

Hassayampa Field Office Update, July 14, 2017
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Skull Valley Kirkland MPO Scoping Meeting

The BLM Hassayampa Field Office held a public scoping meeting in Skull Valley July 11, 2017 regarding the mining and reclamation plan of operation submitted by Kirkland Mining Company to develop a high quality pozzolan mine on approximately 76 acres of public lands. About 120 people attended the meeting, most of whom were against the mine. The scoping period is from June 26 – July 25. Kirkland began mineral exploration in the area in 2016. The company now proposes to develop the pozzolan deposit on its unpatented 160-acre Capital association placer mining claim in Section 28, T13N, R4W, Gila and Salt River Meridian. The variety of pozzolan in the area is valued as a cost-effective replacement for a portion of Portland cement and for formulating concrete. In April, the BLM completed a mineral examination report to determine whether the subject mineral is locatable under the 1872 Mining Law, before BLM processes the plan of operations. BLM's determination is that the mineral is locatable.

Arizona Strategies: Sustainability/Working Landscapes

Vulture Mountains R&PP Lease Scoping Meeting

The BLM Hassayampa Field Office held a public scoping meeting July 13 in Wickenburg on a proposed Recreation & Public Purposes Act (R&PP) lease of a 1,046-acre parcel in the Vulture Mountains area to the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department, for potential recreation development. The meeting was attended by about 40 people most of whom were very supportive of the project.

Under the proposal, Maricopa County would develop a variety of recreational facilities at the site, including a visitor's center, picnic tables and shelters, archery range, equestrian facilities, nature playground, restrooms with showers, camp grounds and interpretive kiosks. The BLM will analyze the county's plan of operation and its considerations in accordance with the BLM's approved land use plan, Wickenburg Travel Management Plan, and BLM's multiple-use mission.

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