- Up Ranches in western Yavapai County. Collaring data has demonstrated significant use of these lands by pronghorn. Casual observations corroborate this data. This project will again be implementing the mechanical cut/stump treatment method, which employs the use of an applied herbicide immediately after the bole of the tree is exposed from the cut. Alligator juniper requires this method of treatment in lieu of re-sprouting, which is known to occur from this species. 100% of the trees in the identified project area are alligator juniper and the entire project area is on ASLD land. The landowner is anxious to see a resumption of our efforts, but needs to get his land treatment application to the ASLD office in Prescott for approval. The ASLD specialist indicated that cultural resource inventories were conducted in the previous phase of work and



does not anticipate any issues associated with SHPO. The Region's LRP specialist has submitted the EAC, HDMS and provided a map of the project area to PEP. The remainder of available CAGCS funding allocated to Region III for this year amounts to approximately \$31,000. This will treat approximately 125 acres of the 650 plus acres identified for Phase II. The Region would like to prioritize this project for next year with any ensuing CAGCS funding that may come available.

Bar Triangle Antelope Habitat Work Project

On Saturday March 22, the AZGFD will be coordinating a wildlife-friendly fence improvement project in the Chino Valley area to improve pronghorn movements in various pastures. Plans call for removal of woven wire, raising the bottom wire to an 18" minimum height, and replacing bottom barbed with smooth where needed. This will provide a benefit for pronghorn movement in the CAGCS project area.



Fort Rock Grassland Enhancement Project

Working in cooperation with Maughan Ranches, AGFD personnel identified 200 plus acres of historical grassland that collaring data has shown to be used by pronghorn. This grassland is being compromised by invading juniper. CAGCS funding (\$25,000) was approved to treat the identified acreage. The ranch made improvements to an access road and is developing a new well site, which will sit on the western edge of the grassland improvement area. All labor will be incurred by the ranch. AGFD is providing additional funding for the development of the well (\$12K). The grassland improvement project is currently being held up by internal Cultural Resource compliance efforts, with a determination expected soon. All other internal compliance has been completed. It is anticipated that some of the \$25K allocated for this work will be needed to pay for cultural resource compliance activities, though this amount is not anticipated to exceed \$2,000. Once compliance levels have been designated, documentation will be sent to SHPO for final approval. This process could take an additional 60 – 90 days. The ranch is awaiting word on when they can proceed.

Concentrate Wetlands Management

The City of Goodyear and the Bureau of Reclamation are conducting a siting study for a demonstration concentrate management wetland. The intent is to ID a location to construct a quarter size demonstration vertical flow wetland to treat reverse osmosis (RO) brine in order to reduce constituent levels to below regulated concentrations. The constituents of concern are the heavy metals selenium, chromium and arsenic and the nutrient Nitrate-N. The RO brine would be blended with water from a Superfund Site groundwater treatment project and discharged to a dry reach of the Gila River to support riparian habitat. Water from the 157th Avenue water reclamation facility would no longer be blended with the treated RO brine thus making the facilities water available and suitable for groundwater recharge. The blended water would support riparian habitat along the conveyance channel and also in the Gila River channel, discharge of the blended water into the Gila River is expected to improve the water quality and increase the quantity of water in the Gila River. The Department preliminarily estimates that new discharge to the Gila River will range from 2-4 cfs.

Lower Colorado River Multi-species Conservation Plan

The completion of the plan for the Cibola Valley Phase 7 planting has been delayed. There is hope the planting will be completed this spring.

El Rio Watercourse Master Plan

The Department has worked with the Maricopa County Flood Control District (MCFCD) on the El Rio pilot projects for replacement of salt cedar with native vegetation since 2006 with the adoption of the watercourse master plan. Currently, the MCFCD is initiating the next phase as implementation and the Department participated in the kick-off meeting. The intent is creation of consistent development practices and the id of showcase projects in each community (Buckeye, Goodyear and Avondale). The kick-off meeting included background information on the project, funding needs, collaborative needs, interim accomplishments and commitments of the cities to move forward. The Department owns and/or manages several properties along this 17 mile stretch of the Gila River and will be a key participant in developing the restoration, access and recreation strategies moving forward.

Ray Mine Tailings Facility in GMU 37B

The Department toured the Ray Mine and the various proposed tailings facilities locations with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), and representatives from ASARCO.

ASARCO is moving forward with an application to purchase 12 sections of high value wildlife habitat located on State Trust Land prior to evaluation of all alternatives. This land would possibly serve as tailings storage. The auction for the State Land is anticipated to occur in the next few months.

The facility would provide additional tailings storage to support up to approximately 750 million tons of material. The proposed site is a major tributary to the Gila River comprised of rich upland Sonoran desert vegetation. The area is popular with mule deer, javelina, Gambel's quail, and other small game hunters and other outdoor recreationists. The preferred alternative is a 2,129 acre facility. There are several other viable alternatives which are not favored by ASARCO but which may have fewer impacts on wildlife and habitat. One alternative, the West Dam alternative, would impact roughly 1000 fewer acres than ASARCO's proposed action and would be immediately adjacent to the existing Ray Mine.

The project will require a permit from the Corps under Section 404 (404 permit) of the Clean Water Act and roughly 150 acres of mitigation for jurisdictional waters of the United States. ASARCO has first option on the parcels the Department acquired on the Lower San Pedro Wildlife Area for In-lieu Fee Mitigation projects. It is likely that any project mitigation will occur on the wildlife area in the form of wetland restoration and enhancement. The Corps is the lead federal agency for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS.)

Pinal Partnership Open Space and Trails Committee

The Department remains in the discussions for implementation of the master plan and participates on the subcommittee for drainage protection. The County has a new Parks and Trails Department that will also include a commission. The Committee assists the new Department through providing recommendations. The Department continues to work on the natural drainage and watershed management committee for development of identification of important drainage features, development of protection buffer recommendations and next steps within the county. Discussion also includes incorporation of open spaces and important drainage features within flood control documents and transportation documents by way of developing guidance and policies. The Natural Drainage and Watershed Management Committee is currently reviewing the drainage design manuals for the county and provide recommendations to incorporate considerations for drainage and wash corridor buffers.

Town of Buckeye

Town Council has set aside \$100K for the Planning Department to hire a consultant to conduct planning and biological resource management for the "Buckeye/White Tank Mountains Wildlife Corridors/Trail project". Most of the developments in Buckeye west of the White Tank Mountains already exist; the best opportunity for maintaining connectivity is to try to integrate with the open space and trails planning. The identified opportunity currently is within the trails master plan associated with wash corridors and the buffers associated with them. The Department will be working to assist the Town by reviewing the trails master plan, finalize the

report on linkage design for the White Tanks, review community master plans for proposed trail corridor locations, develop concepts on wildlife corridors, washes, trails for integration with those community master plans, provide recommendations for the update to the trails master plan, prepare major plan amendment to the Town's General Plan for wildlife corridors and develop recommendations for amending the Town code for inclusion of wildlife friendly guidelines.

Verde River Wildlife Area Instream Flow Water Right

On December 9, 2013 the Department was issued, on behalf of the Commission, its first ever certificated instream flow water right. The water right is appurtenant to Commission owned lands making up the Upper Verde River Wildlife Area and was applied for on August 6, 2008 which is also the priority date for this water right. The instream flow right has an annual volume of 13,032.8 acre-feet and instream flows range from a low of 17.28 cubic feet per second (cfs) in September to a high of 19.19 cfs in February. The beneficial uses for this water right are recreation and wildlife, including fish and will serve to provide the Commission with protest authority under Arizona water law for new appropriations or proposed sever and transfer applications that may adversely affect the upper Verde River and its unique habitat and wildlife species.

Multi-Lake Aquatic Weed Surveys

On September 30, 2013, Department R1 personnel conducted an aquatic weed survey in Rainbow Lake, Navajo County to continue an annual monitoring program of the nuisance aquatic weed conditions in this lake. Previous surveys were conducted to monitor progress to control nuisance weeds by the Department's weed harvester and also by herbicide treatments conducted by The Shores Homeowners Association. This recent survey will be used primarily to monitor the effect on nuisance weeds by white Amur that were stocked by special permit by The Shores in May 2013. The Amur appear to be slowly reducing the overall coverage of weeds, but are selective in what species of plants they eat. They are having a significant impact on pondweed, which is the most palatable of the weeds present, but little impact on the coontail and Eurasian watermilfoil at this time. The prediction is that once the pondweed is reduced to a point where it is rare, the Amur will shift to coontail, the next palatable species, then to watermilfoil. This survey will be conducted annually to track this progress. It is also hoped that the control of the nuisance aquatic weeds may have some impact on the illegally introduced Northern pike in Rainbow Lake, which rely on extensive weed beds for reproduction. Fish population surveys will be conducted every year in March to monitor the pike population, and to mechanically remove pike when they are caught.

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Forest	Status	Next Step	Projected Next Step Completion
Apache Sitgreaves	The Proposed LRMP and Draft EIS public review period ended 5/16/2013.	Final LRMP EIS, TMP on hold.	Final EIS (LRMP) 6/2014 TMP start after LRMP complete, draft out late 2014. (separate decisions)
Issues:	MBGR in preferred Alt B of previous TMP draft allows 1mile from road for elk, mule deer & bear. 658 miles of corridors for dispersed camping 300 ft off established roads.		
Coconino	TMP signed Sept 2011, MBGR appeal denied; Draft EIS(LRMP) ready. Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM's) available	Draft LRMP EIS comment period began Dec. 20	Decision anticipated 6//2015
Issues:	Dispersed camping 300 ft from designated roads, else 30 ft. MBGR for elk only, 1 mile from roads except GMUs 5A & 5B.		
Coronado	Proposed Plan & DEIS released 12/19/13	Under review by AGFD	Final EIS 7/2014
	TMP in Process in all Districts.	Final TMP	Final TMP end of 2013: Decisions by district: Douglas 7/2014; Nogales 3/2013; Safford 3/2014; Santa Catalina 3/2014; Sierra Vista 9/2014
Issues:	Motor Vehicle Use maps show access through roads that have locked gates. Maps not enforceable.		

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Forest	Status	Next Step	Projected Next Step Completion
Kaibab	AGFD appeal on North Kaibab TMP declined. TMP completed by district. MVUM's available.	Final LRMP	LRMP Decision early 2014
Issues:	Tusayan & Williams TMP: MBGR 1 mile from road for elk in designated areas. Dispersed camping in camping corridors, or 30 feet from road. North Kaibab MBGR 1 mile off designated roads for elk and bison, dispersed camping 300 feet off 99 miles of designated roads and 100 feet off 104 miles of		
Prescott	Final EIS in Federal Register imminent. AGFD personnel were invited to participate in Strategic planning	Expected FEIS in Federal Register 3/2014	Will not do new TMP. Rely on 2009 updated/amended TMP
Issues:	Current draft advocates MBGR: Elk within 1 mile of designated open road. May be changed by amendment. Dispersed camping 300' from centerline of designated roads. Wilderness under consideration		
Tonto	LRMP began 2006. Negotiating to reinstate due to rule change. TMP elevated to EIS from EA. Notice of intent to prepare TMP EIS has been released for review and comment. Department comments submitted 3/4/2013. Request to be Cooperating Agency has been accepted. IDT teams have met and individual Ranger District meetings have been held.	LRMP Assessment public scoping underway. TRMP final fall 2014	Final LRMP & EIS Fall 2017
Issues:	Consistency across forests, enforceability, MBGR, road closures, and Dispersed Camping all addressed in response to NOI.		