

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 1004-0012
Expires: April 30, 2025

**APPLICATION FOR LAND FOR
RECREATION OR PUBLIC PURPOSES**

(Act of June 14, 1926, as amended; 43 U.S.C. 869; 869-4)

Date	Serial Number (BLM use only)
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Home phone (include area code)

la. Applicant's name	b. Address (include zip code)	Business phone (include area code)
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2. Give legal description of lands applied for (include metes and bounds description, if necessary)

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	MERIDIAN

County of	State of	Containing (acres)
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3a. This application is for: Lease Purchase (If lease, indicate year)

b. Proposed use is Public Recreation Other Public Purposes

4. Describe the proposed use of the land. The description must specifically identify an established or definitely proposed project. Attach a detailed plan and schedule for development, a management plan which includes a description of how any revenues will be used, and any known environmental or cultural concerns specific to the land.

5. If applicant is State or Political subdivision thereof, cite your statutory or other authority to hold land for these purposes.

6. Attach a copy of your authority for filing this application and to perform all acts incident thereto.

7. If land described in this application has not been classified for recreation and/or public purposes pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, consider this application as a petition for such classification.

8. Are all activities, facilities, services, financial aid, or other benefits as a result of your proposed development provided without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or age? Yes No (If "no," describe the situation or activity and your plans for achieving compliance.)

9. Are all activities, facilities, and services constructed or provided as a result of your proposed development accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities? Yes No (If "no," describe the situation or activity and the reasons for nonaccessibility).

Applicant's Signature

Date

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representation as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Type or print plainly in ink.
2. Submit application and related plans to the BLM District or Resource Area Office in which the land is located.
3. Study controlling regulations in 43 CFR 2740 (*Sales*) and 43 CFR 2912 (*Leases*).
4. If applicant is non-governmental association or corporation, attach a copy of your charter, articles of incorporation or other creating authority. If this information has been previously filed with any BLM office, refer to previous filing by date, place, and case serial number.
5. If applicant is non-governmental association or corporation, attach a copy of your authority to operate in the State where the lands applied for are located. If previously filed with any BLM office, refer to previous filing by date, place, and case serial number.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

(Items not listed are self-explanatory)

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2. If land is surveyed, give complete legal description. If land is unsurveyed, description should be by metes and bounds connected, if feasible, by course and distance with a corner of public land survey. If possible, approximate legal subdivisions of unsurveyed lands should be stated. Acreage applied for must not exceed that specified by regulations.
- 3a. Generally, title to lands will not be granted upon initial approval of an application. In order to assure proper development or use plans, the general practice will be to issue a lease or lease with option to purchase after development is essentially completed. In any case, term of lease may not exceed 20 years for non-profit organizations or 25 years for governmental agencies, instrumentalities or political subdivisions.
4. Leases and patents under this act are conditioned upon continuing public enjoyment of the purposes for which the land is classified. The plan of development, use, and maintenance must show, at a minimum:
 - a. A need for proposed development by citing population trends, shortage of facilities in area, etc.
 - b. That the land will benefit an existing or definitely proposed public project authorized by proper authority.
 - c. Type and general location of all proposed improvements, including public access (*roads, trails, etc.*). This showing may take the form of inventory lists, maps, plats, drawings, or blueprints in

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- any combination available and necessary to describe the finished project. Site designs should be provided for intensive use sites and general information about improvements existing or planned on lands within the overall project.
- d. An estimate of the construction costs, how the proposed project will be financed, including a list of financial sources, and an estimated timetable for actual construction of all improvements and facilities.
 - e. A plan of management to include operating rules, proposed source and disposition of revenues arising from the proposed operation, personnel requirements, etc.
 - f. A specific maintenance plan to include, for example, sewage and garbage disposal, road maintenance, upkeep and repair of grounds and physical facilities, etc.
 - g. Applications for solid waste disposal sites must comply with guidelines established by the Environmental Protection Agency (40 CFR 258) and must include a detailed physical description of the site including a map, description of ground water situation, soil characteristics and management plan.
6. This may consist of a copy of a delegation of authority, resolution or other evidence of authority from the governing board of the applicant's organization, copy of the by-laws of the organization, or the like.

NOTICES

The Privacy Act of 1974 and the regulation in 43 CFR 2.48 (d) require that you be furnished the following information in connection with information required by this application.

AUTHORITY: 43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.; 43 CFR Part 2740

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: The information is to be used to process your application.

ROUTINE USES: In accordance with the System of Records titled, "Land and Minerals Authorization Tracking System—Interior, LLM-32," disclosure outside the Department of the Interior may be made: (1) To appropriate Federal agencies when concurrence or supporting information is required prior to granting or acquiring a right or interest in lands or resources, (2) To Federal, State, or local agencies or a member of the general public in response to a specific request for pertinent information, (3) To the U.S. Department of Justice or in a proceeding before a court or adjudicative body when (a) the United States, the Department of the Interior, a component of the Department, or when represented by the government, an employee of the Department is a party to litigation or anticipated litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and (b) the Department of the Interior determines that the disclosure is relevant or necessary to the litigation and is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled, (4) To an appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, regulation, rule, or order, where the disclosing agency becomes aware of an indication of a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law or regulation, (5) To a member of Congress or a Congressional staff member from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry made at the request of that individual, (6) To the Department of the Treasury to effect payment to Federal, State, and local government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals, and (7) To individuals involved in responding to a breach of Federal data. The BLM will only disclose this information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, and the provision in 43 CFR 2.56(c).

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to inform you that:

BLM collects this information to process your request for Federal lands under the provisions of June 14, 1926 (43 U.S.C. 869 as amended), Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

Information will be used to illustrate whether the applicant meets requirements of regulations found in 43 CFR Subpart 2740. BLM would like you to know that you do not have to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION: Disclosure of the information is necessary for processing of the application. If all the information is not provided, the application may result in delay or preclude the BLM's acceptance of your form.

BURDEN HOURS STATEMENT: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated at 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering, and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (1004-0012), Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C Street, N.W., Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Pinal County Regional Park

#3

BLM Land Acquisition

R&PP Preliminary Plan of Development

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Pinal County

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Pinal County Regional Park #3 R&PP Preliminary Plan of Development

1. Description

Pinal County proposes to lease all or portions of approximately 31,384 +/- acres of BLM-administered lands located in central Pinal County west of Highway 79 and on both sides of the Park Link Drive to develop a regional park. Pinal County Regional Park #3 is a proposed natural resource park originally identified in the Pinal County Open Space and Trails Master Plan (OS&T Plan) in 2007 and is south of the Town of Florence, north of the Towns of Oracle and Marana. As envisioned in the OS&T Plan, the purpose of this park would consist of natural and cultural resource conservation, public recreation and environmental education.

2. Statement of Need

Pinal County continues to be one of the fastest growing counties in the U.S., with an estimated 2022 population of 464,154. This is a 156% increase since the year 2000 and 23.5% since 2010. To ensure an adequate level of service to Pinal County residents one of the stated goals of the OS&T Plan is to “provide access to regional park or national recreational open space within a 30-minute drive from anywhere within Pinal County”. The incorporation of the subject BLM lands into the regional park inventory will assist Pinal County in achieving this stated goal. This proposal will provide for more active management of the subject lands assisting in the preservation of precious resources, provide valuable opportunities for public non-motorized trail-based recreation and environmental education. Additionally, there may be opportunities to include managed locations for additional outdoor recreational opportunities.

3. Location

The subject property is administered by the Tucson Field Office (TFO) of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The location of this property is in central Pinal County. (Please see Appendix A and map attachments)

4. Authority to Submit an R&PP Application for the Subject Property

Pinal County is a political subdivision of the State of Arizona and authorized under the R&PP statute to apply for the subject property. Additionally, the following Pinal County action was taken in support of this application.

- The Pinal County Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission recommended (10-0) at their October 10, 2023 meeting to submit an R&PP application for this potential regional park site.
- BOS action inserted here

5. Administration of the Property

The subject property will be administered by the Pinal County Open Space and Trails Department upon a successful application.

6. Description of Possible Improvements for Regional Park #3

The property will be preserved in its natural state and future development will be specified during a public master planning process for the property. It is anticipated that this site could

include passive recreation activities such as non-motorized trails for hikers, mountain bicyclists and equestrians and related improvement such as trailheads and picnic areas. Other more intensive uses would be considered as part of the master planning process and could include areas for OHV and other developed recreation activities. The timing of improvement will be identified as part of the phasing plan outlined in the completed master plan. Additional improvements which could also be part of this property include fencing, signage, entry station(s), trailheads and parking, and a public education building. During the Master Plan process, the County will also engage the public in determining the name of the future regional park.

It is anticipated that the master plan process will begin in the later part of FY 25/26.

7. Estimated Timetable for Development

As previously noted, Pinal County will undertake a master planning process for this property anticipated to begin FY25/26. At this time we anticipate that the master planning process will take approximately 12-18 months. Included in the final master plan will also be an estimated timetable for the phasing of the development of the project.

Upon completion of the Master Plan, Pinal County will coordinate with the TFO on the development and completion of the Plan of Development and Environmental Assessment needed in order to complete the R&PP process.

8. Management Plan for the Pinal County Regional Park #3

In consideration of the nominal amount associated with the lease and ultimate acquisition of the subject Pinal County Regional Park #3 property, Pinal County agrees to the following commitments, to be set forth through the formal conveyance of the subject property to Pinal County.

- To maintain the subject property open to use by the public for recreational purposes without discrimination or favor.
- To institute no more than a reasonable charge for the use of any facilities developed on the subject land (whether by concession or otherwise), and to charge no more for entrance to and use of the areas than is charged at other comparable installations managed by state and local agencies. Pinal County shall submit to the Bureau of Land Management its schedule of charges, and all charges shall be subject to review for conformance with this requirement and appropriate modification by the Secretary of the Interior or his delegate after reasonable notice and an opportunity for a hearing.
- To develop and manage the lands in accordance with the approved program of utilization, as submitted in this application, including any amendments based on the master plan process.
- To secure the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his delegate of all plans of construction prior to commencing actual construction.
- To maintain in satisfactory condition the facilities on these lands.

Further commitments will be made to BLM regarding the management of the property as additional considerations arise.






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APPENDIX A






Regional Park #3	Sections	Township	Range
	34 & 35	07S	11E
	3-11, 14, 15, 17-31, 33-35	08S	11E
	5, 6, 7, 8, 17-21, 23-31, 33-35	09S	11E
Approx BLM Acres = 32354.32			

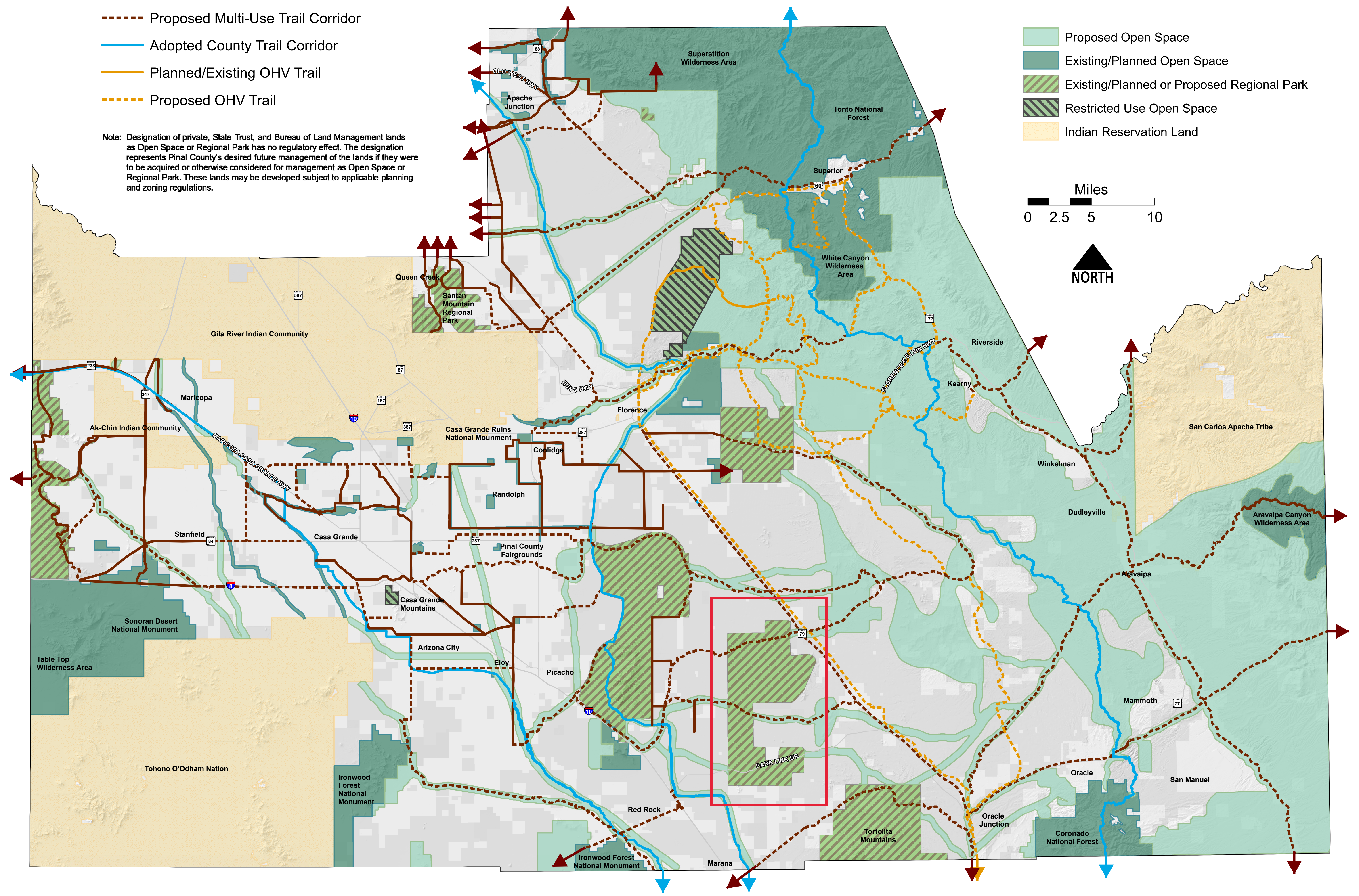
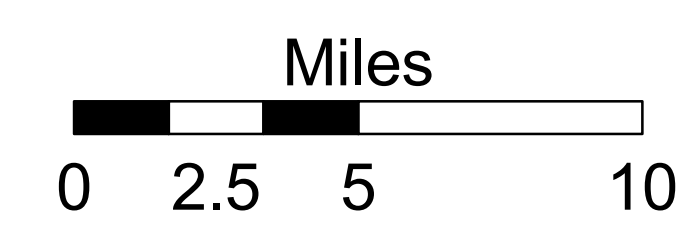
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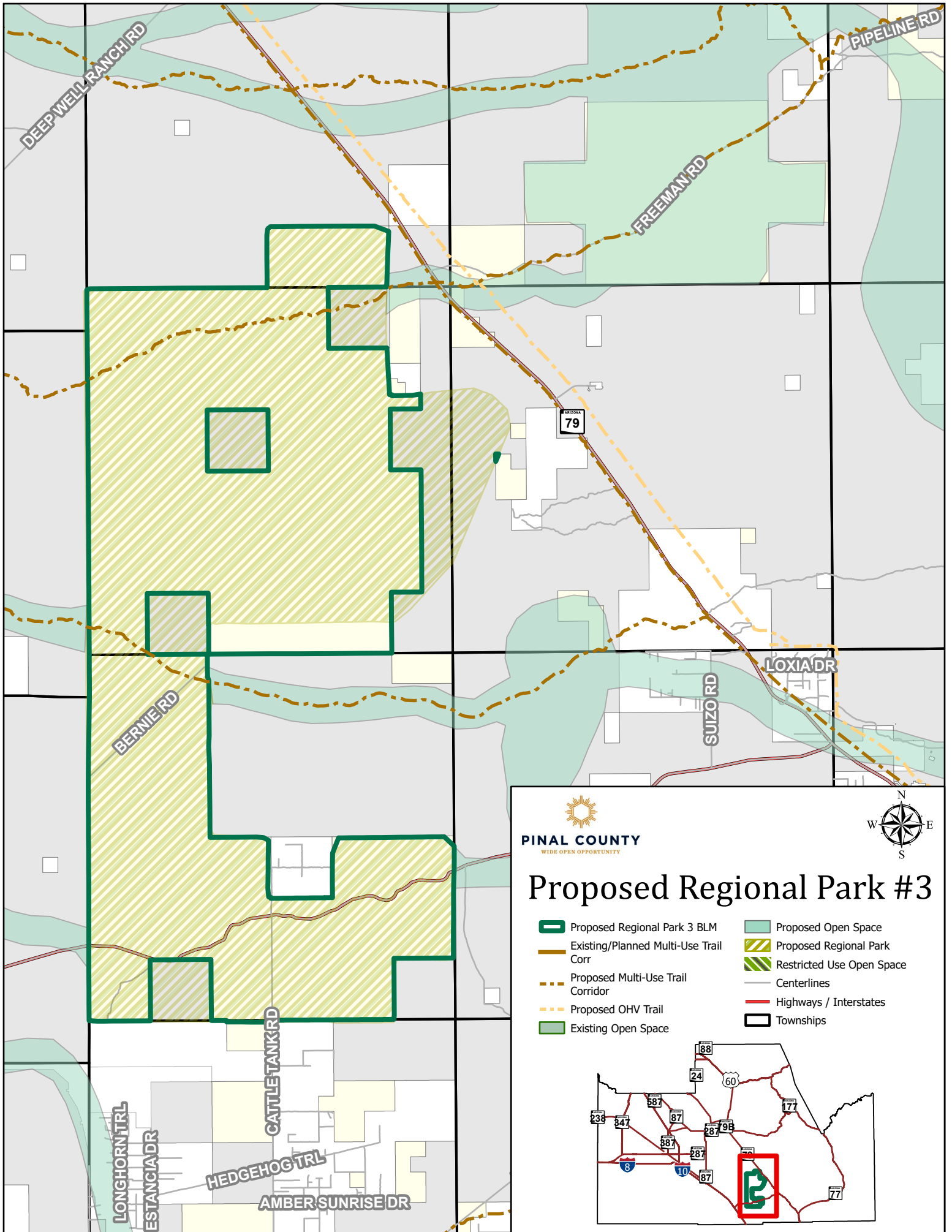
PINAL COUNTY Open Space and Trails Master Plan

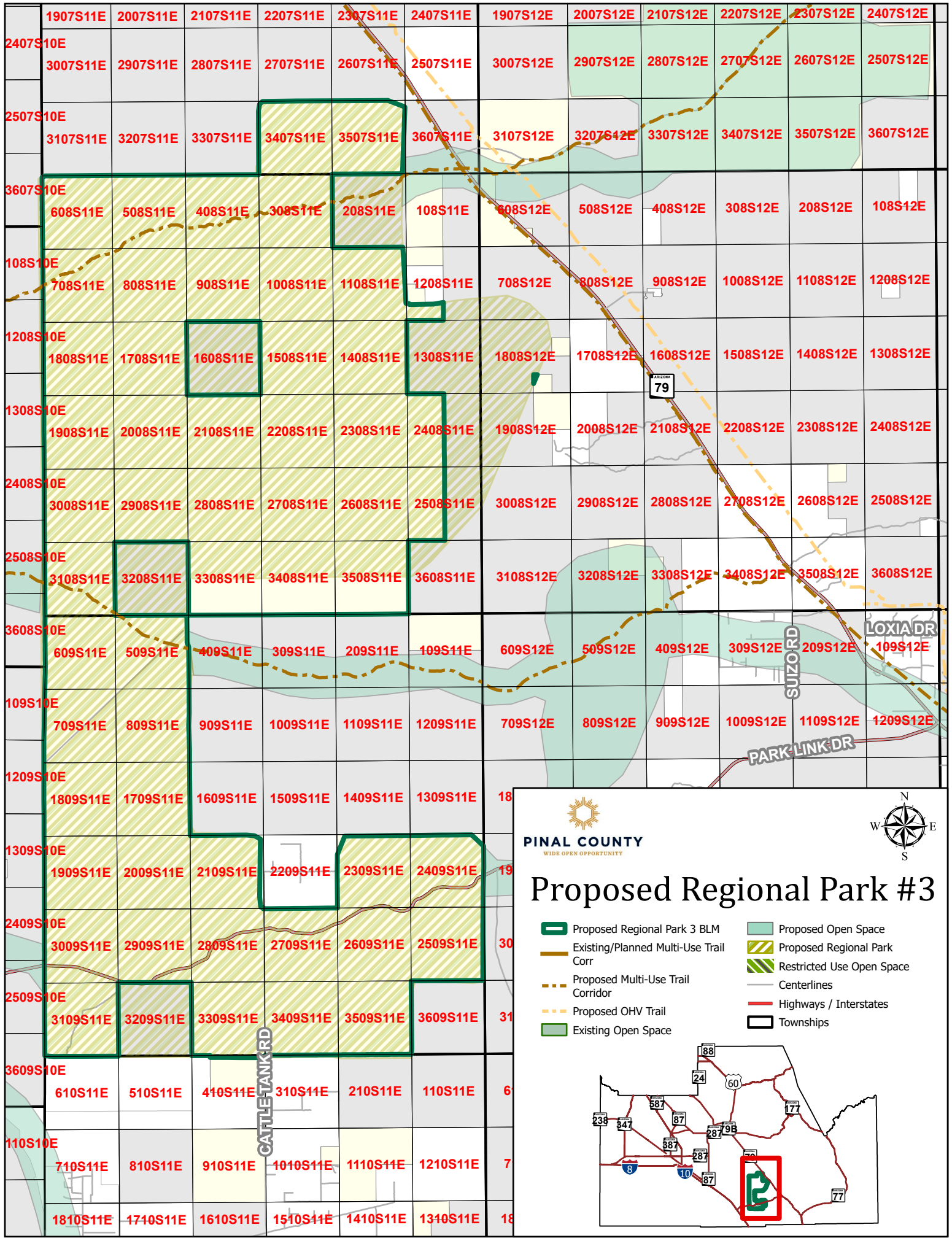
-  Existing/Planned Multi-Use trail Corridor
-  Proposed Multi-Use Trail Corridor
-  Adopted County Trail Corridor
-  Planned/Existing OHV Trail
-  Proposed OHV Trail


Note: Designation of private, State Trust, and Bureau of Land Management lands as Open Space or Regional Park has no regulatory effect. The designation represents Pinal County's desired future management of the lands if they were to be acquired or otherwise considered for management as Open Space or Regional Park. These lands may be developed subject to applicable planning and zoning regulations.


-  Proposed Open Space
-  Existing/Planned Open Space
-  Existing/Planned or Proposed Regional Park
-  Restricted Use Open Space
-  Indian Reservation Land



















PINAL COUNTY
WIDE OPEN OPPORTUNITY



Proposed Regional Park #3

-  Proposed Regional Park 3 BLM
-  Existing/Planned Multi-Use Trail
-  Proposed Multi-Use Trail Corridor
-  Proposed OHV Trail
-  Existing Open Space

-  Proposed Open Space
-  Proposed Regional Park
-  Restricted Use Open Space
-  Centerlines
-  Highways / Interstates
-  Townships

