

ARIZONA Planning Bulletin



Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan Revision
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Management Plan
Vermilion Cliffs National Monument Management Plan

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Comments needed on draft management alternatives

The Arizona Strip Planning Team is hosting five public open houses in June to gather information on preliminary management alternatives for the Arizona Strip planning effort. See the back of this bulletin for dates and locations. Please try to attend one of these meetings to give your comments about the preliminary alternatives.

We developed these preliminary alternatives based on public comments received since the planning effort began last spring.

Preliminary alternatives include a "No Action" alternative that continues present management as modified by the monument proclamations. Alternatives A-D offer different approaches to managing the remoteness of the Arizona Strip landscape in order to protect the resources and values identified in the monument proclamations and by the public. All alternatives include current Congressionally designated wilderness and NPS proposed wilderness.

Management Areas – Four "Management Areas" have been identified (maps will be at the open houses, on the web, or by contacting us):

Urban Interface lands are immediately around communities. Priorities include identifying lands for community uses, fuelwood cutting areas, and more acceptance of a variety of recreation uses.

General Management lands are outside the monuments and designated wilderness. These lands are vital for providing multiple-use activities. Management of these areas could remain similar to present management practices.

Monument (outside wilderness) are the lands within the Grand Canyon-Parashant and Vermilion Cliffs national monuments outside wilderness lands. These lands will be managed in accordance with the proclamations.

Wilderness lands include currently designated wilderness areas, NPS proposed wilderness, and lands with wilderness character.

Alt. A	Fewest miles of open roads, least amount of land open to multiple-use, recommended protection for all lands with wilderness character, less reliance on "hands-on" approaches to ecosystem restoration, least intrusive methods of resource management, more primitive recreational opportunities
Alt. B	More roads and trails open than Alt. A, recommended protection for large acreage of lands with wilderness character considering other values of competing resources and uses, some "hands-on" ecosystem restoration and scientific research
Alt. C	Moderate amount of open roads and trails with greater access for restoration and research, recommended protection for moderate acreage of lands with wilderness character considering other values of competing resources and uses, emphasis on "hands-on" restoration and scientific research
Alt. D	Most miles of open roads and trails, largest amount of land open to multiple-use, more "hands-on" restoration, more active resource management practices, widest variety of recreational opportunities
No Action	Current management, as modified by the National Monument proclamations

Open Houses on Alternatives

All meetings will be from 4-6 pm (local time).

Additional information on the preliminary alternatives will be available.

Mesquite, Nevada June 2, 2003
Mesquite Town Hall, Training Room
10 East Mesquite Boulevard

St. George, Utah June 3, 2003
Dixie Convention Center, Entrada Rooms
1835 Convention Center Drive (Bluff St.Exit)

Fredonia, AZ June 4, 2003
Fredonia Town Hall, City Council Chambers
25 North Main

Kingman, AZ June 5, 2003
Mohave Community College
Student Union, Room 106
1971 Jagerson Avenue

Flagstaff, Arizona June 6, 2003
DuBois Center, Building 64, Fremont Room
Pine Knoll Drive
Northern Arizona University Campus

Can't attend the public meetings?

More detailed information about the management alternatives will be available at [www.az.blm.gov/land use planning/Arizona Strip](http://www.az.blm.gov/land_use_planning/Arizona_Strip) as the meeting dates approach. If you don't have web access, call us and we'll send you the information.

Please send your comments on these preliminary alternatives by July 7, 2003 to:

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After we review your comments on these preliminary alternatives, we will revise the alternatives, select a preferred alternative, and produce the Draft Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS should be available for public comment by the spring of 2004.

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