

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

*Draft Goals and Objectives for
Vegetation and
Special Status Species*

May 26, 2004



Presentation Overview

- Brief Summary of May 19, 2004 Workshop
- Presentation by Mark Dimmitt (ASDM)
- Brief overview of draft goals for vegetation and special status species
- Break-out Groups



May 19, 2004 Workshop

- Provided an overview of April 29, 2004 Workshop – draft Goals for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat
- Marty Tuegel (USFWS) presented information on wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Gathered public input on the draft goals and objectives for wildlife and wildlife habitat



Guest Speaker

Mark Dimmitt

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BLM's Current Management

- Guided by laws, regulations, policies
- Responsibility shared between BLM, AGFD, and USFWS
- BLM's management guided various plans, including:
 - Phoenix RMP
 - Eastern Arizona Grazing EIS
 - Cocoraque and Agua Dulce Ranches CRMP
 - Silver Bell-Baboquivari HMP
 - Arizona Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Administration



Special Status Species

- Endangered, Threatened, Proposed and Candidate Species (ESA)
- BLM Sensitive Species
- Arizona Game and Fish Department – Wildlife Species of Concern



Federal Laws

- Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Endangered Species Act (ESA)
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act



Draft Goals – Vegetation

- Restore, protect, or enhance the diversity and distribution of natural vegetation communities.
- Manage invasive species to limit their impact on natural resources and processes.
- Maintain or restore ecosystem health and native biodiversity



Draft Goals – Special Status Species

- Conserve and recover threatened and endangered species and their habitats, and manage to prevent the listing of additional species.



Break-out Groups

- Review the draft goals and objectives for vegetation and special status species.
- Make your comments most effective by being specific.
- Reconvene following break-outs to hear ideas from other groups.



General Comments or Questions?

