

Q & A at Community Meeting on Redington Pass 4 28 2014

The following questions were discussed and recorded at the April 28th meeting. We have organized the questions into a few key categories to make it easier to read, so they do not appear in the order in which they were asked at the meeting. In some cases, additional information is provided to clarify the answers.

Questions about the Collaborative Area Management Plan (CAMP) process?

Why have a Forest Service area management plan?

A: Because of the increase in users on the Pass and the likely increase in future recreation given continuing growth in the Tucson region and in Arizona, the Forest Service needs to determine the best way to use and management the Pass. An area management plan will help the Forest Service manage this increased and diverse usage so that everyone can enjoy the Pass now and in the future.

Friends of Redington Pass (FRP) has stepped forward to initiate a collaborative area management plan (CAMP) to bring all the different user groups and recreational interests together so that they can contribute to developing the future plan.

How will participants in the Collaborative Area Management Plan (CAMP) be selected?

Who is involved in working group sessions

A: FRP will convene a working group to discuss alternative approaches to managing issues on the Pass. The selection of working group members will be based on assuring that all user groups are represented by those who actively know and visit the Pass and are connected to other similar user organizations or networks. There may also be special meetings inviting additional people on specific topics (e.g. trails or law enforcement). There will also be more open community meetings to gather more input, feedback and discussion.

The discussion will continue over the next year to determine what is important. It is important to get many people talking about the issue. FRP will post information about upcoming meetings and other events on this website. www.friendsofredingtonpass.org

How will FRP manage issues among user groups without eliminating users?

A: This is an important question. FRP will work to be as open and transparent as possible and where there are significant differences among organized groups, FRP will do its best to assure that all opinions are voiced and heard in working group meetings, in community meetings and at board meetings.

The recommendations that come out of the CAMP will be developed through building agreement among people, based on everyone's understanding that there are many different user activities on the Pass to be accommodated. If there are some issues where there is strong

disagreement and people just cannot reach consensus, then the CAMP report will acknowledge this in the report.

Is there a permit system being considered?

A: It is open to discussion. FRP wants to encourage public discussion of all management options at this point. But no one option or approach has been chosen or eliminated.

What is the FRP timeframe for CAMP?

A: FRP is hopeful that by the spring of 2016 a CAMP proposal can be presented to the Forest Service.

Will agency representatives be at future board meetings?

A: We will continue to invite federal, state and county agencies to community meetings. We expect the Forest Service will be attending future meetings.

Will user groups be able to present at future meetings?

A: Good suggestion. Yes, we will explore a different meeting format for the fall meeting so different organizations can present their interests and concerns.

Will there be a report determining the data collected at the meeting 4/28/2014?

A: Yes, there will be a full report on data collected at the April meeting. It will be posted on the website.

Questions about Friends of Redington Pass (FRP)

How did FRP get involved?

How often is FRP's mission statement reviewed and how has mission changed over the last year?

A: FRP got interested in Redington Pass when the Coronado National Forest Plan was being revised. Every year the mission is reviewed. It has grown from a small focus to broader goals for the public. For more detail on this, please see <http://www.friendsofredingtonpass.org/background.html>

How many members in FRP?

A: There are around 150 members if FRP currently.

Who is on the FRP Board?

Any open spots open on the FRP board?

A: The current board members are listed at <http://www.friendsofredingtonpass.org/board.html> These board members were nominated by the executive committee (officers) of the board. They were chosen to represent a broad array of people interested in the Pass, able to advocate effectively for the interests and concerns of their organization or network, and committed to the collaborative mission of FRP. Additional positions are being filled.

Yes, FRP is looking for a board member to represent recreational shooters who uses the Pass, is involved with representing this community and is aware of the issues.

General Questions about Redington Pass and Forest Service Management:

What are the plans for road improvements along Redington Road?

A: Pima County owns and maintains Redington Road. We do not know of any planned improvements beyond periodic maintenance at this time.

What is the process for building a new mountain bike trail, shuttle road in Redington Pass?

What is the process for appealing when roads are closed?

How do we get closed roads reopened?

Is there a map that shows proposed closures?

What does it say in the Travel Management Plan?

How do we make the area more accessible?

A: The Forest Service is responsible for opening, maintaining and closing forest roads and trails. Increasing accessibility is one of the goals in the proposed forest plan revision. Planning is conducted through their travel management planning process (TMP). The most recent TMP draft is available for comment now through July 14th. Here is the link: http://www.publicnoticeads.com/AZ/search/view.asp?T=PN&id=29\6122014_21440391.HTM

What is the process for cleanups in Redington Pass?

A: The Forest Service has completed a plan for cleaning up the contamination found in the shooting areas near MM 6-7. Regarding general liter clean up, everyone can participate in picking up litter when they find it. Organized groups interested in sponsoring major litter clean up efforts might want to the Forest Service Santa Catalina Ranger District.

Will there be a cell tower in Redington Pass?

A: FRP does not know the answer to that.

Why do people like Redington Pass?

A: There are many reasons why people like the Pass. An important one is that it is free.

Why pay for things covered by taxes?

A: OHV Tags also provide funds to the state to support OHV use. Also the federal budget cuts over the past several years have reduced staff and resources available for Forest Service management in Redington Pass.