



Palo Verde Regional Park Comment Form Compiled Responses

(14 Questionnaire Forms Received)

Thank you for attending tonight's public meeting. This is the first public meeting for the planning project. Please review the resource maps that are on display, which will be used for further analysis as we begin the planning for this new Pinal County regional park. Your comments will assist us in the planning process. What can you tell us about the area?

1. How do you use this area? Are you involved in an organized recreation or user group?

- UTV/ATV/Off-Road usage. Right now we're a group of about a dozen riders. We may organize this coming year.
- We hike all over the N. part of the P.V. mountains.
- Quad & 4x4
- Would like to use area for hiking. Access in a passenger car is a problem/unpaved roads
- I don't currently use it (it's not very accessible) but I like most of the parks throughout the area. Happy to volunteer--
- Shooting-Hiking-
- Hunting, hiking, off-road driving
- Geocaching
- Currently I don't use but would like to start using it. Yes
- used area for shooting
- I like hiking in open space; would like more accessible "park land"; not part of group

2. Where does horseback riding occur?

- Hope all over the N.P.V. mountain.
- Same trails I use on the quad
- Ø
- Everywhere
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- have gone to South Mountain for horse back riding. Ride to T-Bone Steakhouse and back was popular ride
- I like X terrain motorcycle riding on trails where permitted

3. Where does all-terrain vehicle riding occur?

- We ride primarily on the northern side of the park. Close to 238.
- Mostly from the gravel pit West and all over the valley there. Also some at the N. part, east of the mountain.
- Ø
- Everywhere
- All over the place
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4. What are potential access points for trailheads or day use areas?
 - We come into the park on a trail that runs from Rio Bravo Rd.
 - The gravel pit (currently not included) and at bottom of Farrel rd.
 - S of Robin Road in the wash
 - There should not be any
5. Where do shooting sports and target practicing occur?
 - Same location we ride {Note: Respondent's ride location answer was "...primarily on the northern side of the park. Close to 238."}
 - at to many places along the East side of the P.V. Mountain.
 - All over
 - Box Canyon 1 mile west of Hidden Valley Rd & Century Rd State Trust Land
 - Everywhere
 - All over the place
6. Are there unique areas that would be of particular interest for wildlife viewing, bird watching, or other activity?
 - There are a few areas on the top of various mountain ranges that can be accessed by vehicle or by foot.
 - Rock hunting in the wash and on the hills in the marked (first jut-out hill) "non quiet-zone", just the one hill were quartz is found.
 - Yes
7. Are there unique areas that should be protected from trails, trailheads, campgrounds, etc?
 - I haven't come across any yet.
 - At the far north is a unique area, have seen turtle there and great owl would love it to remain walking trail photography area, Fam. pic-nic over the crest.
 - Petroglyphs west & north of Desert Valley Rd.
 - Yes all of it
 - Petroglyphs
 - I would love to see a developed climbing area
8. What is special or not special about this area?
 - It's a beautiful pretty well kept secret. Very special.
 - Walking is the easey there. Wider area, good for kids.
 - It is in my backyard. I open a door & ride out for miles-access to Goldwater Range
 - Special → The isolation, lack of people Not Special: Major drug corridor
 - location is great for anyone in Maricopa
 - I'm interested in Vekol Wash terrain
9. Do you know if there are any underground mines in the study area? If yes, where are the entrances?
 - I've heard of some but have not run into any yet.
 - Not that I am aware of

10. Other information:

Six forms included additional information.

- (1) the “shooters” have taken over the nicest walking area. (by Hidden Valley, -well water place-end of Farrel).
Were the hills go east, ~e hill. (Roding.)
Otherside (W. side) of P.V. Mountains are lower hills, wider places, better than the E. side for camping.
All along the W. side of N.P.V.M. is a “trail”-“road”
Yes go on with this park.
- (2) Safety concerns-smuggling + other illegal activity
- (3) Leave this area alone. The County cannot afford this project
Who will police/maintain the land? Who will pay for it? We the poor Pinal County taxpayers!
Not Necessary – we have access to this land thru BLM
Suggested use of this land will bleed over onto STATE TRUST LAND that “should cannot not” be accessed without a WRITTEN permit from the State
- (4) there is a solar-it’s west of the County line-substation go thru the process which will run a transmission line to Pinal West Substation
there is 2 outstanding CDC’s of APS not marked on the chart
① going down State Rt 238 to Portor Rd & then go north on Portor Rd
② go down Barnes to Santa Rosa Substation
Paved/dirt Rds-The roads leading into the park must be paved before opening
we are in a dead zone, what are you going to do @ that
- (5) Preserving open land now is essential to insure balance & growth, meet the needs of our residents and consider all the involved stakeholders. Do nothing--we’ll have nothing for future generations.
- (6) I am not alone feeling this should not pass.
Those of us who live in the effected areas and will have to burden the cost.
People can use this now as is. It doesn’t need to be altered
This is put in the planning by people who do not live in this area.
Who will not be effected by this.
There are alot of parks already.
Not enough unspoiled area.

Note: All comments are recorded verbatim from comment forms. No grammatical, word choice changes or spelling are corrected. If handwriting is unclear, then correct spelling is used and the most contextual word choice is assumed or marked illegible with ~. Upper case sentence structure is revised to standard sentence case. Personal identifiable information, if provided, is deleted from the comments.