

Pinal County Open Space Summit Workshop

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BLM Lands Suitable For Disposal

Resource Management Plans (RMP) completed by the Bureau of Land Management in the 1980's identified parcels as suitable for disposal. Land disposal is discretionary (not mandatory), on a case by case basis through land exchange, in lieu State selection, sale or lease, provided there is a public benefit.

Suitability for disposal was based on criteria identified in the land use plans, consistent with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), land use issues and land tenure adjustment goals at the time the plans were prepared. These goals generally were aimed at disposing of relatively small, unmanageable parcels, and consolidating BLM land ownership in areas with significant land base and important resource values to improve manageability of public lands.

Also designated in the RMPs were Resource Conservation Areas (RCAs) or Long Term Management Areas (LTMA) where the land tenure goal is retention of the lands in federal ownership for long term, multiple uses, and where acquisition of non-federal lands would be pursued to consolidate ownership and improve manageability of natural resources and uses.

New information since the disposal and retention classifications has identified concerns with endangered species habitat, cultural resources, wildlife habitat and movement corridors, dispersed outdoor recreation, and other resource values which may make some parcels unsuitable for disposal in the current land use context.

One of the strategies anticipated in the current land use plan for implementation of land tenure decisions is were land exchanges with the State of Arizona, which have since been determined to be against the State of Arizona Constitution. This tool for making significant land tenure adjustments is not an option without a constitutional amendment.

Legend

- Pinal Workshop Quads
 - BLM Lands Suitable for Disposal
 - White Canyon Resource Conservation Area
 - Arizona National Scenic Trail
 - BLM National Monuments
 - BLM Field Offices
 - Forest Service Wilderness Area
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- General Land Ownership**
- White Canyon Resource Conservation Area
 - BLM Field Offices
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - Bureau of Reclamation
 - Indian Nation Lands
 - National Forest
 - National Park Service
 - US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Military Reservation
 - State Trust Land
 - Local or State Parks
 - State Wildlife Area
 - County
 - Other
 - Private

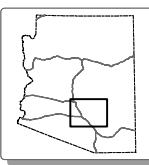
NOTE: Not all surface management classes may appear on map.



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