



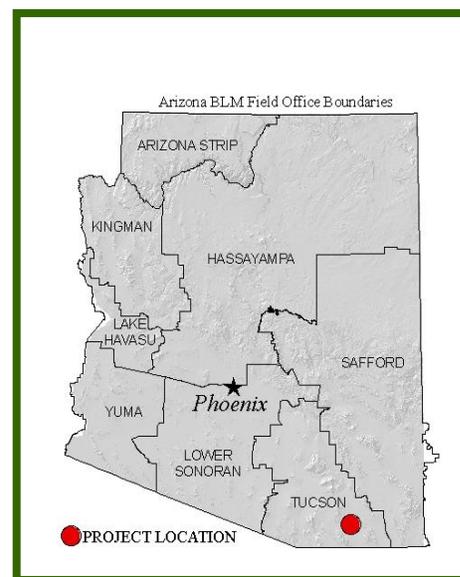
Department of the Interior Recovery Investments *Investing in America's Economic Recovery*



San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area Trail Reconstruction And Maintenance Project

Need

The San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (RNCA) located between the international border and St. David, Arizona, was established in 1988 as the nation's first *riparian* National Conservation Area. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is directed to conserve, protect and enhance critical aquatic, wildlife, archeological, paleontological, scientific, cultural, educational and recreational resources of the RNCA. Funding for the reconstruction or maintenance of the RNCA's 58 miles of primary and secondary multiple-use, non-motorized trails—many of which are highlighted in the Arizona State Trails System – has been minimal since its designation. The project contract will be scheduled over a two-year period to complete trail reconstruction and maintenance, and install adequate trail signage on 58 miles of trails, along with trailhead amenities such as picnic tables and hitching posts.



Recovery Act Funding

Contracts for this BLM-Arizona American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project were awarded to Furniture Leisure for \$15,744.25, Bunting Graphics Inc. for \$15,589.50, Rio Ranch Welding LLC for \$6,480, SAE DK Works for \$8,006.79, National Facility Solutions for \$6,959.28. Cooperative agreements have been awarded to American Conservation Experience (ACE) and Southwest Conservation Corp (SCC) in the amounts of \$28,800 and \$81,038 respectively. Work is now underway.

Benefits

This project will provide for enhanced recreational and administrative trail use within the San Pedro RNCA. The public and administrative users of the San Pedro RNCA trails will be able to enjoy improved trail experiences, including safety and adequate signage. The project will provide invaluable work experience, as well as economic invigoration for young Americans. Youth and related conservation crews of up to ten persons per crew will provide the primary source of labor to accomplish this project.



More Information

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