

Frequently Asked Questions

La Posa Travel Management Plan (TMP)

What is Travel Management Planning (TMP)?

Travel Management Planning is the inventory, evaluation, and designation (open, limited, closed) of roads, primitive roads, trails, and drivable desert washes for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. In support of BLM's multi-use mission, route designation will allow for safe outdoor recreation, including OHV activities, while protecting natural, cultural, and historic resources.

Why does BLM have to designate routes?

BLM is mandated by Presidential Order of 1972 to manage routes for reduced impact to cultural, historic, and natural resources.

What process does BLM follow in route designation?

The Travel Management Planning process consists of three phases: inventory, evaluation, and designation. BLM, with the assistance of local, state, and tribal governments, uses an analytical procedure known as the Route Evaluation Tree[®] (RET), developed by Advanced Resource Solutions (ARS). This tool helps BLM consider natural, cultural, and historic resources in relation to each inventoried route. Presence or proximity to natural, cultural, or historic features may alter the current transportation system, and in some cases, limit access. The Evaluation process creates 4 management Alternatives: 1) No Action, 2) Resource Protection, 3) Proposed, and 4) Access.

How does the public participate?

A 30-day public comment period relating to the proposed La Posa Travel Management designations will start on February 7th, 2012. During this time, the public is encouraged to submit written comments relating to the proposed route designations. These comments will then be reviewed for new issues or specific route comments.

BLM staff will be developing the full Travel Management Plan and the Environmental Assessment, as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Once this is completed the Environmental Assessment and TMP will be released for a 30-day public comment period.

How will BLM sign these routes?

After final decisions have been made, BLM will develop maps with official route numbers for OHV routes. These route numbers will be used to label routes throughout the desert with carsonite signs. Riders will be required to stay on open routes, shown on official BLM maps and signed routes.

Who will be making the final decisions?

After the Environmental Assessment and TMP have been completed and released for public comment, the Field Office Manager will be evaluating staff and public comments to make the final decision.

Where can I view a map?

Maps will be available to view at the La Posa TMP Open House at the Quartzsite Improvement Association (February 7th 2—5:30pm), as well as on display at the Yuma Field Office and the Quartzsite City Hall. Maps will also be posted online at the Yuma Field Office website: http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/fo/yuma_field_office.html, starting February 7th, 2012.

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