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Palo Verde Regional Park Master Plan

Open Space and Trails
Advisory Commission
October 11, 2016





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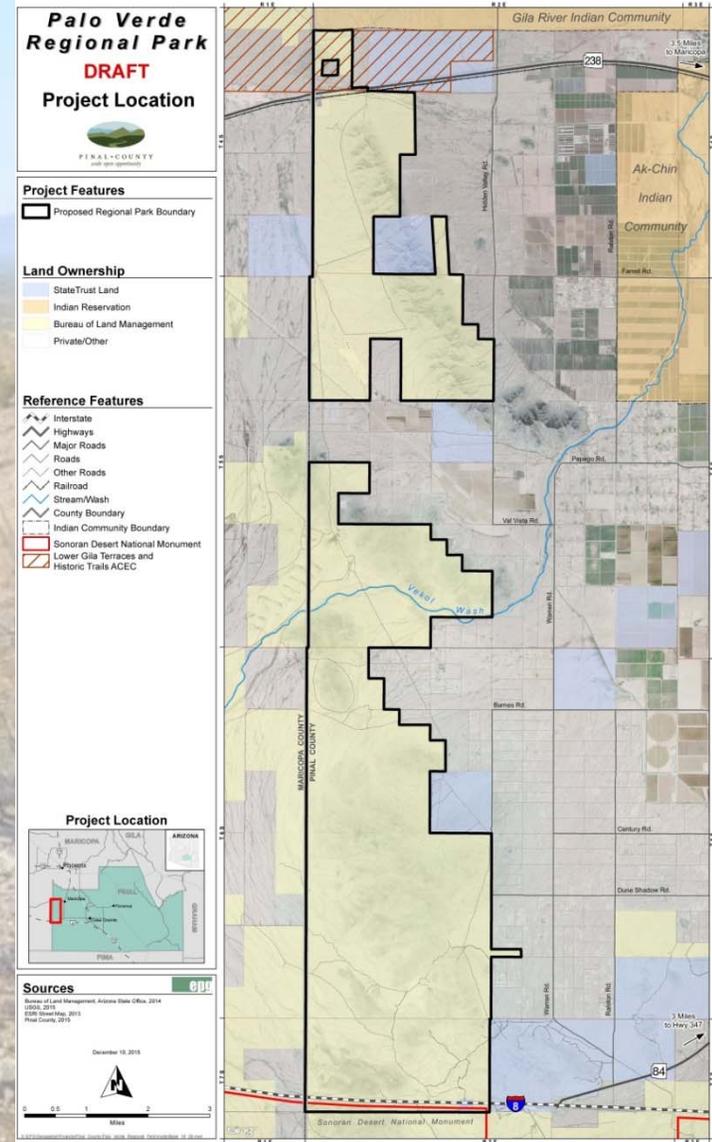
Study Area

Area

- Owned by BLM
 - Management per Lower Sonoran Decision Area Resource Management Plan
- 21,900 acres
- >34 square miles



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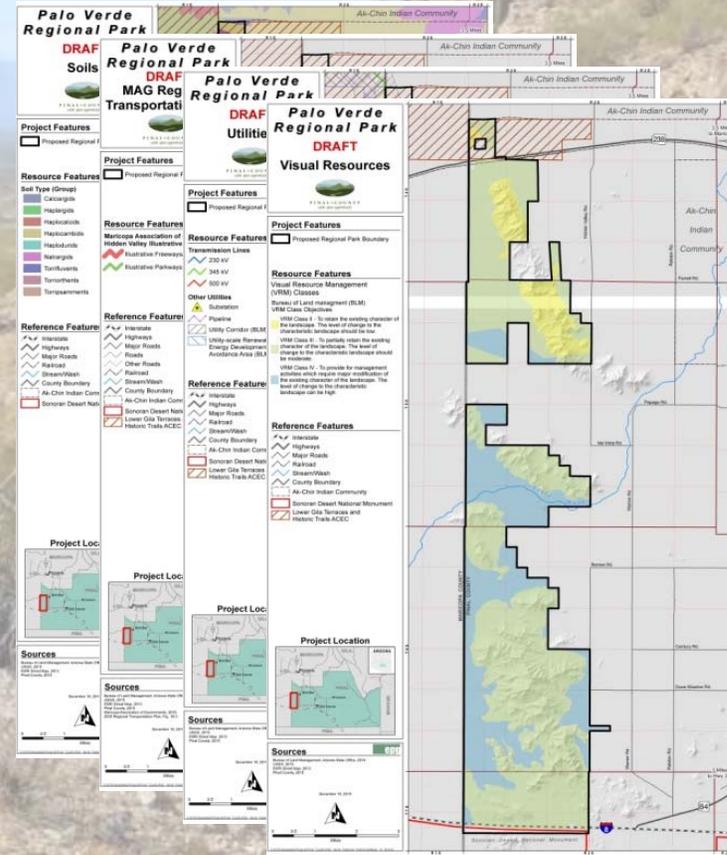
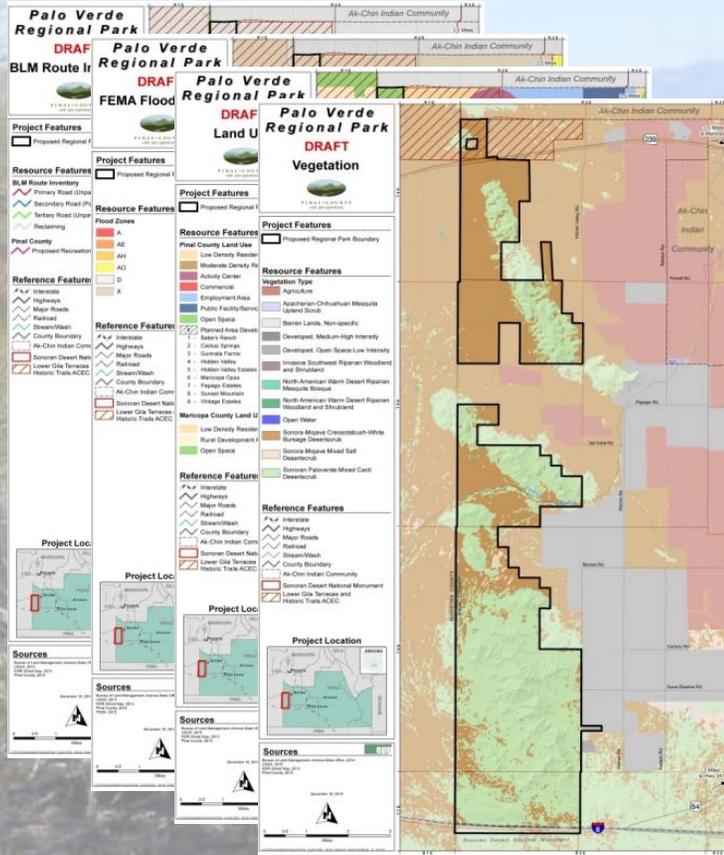




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Planning Process

Resource Analysis





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Drive Time Analysis

Residents within 30-Minutes

- 65,858 (2010, per Census)
- 78,319 (2020)
- 96,618 (2030)
- 120,262 (2040)
- 147,532 (2050)

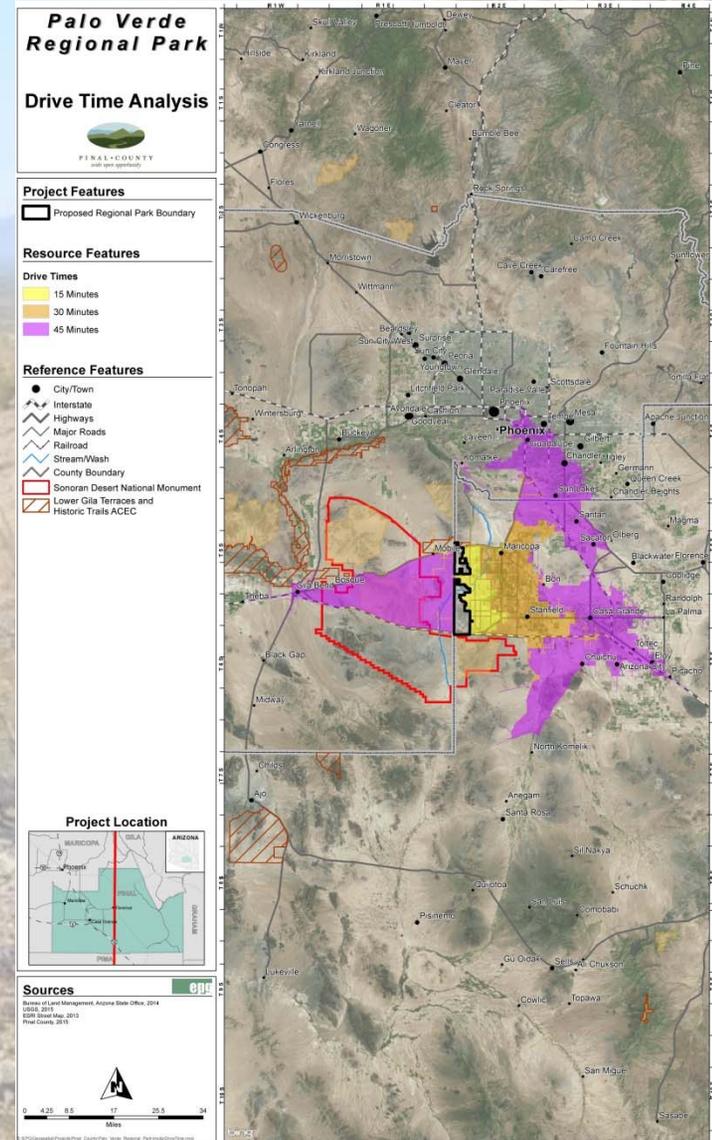
30-Minute Comparison

- McDowell Mtn. Regional Park
 - 62,841 (2007)
- San Tan Mtn. Regional Park
 - 51,775 (2007)

Attendance Comparison

- McDowell Mtn. Regional Park
 - 70,992 (2016)
 - 78,795 (2015)
- San Tan Mtn. Regional Park
 - 146,322 (2016)
 - 103,365 (2015)

(Note: Neither McDowell Mtn. nor San Tan Mtn. Regional Parks allow motorized recreation)





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Planning Process

Recreation Activity Evaluation

Facility / Activity	Complies with Pinal County Policy	Determined by Citizens		Determined by Stakeholders and Planning Team							
		Public Interest	Rank by Survey	Public Opposition	Regional Availability	Potential Site Disturbance	Infrastructure Requirement	Operations & Maintenance	Revenue Potential	Consider For Master Plan	
											Low Moderate High
Trail (Non-motorized for Hiking/Running, Bike, and Equestrian Users)											
Secondary Trails (2' Tread)	Yes	100	5							Yes	
Primary Trails (4' Tread)	Yes	100	7							Yes	
Competitive Tracks (Running, Bike, Equestrian)	Yes	100	5							Yes	
Interpretive Trails	Yes	113	10							Yes	
Barrier-free Trails	Yes	113	11							Yes	
Trailhead Facility (Parking, Comfort Station)	Yes	77	1							Yes	
Trails (Motorized)											
Single Track (Motorcycle)	Yes	104	6							Yes	
Two Track (Off Highway Vehicle)	Yes	104	7							Yes	
Beep Tour	Yes	88	20							No	
Staging Area	Yes	111	13							Yes	
Passenger Car Loop	Yes	111	14							No	
Equestrian											
Riding Stable (Equestrian Stabling, Non-Commuter)	With Provisions	47	30							Yes	
Arena	With Provisions	54	25							Yes	
Backcountry Water	Yes	76	16							Yes	
Staging Area	With Provisions	43	15							Yes	
Interpretive											
Interpretive Center	Yes	74	40							Yes	
Nature Center	Yes	74	26							Yes	
Museum/Cultural Center	Yes	61	41							Yes	
Botanical Garden	Yes	47	31							No	
Theater (Small, Up to 100 People)	Yes	71	45							Yes	
Wildlife Viewing/Bird Watching	Yes	34	32							Yes	
Photography	Yes	44	33							Yes	
Picnic Area											
Family Area	Yes	121	5							Yes	
Large Group	Yes	76	18							Yes	
Playground	Yes	47	30							Yes	
Camping											
Backcountry	Yes	113	8							Yes	
Tent Site	Yes	105	6							Yes	
RV/Trailer Camping (Unimproved)	Yes	72	12							Yes	
RV/Trailer Site (Electric, Water)	Yes	81	14							Yes	
Group Site	Yes	68	22							Yes	
Shooting Sports											
Shooting Range (Pistol & Rifle)	With Provisions	113	9							Yes	
Shotgun (Skeet/Trap/Sporting Clay)	With Provisions	76	18							Yes	
Archery Range	With Provisions	76	27							Yes	
Archery Field Course	With Provisions	76	31							Yes	
Paintball Field	With Provisions	4	30							Yes	
Shooting Sports Concession	With Provisions	7	49							Yes	
Hunting, Backcountry	With Provisions	7	35							Yes	
Miscellaneous											
Geocaching	With Provisions	4	40							Yes	
Rock Climbing	With Provisions	6	17							Yes	
Challenge Course (Ropes Course)	With Provisions	4	36							Yes	
Zip Line	With Provisions	4	38							Yes	
BMX Bike Course	With Provisions	26	24							Yes	
BMX Bike Pump Track	With Provisions	26	31							Yes	
RC Aircraft Field	With Provisions	4	40							Yes	
Large Event Area (Outdoor Theater Performance/Stage/Jazz/Theater)	Yes	4	37							No	
Off-leash Dog Area	Yes	6	19							Yes	
Other (Written Comments)		50									

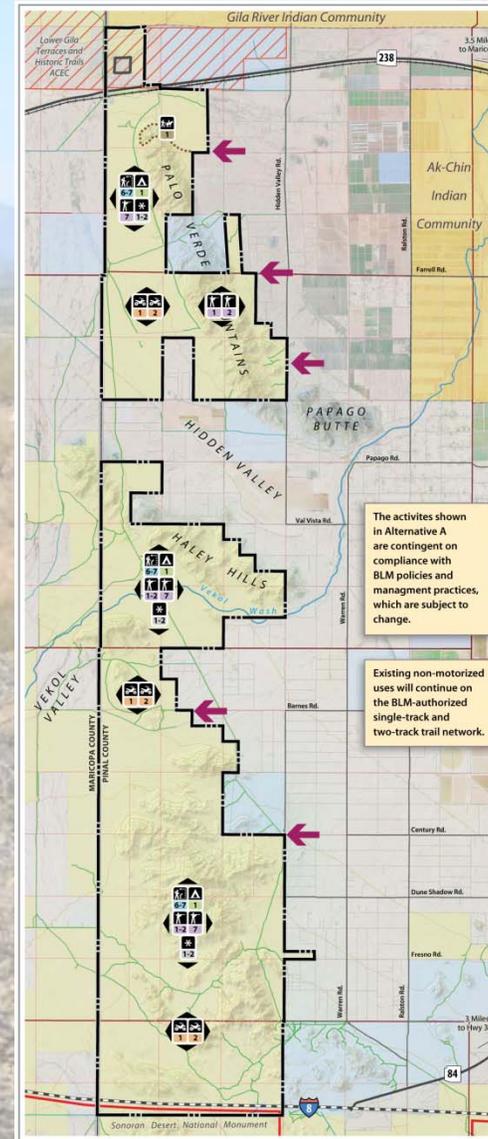


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Alternative A

No Action/Existing Authorized Conditions

- No change to land uses and authorized activities that presently occur in the study area



The activities shown in Alternative A are contingent on compliance with BLM policies and management practices, which are subject to change.

Existing non-motorized uses will continue on the BLM-authorized single-track and two-track trail network.

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Alternative A: No Action/Existing Authorized Conditions



Reference Features

- Proposed Park Boundary
- BLM Tertiary Unpaved Road (These are the only BLM-authorized two-track roads)
- National Monument Boundary
- Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)
- State Trust Land
- Bureau of Land Management
- Pinal County Conceptual Trail Alignment
- Existing Secondary Trail

Proposed Recreation

Activity/Activity	Trail	Open	Seasonal	Winter	Summer	Autumn	Spring	Year-round	Alternatives
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Trail (Recreational for Off-Highway Vehicles, Bicycles, and Equestrians)	1. Canyon Loop (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2. Papago Butte (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Hidden Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4. Yerko Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5. Papago Butte (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6. Hidden Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7. Papago Butte (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
8. Yerko Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9. Papago Butte (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10. Hidden Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11. Papago Butte (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
12. Yerko Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
13. Papago Butte (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
14. Hidden Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
15. Papago Butte (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
16. Yerko Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
17. Papago Butte (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
18. Hidden Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
19. Papago Butte (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
20. Yerko Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
21. Papago Butte (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
22. Hidden Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
23. Papago Butte (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
24. Yerko Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
25. Papago Butte (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
26. Hidden Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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32. Yerko Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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99. Papago Butte (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
100. Yerko Valley (1/2 mile)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Public Review

June 7 to July 15

- Public Meeting, June 7
- On-Line Review, June 10 – July 15
- 845 total respondents

Alternative	Votes	Percentage	Preference for a CRMA
A – No Action	252	29.8%	
B – Minimal Change	140	16.6%	} 70.1%
C – Moderate Change	177	20.9%	
D – Most Change	275	32.5%	
No Selection	1	0.1%	
Total	845	100%	



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Next Steps

30-Day Public Comment

- October 11 – November 10

Revisions to Draft Master Plan

- November 11 – November 26

Advisory Commission Special Mtg.

- November 29

Board of Supervisors

- December 14 (Tentative)
- December 21 (Tentative)

