

Redington Pass Community Meeting

Sponsored by Friends of Redington Pass

April 28, 2014

7:00 – 9:00pm

Low Sorensen Community Center Emily Gray Junior High School

Meeting Objectives:

- Introduce Friends of Redington Pass (FRP)*
- Explain the FRP Collaborative Area Management Planning Process
- Gather input on how people use Redington Pass and what would improve their experience

AGENDA

7:00	Welcome and Introductions
	Orientation to Redington Pass
	Overview of Collaborative Area Management Plan
7:30	Comments by Coronado National Forest Representative
7:40	Mapping of Favorite Places and Trouble Spots on the Pass
8:10	Open Floor Comments, Questions, and Concerns
8:50	Wrap Up and Next Steps
9:00	Close and Clean up

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**\*Friends of Redington Pass** is a non-profit volunteer organization representing diverse stakeholder groups and individuals dedicated to responsible stewardship of the Redington Pass, balanced recreational and resource uses, and the preservation of its ecological, scenic, and cultural resources.

For more information, visit [http://friendsofredingtonpass.org/about\\_us.html](http://friendsofredingtonpass.org/about_us.html)

## **Friends of Redington Pass Collaborative Area Management Plan (CAMP) Process**

The CAMP process is intended to provide a collaborative proposal to the USFS Coronado National Forest (CNF) Santa Catalina District for managing the future of Redington Pass. The proposal will recommend a detailed management plan (or plan or plan options) for Redington Pass based on a collaborative effort to engage all interested stakeholder groups and individuals. FRP is reaching out to diverse users through:

- its representative board discussions at monthly meetings (see <http://www.friendsofredingtonpass.org/board.html>);
- a representative CAMP working group;
- visits to user group meetings;
- a series of open community meetings (April 28<sup>th</sup>, Fall 2014 and Winter 2015);
- a planned web-based interface to gather more user input and preferences; and
- FRP seasonal meet and greets up on the Pass.

The CNF will then study the proposal and other alternatives through an environmental review process before making a final decision to adopt an area management plan.

### Spring – Fall 2014

**Seek stakeholder and public input on conditions and concerns @**  
Community Meeting #1 (April 28)  
User group meetings  
Website

### Fall 2014 – Winter 2015

**Discuss different management approaches and seek feedback @**  
Board meetings  
Working group sessions  
Website  
Meet and Greet  
Community Meeting #2

### Winter –Spring 2015

**Reach agreement on one or more sets of proposed alternatives @**  
Board meetings  
Working group sessions  
Website  
Community Meeting #3

**Convey proposal to CNF for their review**

## **CAMP Basics**

### ***Geographic Scope***

- The western side of the Redington Pass Area bounded by Coronado National Forest (CNF) land and extending to areas accessible by roads and trails off of Redington Road.

### ***Management Scope***

- The proposed recommendations will address recreation, resource uses and conservation management.
- The CNF Draft Land and Resource Management Plan (2013) will be used to plan for managing for desired conditions and land uses.

### ***Timeframe for Plan***

- The CAMP will assume 10 year plan horizon.

### ***Collaborative Principles***

- The FRP mission and objectives will guide the direction of the CAMP.
- Basic collaborative principles of mutual respect, inclusiveness, and transparency will guide the collaborative process to seek agreement on the CAMP recommendations.

### ***Public Agency Overview***

- The US Forest Service is the federal land manager for the Coronado National Forest (CNF) that encompasses the western half of the Redington Pass between Tucson's Tanque Verde Valley and Redington, Arizona in the San Pedro watershed. The CNF's management of Redington Pass is guided by the CNF Land and Resource Management Plan that provides for multiple uses in the Pass, among them livestock grazing, hunting, motorized access including OHVs, recreational shooting, camping, and hiking.
- Arizona Game and Fish Department manages game and non-game species throughout the state including on federal lands and also enforces OHV regulations in the Pass.
- Redington Road itself is a county road and is maintained by Pima County.
- Pima County Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement on the Pass, as do law enforcement officers for AZ Game and Fish and CNF.
- Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department owns and manages the A-7 Ranch just to the east of the CNF boundary in Redington Pass.
- Arizona State Land Department owns and manages several sections of land east of the CNF boundary as well.
- Saguaro National Park- east to the south of the Pass is managed by the National Park Service.

## **CNF's Draft Land and Resource Management Plan (Oct 2013)**

CNF's Draft Land and Resource Management Plan (Oct 2013) is available for download at [http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5439740.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5439740.pdf) . The plan refers to the Redington Pass area in several places. Below are desired conditions set forth for the Pass area in general and in each of the four land use zones encompassed by the Pass area.

### **General Desired Conditions for Redington Pass**

- Safe recreation
- Well-managed recreation
- Clean
- Natural settings/scenic
- Without conflict with unsafe and illegal activities
- Without exposure to excessive noise and disturbances
- With back country touring for OHV/ATV
- Recreational shooting in safe and well monitored locations

### **Roaded Back Country Desired Conditions**

- Balanced and dispersed motorized and non-motorized
- Areas for quiet recreation
- Natural Settings
- Very few permanent facilities except where needed for homeland security
- Access provided by unpaved roads through zone and to trail heads
- Minimize situations where interactions among different user groups conflicts

### **Motorized Recreation Desired Conditions**

- Safe Conditions for multiple users
- OHV and ATV use is concentrated
- Minimize conflict between OHV and ATV and Single Track vehicles through separate trails for motorized and non-motorized use.
- Eliminate use of non-motorized trails by motorized vehicles
- Recreational Shooting safe and well maintained range
- Adequate, well maintained staging areas

### **AZ Trail Desired Conditions**

- Maintain and improve access to the forest through unpaved roads
- Wild life linkages
- Protection of historical/ cultural resources
- Conservation of wildlife corridors habitats and riparian areas
- Maintain Rural Primitive backcountry settings
- Sufficient parking for horse trailers
- Infrastructure and facilities are adequate and compatible with scenery
- Unobtrusive signage informative (e.g., location for water)
- Avoid new trails within half a mile of AZ trail

### **Wild Backcountry Desired Conditions**

- Dispersed Camping Spots
- Crowds and Urban Elements are not evident
- Access is available through primitive and infrequently maintained roads.
- Opportunities for solitude and quiet recreation
- Vegetation quickly recovers from camping impact
- Remote hunting experience
- Mountain bike and hiking trails