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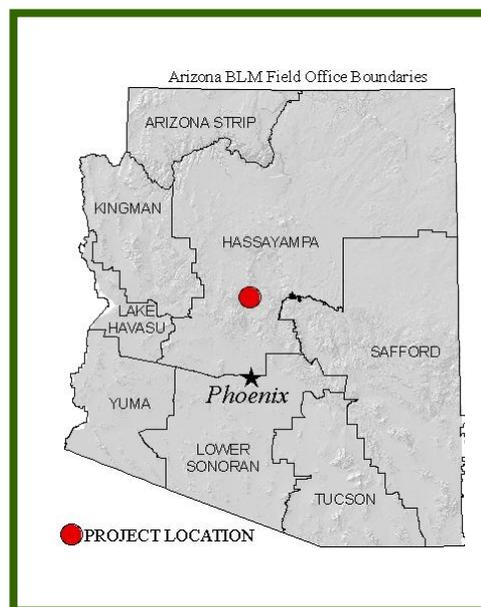
Black Canyon National Recreation Trail Construction

Need

The Black Canyon National Recreation Trail (BCNRT), managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and other agencies, is a 79-mile corridor that stretches from the Sonoran Desert lowlands in Phoenix up to the high grasslands of Prescott Valley. The trail is designated for hiking, mountain biking and equestrian use. This project will repair and construct approximately 35 miles of trails and provide baseline condition assessment. Work on the project began in January 2010 and is scheduled to be completed by April 2011.

Recovery Act Funding

The BLM awarded grants for this American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project in the amount of \$325,200 to the Coconino Rural Environment Corp (CREC) and the Southwest Conservation Corps. The youth corps crews including 55 youth who were employed for trail maintenance projects have completed 18 weeks of work on the BCNRT this season. These 5,647.5 hours of work maintained and connected more than 54 miles of contiguous trail. A ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating this accomplishment was held on January 8, 2010. A construction contract for \$71,280 was awarded to Jerry Morrison, a small business out of Medford, Oregon to build and dress an additional 13.5 miles of the trail. An additional contract was awarded to Tierra Right-of-Way for \$13,790 to complete a condition assessment on the completed trail. This contractor will assess the first 54 miles that have been maintained this season and complete the assessment following the construction portion of the work.



Benefits

The BCNRT Project will restore and preserve treasured landscapes, while creating outdoor jobs for this popular and well traveled trail. The project has also provided educational and economic opportunities to Arizona's young people.



More Information

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