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MEMORANDUM

To: State Director, Arizona (940)  
From: District Manager, Safford  
Subject: San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area  
Legal Description and Map

Public Law 100-696, which established the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, states in section 101(c) that a legal description and map be prepared and sent to the Secretary and appropriate congressional committees.

Attached is a draft legal description and a copy of the March 1989 map from which it was taken. At the same time, we have also sent a set of 7½ minute topographic maps on which we have inked in the National Conservation Area boundary. We believe that the topographic maps should be combined, photographed, and reduced and a copy folded and attached to the legal description. Details concerning the map, such as the final size, etc., we will leave to your discretion. This is according to our recent conversation with Larry Taddia.

We would ask that the description be reviewed for technical accuracy by your staff. After review, please return the description. We will finalize it and return several signed copies ready for the State Director's signature.

If there are any questions, please call Tom Terry.

Ray A. Brady

Attachments

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Legal Description  
of  
San Pedro Riparian  
National Conservation Area

**San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area**

**Safford District, Arizona, Bureau of Land Management**

I hereby certify the legal description and maps herewith represent the location of the boundaries of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area as established by P.L. 100-696 dated November 18, 1988.

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Ray A. Brady  
District Manager

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Date

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D. Dean Bibles  
State Director  
Bureau of Land Management

### Summary

As required by P.L. 100-696, Section 101 (C), a legal description of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (NCA) is attached. In addition, the boundaries of the NCA have been plotted on a set of twelve 7.5 minute U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps (see map index). A photocopy of the topographic map set is also attached. The originals have been retained by the Bureau of Land Management for eventual inclusion as part of the lands record for Arizona. This legal description, together with the topographic maps, constitutes the statutory requirement of P.L. 100-696 for the section cited above.

The legal description of the NCA describes the entire area including some private lands not intended to be within the San Pedro Riparian NCA, but then specifically excludes the legal description of these private non-NCA lands (the Escapule area).

The legal description with the accompanying set of boundary maps supplements the map entitled "San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area - Proposed" Numbered AZ-040-02, dated January 1988, and provides greater accuracy and detail.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF  
SAN PEDRO RIPARIAN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

Beginning at the northwest corner of section 19, T. 18 S., R. 21 E.,  
Gila and Salt River Meridian, Cochise County, Arizona:

Thence south along the section line one-half mile;

Thence west one-half mile to the center of section 24, T. 18 S.,  
R. 20 E.;

Thence south one-half mile;

Thence east one-half mile along the section line to the northwest  
corner of section 30, T. 18 S., R. 21 E.;

Thence south one-half mile along the section line;

Thence east one-half mile;

Thence south one-half mile;

Thence east one-half mile along the section line to the northeast  
corner of section 31, T. 18 S., R. 21 E.;

Thence south along the section line to the boundary of the San  
Juan De Las Boquillas Y Nogales land grant;

Thence west to the northwest corner of said land grant;

Thence south following the boundary of said land grant  
approximately three and two-thirds miles;

Thence north approximately two and one-quarter miles to the  
intersection of the land grant boundary line and the section line  
between sections 32 and 33, T. 19 S., R. 21 E.;

Thence south along said section line approximately one and  
one-quarter miles to the southeast corner of section 5, T. 20 S.,  
R. 21 E.;

Thence west one mile to the southwest corner of said section;

Thence south along the section line one and one-quarter miles;

Thence west one mile;

Thence south one-quarter mile;

Thence east one-quarter mile;

Thence south one-quarter mile;

Thence east one-quarter mile;

Thence north one-quarter mile;

Thence east one-half mile;

Thence south one-half mile along the section line to the southwest corner of section 17, T. 20 S., R. 21 E.;

Thence east along the section line one and one-half miles;

Thence south three miles to the township line between T. 20 and T. 21 S.;

Thence west to the northeast corner of section 4, T. 21 S., R. 21 E.;

Thence south one-half mile;

Thence east to the boundary of the San Juan De Las Boquillas Y Nogales land grant;

Thence in a southeasterly direction along the boundary of the said land grant to the intersection of the section line between sections 10 and 11, T. 21 S., R. 21 E.;

Thence south along said section line approximately three miles to the southwest corner of section 23;

Thence east one-half mile;

Thence south through the center of section 26 to the section line between sections 26 and 35;

Thence east one-half mile to the northeast section corner of section 35;

Thence south down the section line to the southwest corner of section 36;

Thence east along the township line between T. 21 S. and T. 22 S., approximately one-half mile to the intersection of said line and the boundary of the San Rafael Del Valle land grant;

Thence in a southeasterly direction along the boundary line of said land grant approximately one and one-quarter miles to a point where the one-sixteenth corner line of section 12, T. 22 S., R. 21 E., intersects with the land grant boundary;

Thence west to a line passing through the center of section 12;

Thence south one-quarter mile to the center of section 12;

Thence west one-half mile to the section line between sections 11 and 12;

Thence south one-half mile to the southwest corner of section 12;

Thence west one-quarter mile;

Thence south one-quarter mile;

Thence east one-half mile;

Thence north one-quarter mile to the section line between sections 12 and 13;

Thence east approximately three-quarters of a mile to the intersection of the San Rafael Del Valle land grant;

Thence southeasterly along the boundary of said grant approximately six and one-quarter miles to the intersection of the Hereford Road (Cochise County Road between Hereford and Nicksville);

Thence in an easterly direction approximately one mile to the north-south center line of section 9, T. 23 S., R. 22 E.;

Thence south along said line approximately one and one-eighth of a mile to the section line between sections 16 and 21;

Thence west along said section line one-half mile to the northwest corner of section 21;

Thence south one-half mile;

Thence east one-half mile;

Thence south one-half mile;

Thence east one and one-half miles to the southeast corner of section 22;

Thence north one mile to the northeast corner of section 22;

Thence east one mile to the southeast corner of section 14;

Thence north one-half mile;

Thence west one-quarter mile;

Thence south one-quarter mile;

Thence west one-quarter mile;

Thence north one-quarter mile;

Thence west one-half mile to the quarter corner between sections 14 and 15;

Thence north approximately one-third mile to the intersection of the San Rafael Del Valle land grant;

Thence in a northeasterly direction following the boundary of said land grant approximately one-quarter mile;

Thence turning to a northwesterly direction along the same boundary of said land grant approximately nine and three-quarter miles to the intersection of the said land grant boundary and the section line between sections 28 and 29, T. 21 S., R. 22 E.;

Thence north along said section line approximately one mile to the quarter corner between sections 20 and 21;

Thence west one-half mile;

Thence north one mile;

Thence west one-half mile to the quarter corner between sections 17 and 18;

Thence north one and one-half miles to the northeast corner of section 7;

Thence west one-half mile;

Thence north one mile to the north quarter corner of section 6;

Thence west approximately three-quarters of a mile to the intersection of the township line between T. 21 S. and T. 22 S., and the San Juan De Las Boquillas Y Nogales land grant;

Thence in a northwesterly direction following the boundary of said land grant approximately two miles to the intersection of said land grant boundary and the section line between sections 23 and 26, T. 20 S., R. 21 E.;

Thence east along said section line approximately one and one-quarter miles to the southeast corner of section 24;

Thence north three and one-half miles to the east quarter corner of section 1;

Thence east one-quarter mile;

Thence north one-half mile;

Thence west approximately two and one-quarter miles to the intersection of the township line between T. 19 S. and T. 20 S., and the San Juan De Las Boquillas Y Nogales land grant;

Thence in a northwesterly direction along the boundary of said land grant approximately four and one-half miles;

Thence approximately north continuing on said land grant boundary approximately two and one-half miles to the northeast corner of said land grant;

Thence north  $0^{\circ} 15' 49''$  west a distance of 204.48 feet;

Thence north  $89^{\circ} 44' 11''$  east a distance of 446.73 feet;

Thence north  $0^{\circ} 15' 49''$  west a distance of 751 feet;

Thence north  $89^{\circ} 38' 56''$  west a distance of 2,635.76 feet;

Thence north  $89^{\circ} 42' 52''$  west a distance of 1,386.09 feet;

Thence north  $72^{\circ} 17' 38''$  west a distance of 749.38 feet;

Thence south  $17^{\circ} 42' 22''$  east a distance of 120 feet;

Thence north  $72^{\circ} 17' 38''$  west a distance of 525.94 feet to a point at the intersection of the section line between sections 32 and 33, T. 18 S., R. 21 E., and the El Paso Natural Gas Company's pipeline;

Thence north along said section line approximately one-half mile to the east quarter corner of section 29;

Thence east one-quarter mile;

Thence north one-quarter mile;

Thence east one-quarter mile;

Thence north one-quarter mile to the south quarter corner of section 21;

Thence north three-quarter mile;

Thence east approximately one-eighth of a mile to the intersection with the U.S. Highway 80;

Thence in a northwesterly direction along the said highway to the intersection of the section line between sections 16 and 21;

Thence west along said section line two and one-half miles to the northwest corner of section 19, T. 18 S., R. 21 E., which is the point of beginning.

Beginning at the north quarter corner of section 4, T. 24 S.,  
R. 22 E., Gila and Salt River Meridian, Cochise County, Arizona:

Thence south one-quarter mile;

Thence west one-half mile to the section line between sections 4  
and 5;

Thence south along said section line one-half mile;

Thence west one-quarter mile;

Thence south one-quarter mile to the section line between  
sections 5 and 8;

Thence west along said section line to the northwest corner of  
section 8;

Thence south along the section line one and one-half miles to the  
west quarter corner of section 17;

Thence west three-quarters of a mile;

Thence south approximately three-quarters of a mile to the  
intersection with the International Border;

Thence east one and three-quarter miles to the section line  
between sections ~~16~~ and ~~17~~;  
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Thence north along said section line approximately one and  
one-quarter miles to the northeast corner of section 17;

Thence east one-half mile;

Thence north three-quarters of a mile;

Thence east one-quarter mile;

Thence north one-quarter mile;

Thence east one-quarter mile to the southeast corner of section 4;

Thence north one-half mile along the section line to the east  
quarter corner of section 4;

Thence east one-quarter mile;

Thence north one-half mile to the township line between T. 23 S.  
and T. 24 S.;

Thence west three-quarters of a mile along said township line to the point of beginning.

Excluding the following private lands:

Beginning at the west quarter corner of section 19, T. 21 S., R. 22 E., Gila and Salt River Meridian, Cochise County, Arizona:

Thence east one-half mile to the center of section 19 of said township;

Thence north approximately three-tenths of a mile to the intersection of the San Pedro River;

Thence in a northwesterly direction following the center of the San Pedro River approximately seven-tenths of a mile to the east-west line running through the center of section 18, T. 21 S., R. 22 E.;

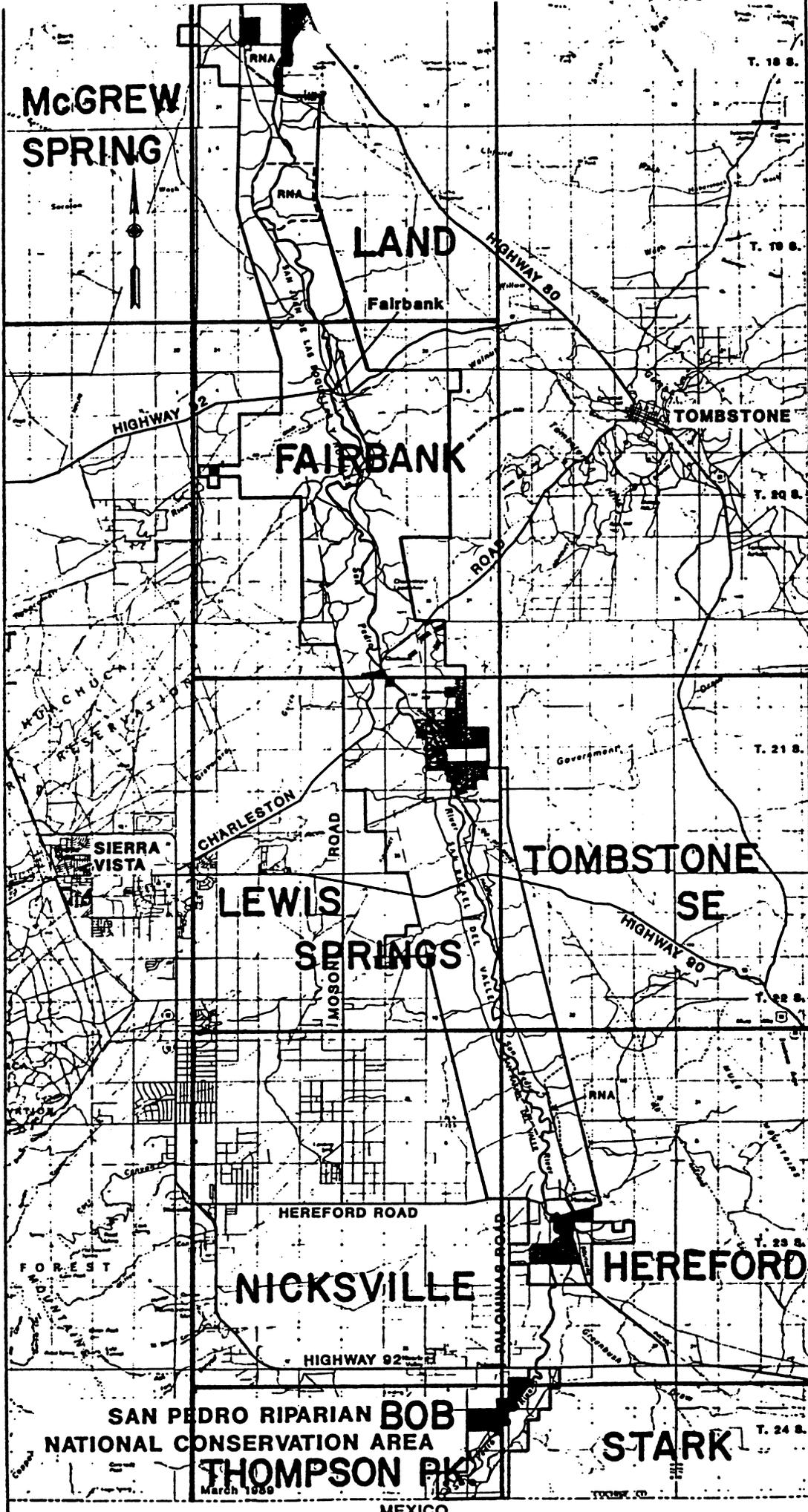
Thence west along said center line of section 18 approximately two-tenths of a mile to the west quarter corner of section 18 of said township;

Thence west approximately 660 feet;

Thence south approximately one-quarter of a mile;

Thence east approximately 660 feet to the south one-sixteenth corner on the west side of section 18 of said township;

Thence south approximately three-quarters of a mile along the west section lines of sections 18 and 19 of said township to the point of beginning.



**LEGEND**

- National Conservation Area boundary  
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- Research Natural Area boundary  
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- Non-Public Land  
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**USGS TOPIC MAPS-7 1/2 M**  
NOTE TO MAP USERS

All lands within the National Conservation Area boundary are under BLM management with the exception of the shaded areas. Please respect the property rights on these non-BLM lands. This map is printed as a general purpose tool only. For more detailed information on the National Conservation Area and its management, please check with the local BLM office.

Research Natural Areas (RNAs) are lands set aside for scientific research and educational purposes. Please do not disturb the natural features in the RNAs. Leave them intact so they can receive scientific study. Use of these areas for casual, dispersed forms of recreation is allowed. Overnight use and campfires, however, are not permitted.



**Bureau of Land Management Office Locations**

**Fairbank:**  
The office is in the old town of Fairbank, on State Highway 92, just east of the San Pedro River and about 9 miles west of Tombstone, Arizona.

**Mailing Address:**  
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