



OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS DEPARTMENT



FY14/15 Update
October 7, 2015







LOST GOLD MINE
TRAIL →

JIM KORTSEN
WEST PINAL
PARK





Volunteer Hours

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- Arizona National Scenic Trail= 745
- Dudleyville Park= 8
- Lost Goldmine Trail= 1,090
- West Pinal (Kortsen)= 381

- **Volunteer \$=\$49,981**

County Strategic Plan

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- Strategic Priority 2: Economic Development
 - Objective 2.4 Prioritize critical state and federal lands identified in the Pinal County Open Space and Trails Master Plan which results in a 10% increase in regional park acreage and 49% increase in regional trail miles acquired by 2017.

Current Planning

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□ **CAP Recreational Trail**

- Started November 2014
- Working Group, Agency Outreach/Coordination
- Draft Master Plan to OS&T Advisory Commission, Oct 2015

□ **Peralta Regional Park**

- Started December 2014
- Working/Stakeholder Group
- Public Outreach
- Draft Master Plan to OS&T Advisory Commission, Oct 2015

Current Planning

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□ **Palo Verde Regional Park**

- Consultant selected
- Working Group meetings to start November 2015
- 12-18 month process

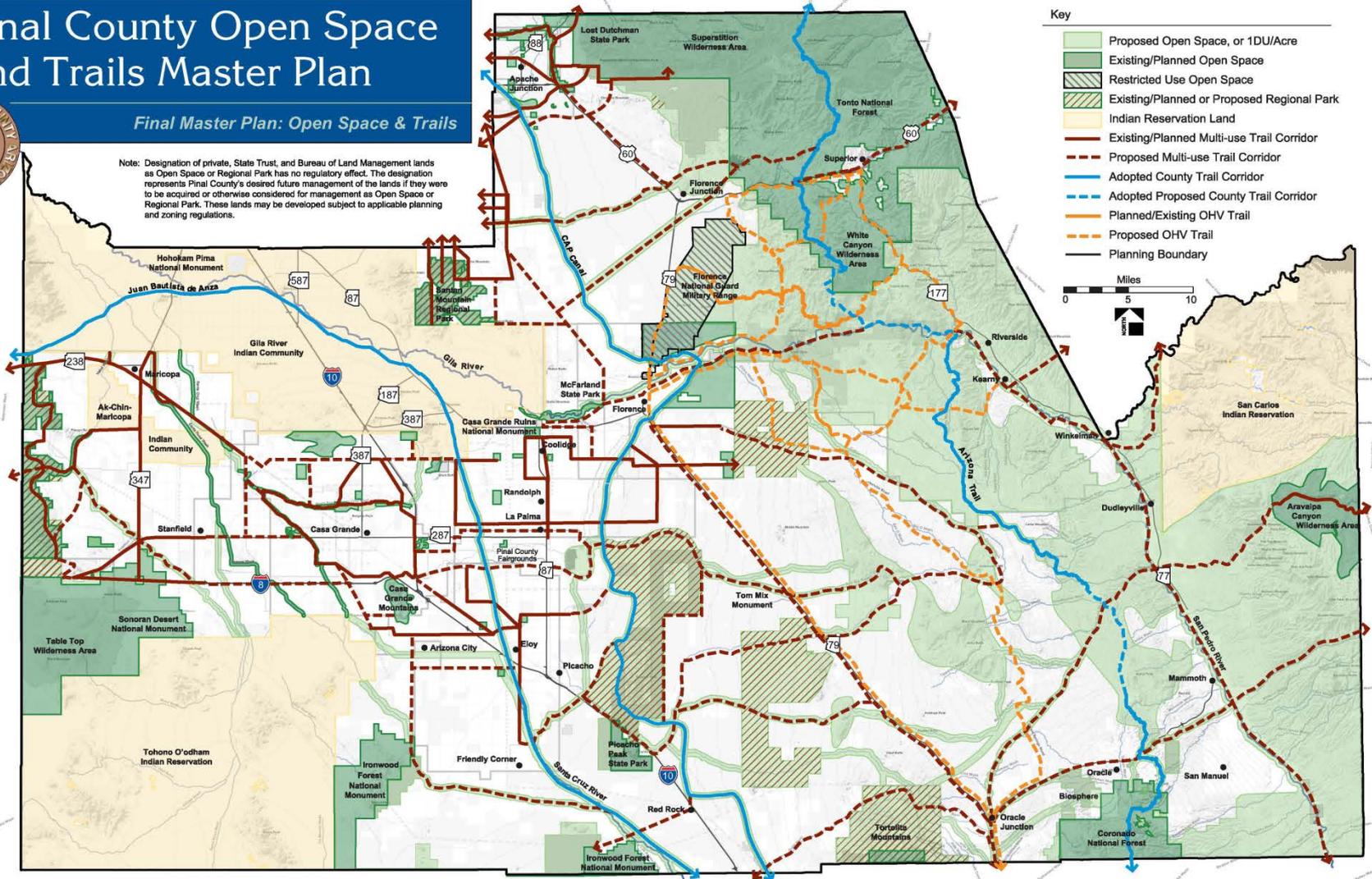
□ **Tortolita Mountain Park**

- Trail phasing plan developed from the overall master plan
- Trail Corridors defined (field verified, GPS layout)
- Long term management strategy, partnership opportunity

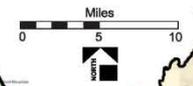
Pinal County Open Space and Trails Master Plan

Final Master Plan: Open Space & Trails

Note: Designation of private, State Trust, and Bureau of Land Management lands as Open Space or Regional Park has no regulatory effect. The designation represents Pinal County's desired future management of the lands if they were to be acquired or otherwise considered for management as Open Space or Regional Park. These lands may be developed subject to applicable planning and zoning regulations.



- Key**
- Proposed Open Space, or 1DU/Acre
 - Existing/Planned Open Space
 - Restricted Use Open Space
 - Existing/Planned or Proposed Regional Park
 - Indian Reservation Land
 - Existing/Planned Multi-use Trail Corridor
 - Proposed Multi-use Trail Corridor
 - Adopted County Trail Corridor
 - Adopted Proposed County Trail Corridor
 - Planned/Existing OHV Trail
 - Proposed OHV Trail
 - Planning Boundary



San Tan Mountain Park

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- 10,198 acre Mountain Park
- Wholly within Pinal County
- Managed by Maricopa County
- Queen Creek Town limits and planning area encompass a large portion of the park

History

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- 1986 IGA with Maricopa County
- 1988 Cooperative Management Agreement/BLM
- 1990 1st Master Plan approved (Maricopa County)
- 1991/2 Maricopa County acquires additional park acreage (10,198 total) 6,479 BLM, 3739 Fee simple.

History

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- 1999 New IGA, road improvements, further development of San Tan Park
- 2001 begin updated Master Plan, numerous stakeholders, user groups, public meetings
- 2004, Master Plan completed
- 2004-present, Master plan implementation, entry station, parking, visitor center, shared use trails, water system
- Park Development Costs to date +/- \$7,000,000

Pinal County Plans

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- 2006 Open Space and Trails Master Plan
- 2009 Comprehensive Plan
- 2013 Board of Supervisors identified 2-5 year priorities for Open Space and Trails Department

Current

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- Pinal County has been approached several times since 2006 about expanding our role
- Agency staff discussions since 2013, including a rough outline of an updated management agreement
- 3 affected jurisdictions started meeting in April 2015, Maricopa County, Pinal County, Town of Queen Creek

Tri-Party IGA Discussion Points

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- How best to protect the natural resource for sustainable recreation?
- If Pinal County manages, what is a manageable timeline for transition?
- Are there opportunities for shared costs and investments in the interim?
- If O&M transitions to Pinal, what roles will be taken by Maricopa and Queen Creek?

Tri-Party IGA Discussion Points

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- 5-10 year transition for Pinal to be primary owner/operator
 - ▣ Queen Creek and Maricopa to take support roles
- Agreed upon payback schedule for capital costs/including land costs
- Land transfer guidelines
- Master Plan updates/changes
- Interim cost sharing opportunities (staff, capital improvements)
- Communication, community outreach

Discussion