

Pinal County
OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN

Public Meeting #2 - Queen Creek
October 26, 2006

Public Meeting Comments/Questions

- Concerned that the executive ordinance area [the Arizona Army National Guard Florence Military Reservation (FMR)] shown on the plan, as open space, will lead people to believe that military lands can be used as an active/passive recreational activity area.
- The master plan needs to address the executive order concerning the definition of the military base designation.
- A new category of open space needs to be defined that will describe and incorporate a Military Reservation Boundary that will have restricted use areas, times, and accessibility to the public. This new category of open space needs to allow for restricted public use including active/passive recreational activities as deemed necessary by the respective land manager/owner.
- Concerned that the location of the future Anza National Park does not match the proposed designation on other documented maps.
- Will there be the flexibility to “tweak” the boundaries and alignment of open space areas and trail corridors after adoption?
- What types of Regional Parks will there be, and when will they be designated? – *The definition of regional parks will identify various category types that relate to the focus of activities (i.e. active, passive, conservation) based on the natural, cultural, physical resources of the specific site locations. They will be designated when the County acquires ownership or management of the lands.*
- How much involvement will the County have in species management (after designation and adoption of open space and regional park locations)? -
- What is the definition of a Regional Park? – *See response above.*
- What are the proposed names for Regional Parks? – *There are no names or specific designations at this time.*
- What are the next steps and timeline? – *Public comment will be received until November 10th. A Draft Final Master Plan will be prepared that addresses the comments received. The Draft Final Master Plan will be presented to the Stakeholder Taskforce and County Board of Supervisors for their review and comment. A Final Master Plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval and adoption in April 2007.*
- Where can people get copies of the plan? – *On the County’s website.*
- How are existing trails within a proposed corridor going to be addressed? – *They will be incorporated and remain as is.*
- Will there be connectivity of the Peralta Trail to the Arizona Trail?
- Does the county have a GIS database of all trails in the county? - *No.*

- Was abandoned railroad information used to establish future “Rails to Trails” alignments? – *Not at this time, but will be included in the Draft Final Master Plan that will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors.*