

Date: August 19, 2010
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Robert Gould
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Subject: 2010 Land Use Resource Policy Plan

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on August 19, 2010 to consider public testimony and staff comments prior to making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

The purpose of the LURPP is to facilitate the development of a much more structured relationship with State and Federal Land Managers. The actions taken or proposed to be taken by these managers can and do have a significant impact on the lives of Gila County residents. This is especially true for Gila County where the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Land Department and the Tribal lands account for almost 96% of our land base.

The Planning & Zoning Commission met with the Board in a Workstudy on August 10 to discuss concerns and answer questions.

Four separate public meetings were held for the purpose of obtaining input on the Draft LURPP.

- July 6th Tonto Basin
- July 15th Globe
- July 21st Payson
- July 31st Young

The following amendments were made to the 1997 Land Use Resource Policy Plan:

1. The 1997 LURPP stated that the County would work cooperatively with the Federal and State public land management agencies. The 2010 amendment states the Gila County is exercising its right for coordination with State and Federal Agencies. The criterion for “coordination” is found on page #5 of the draft document.
2. The 1997 LURPP included 11 policy areas while the draft 2010 LURPP has 14 policy areas. The new areas include:
 - a. Policy for Natural Scenic Sites
 - b. Policy for Historic Sites
 - c. Policy for Payment in Lieu of Taxes.
3. The draft 2010 LURPP did not include policies for Multiple Use and Planning and Management of Public Lands. Planning and Management was included under Purpose and Intent in the updated draft.
4. Titles have been changed to be more exacting in describing the areas of concern to Gila County residents.

5. Policy Number 8, Rangeland Resources: deleted the following policy
 - Rangeland livestock grazing impacts shall be monitored, and livestock grazing shall be limited in riparian areas to non-growing seasons.

Planning & Zoning Commission Recommendation

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After review and a lengthy discussion the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended to the Board of Supervisors approval of the 2010 LURPP as submitted. This motion was unanimously approved by the nine Commissioners.

Other Materials Available:

1. A report on “How Coordination Plans Work” by Fred Kelly Grant
2. Senate Bill #1398: this bill was signed into law April 28, 2010. Section 2 of this Bill actually mandates that County’s implement “Coordination Rights” with Federal and State Land Managers.
3. Arizona Revised Statutes §11-269.09 (Amendment referred to in Senate Bill #1398 Above)
4. The 1997 LURPP:
5. 2010 Draft LURPP