

Arizona Game and Fish Cooperative Stewardship Agreement

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Discussion Topic



- Arizona Game and Fish Cooperative Stewardship Agreement on Recreational Access for Observatory Mesa Natural Area
- Purpose: provide funding to the Open Space Program for public recreational access and archery hunting access on the Property

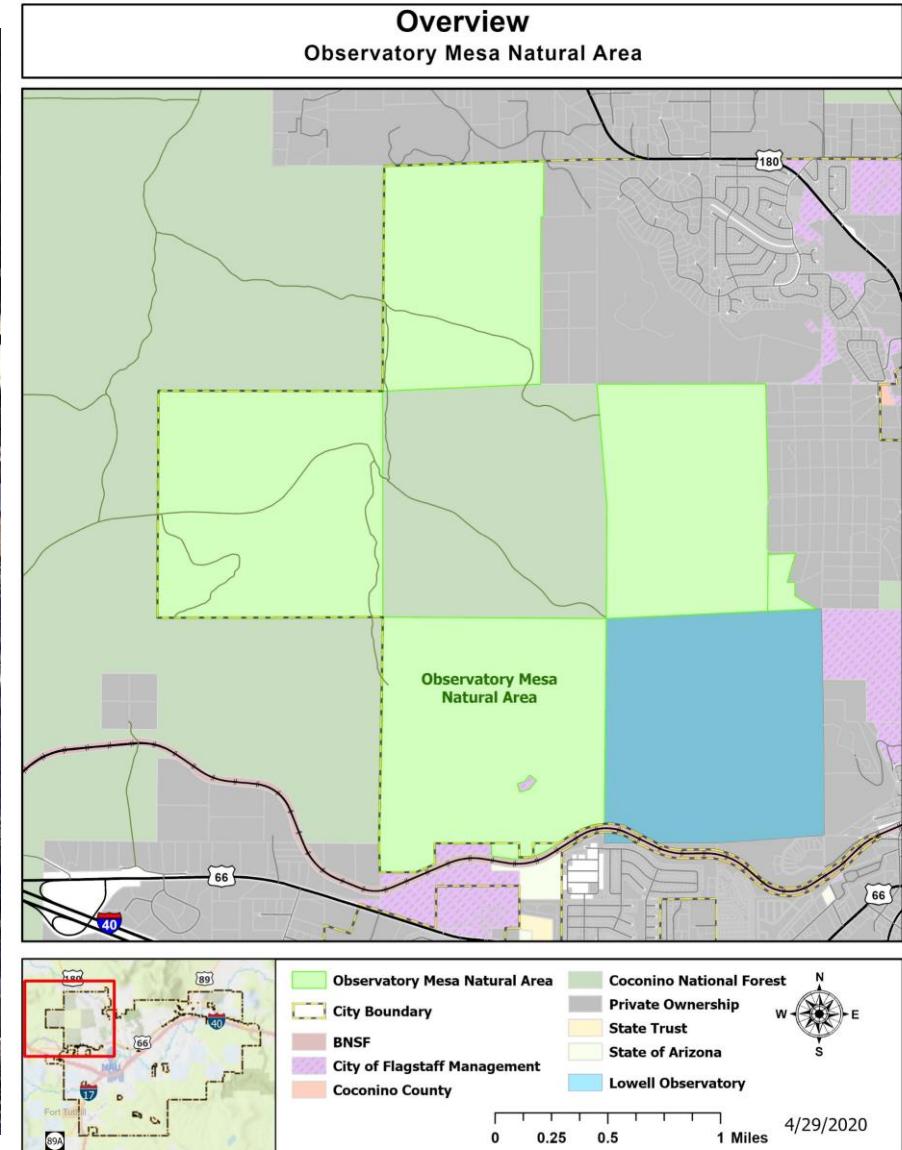




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- Original Agreement May 2015
- Provided \$40,000 for access management

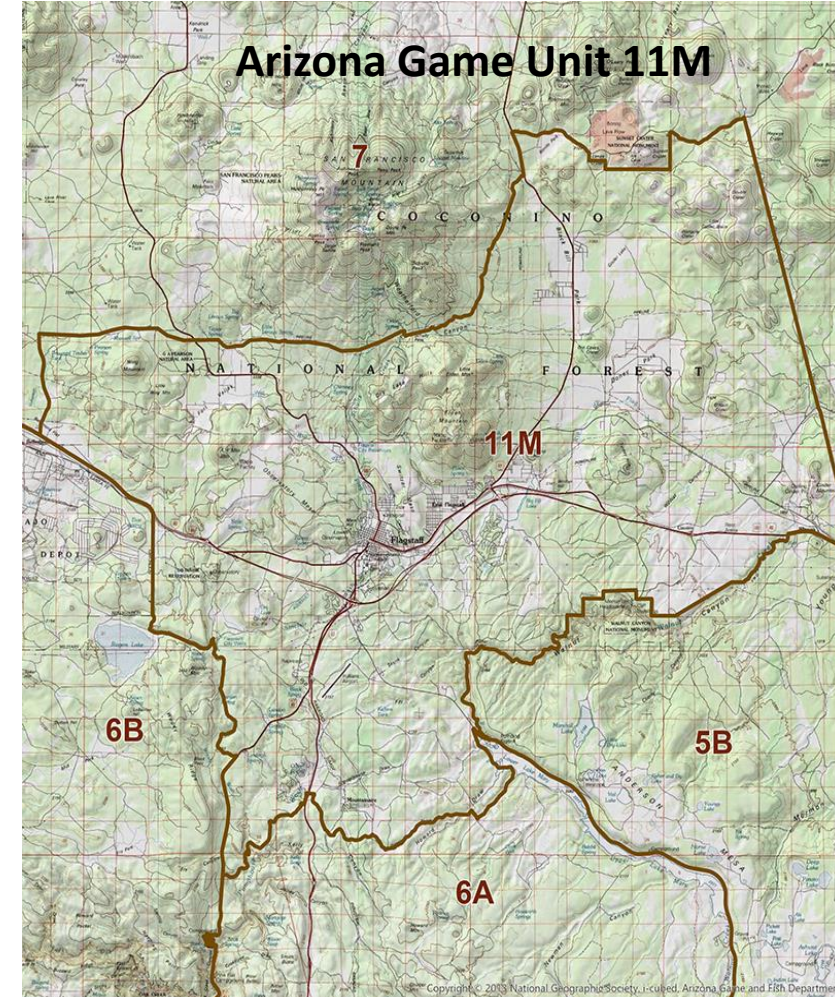




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- 8,500 wildlife viewer/year
- Additional 11,000 recreationalists (hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snow shoeing)
- Three designated trails within the Natural Area
- 44 big game hunters for the game management unit 11M





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- Arizona State Parks the holder of conservation easement deed
- The agreement would provide funding to the City in an amount of \$40,000.00
- Funds could be used for recreational access improvements (trail repairs, trail plan completion, wayfinding signs, interpretive signs, regulation signage, unauthorized trail restoration)
- Concerns:
 - Safety
 - Potential harvesting of wildlife
- Benefits:
 - Providing for a mix of land uses
 - Funding for management and maintenance



Summary



- Option to enter into this agreement with AZ G&F
- Provide funding to the Open Space Program and allow archery hunting access on the Property



Questions?

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