

Parashant Partnership

Partner Agencies & Organizations

Arizona Game & Fish Department
 Arizona Strip Hunting
 Bar 10 Ranch
 Bureau of Land Management
 Citizens for Dixie's Future
 Five County Association of Governments
 Friends of Gold Butte
 Friends of the Arizona Strip
 Grand Canyon Trust
 Grand Canyon Wildlands Council
 Mojave Sportsman Club
 National Park Service
 Northern Arizona University—Ecological
 Restoration Institute
 Shivwitz Band of Paiutes
 Sierra Club—Grand Canyon Chapter
 The Nature Conservancy
 The Wilderness Society
 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
 Washington County



Meeting the Landscape's Big Challenge

For decades public lands management has suffered from cutbacks in agency capacity. Litigation and conflict have slowed things down even further. To address this, the Parashant Partnership has developed a unique trust and engagement with its agency partners. We are beginning to explore specific ways in which agency capacity can be boosted by collaborative engagement with the Partnership, which has generated excitement from all involved.



Building a Partnership

Our accomplishments to date have been largely in developing the capacity that will enable us to work together—specifically, we're integrating a diverse, multicultural array of local stakeholders into the Bureau of Land Management/National Park Service planning process for the Monument. Over the past four years those agencies have come to deeply value input from the Parashant Partnership. Their willingness to include the Partnership's input in Monument planning has been very evident in the pre-scoping stages of the Uinkaret Landscape Restoration Project—and the Partnership should have a significant positive impact on the BLM's analyses as the NEPA planning process moves forward.

Recent Highlight

Our most important work in the last year has been to begin crafting a vision for restoring the Monument's landscapes by integrating a range of stakeholder worldviews: from tribes to public land management agencies to fourth-generation Arizona Strip ranchers, to public research institutions, to national environmental NGOs.



What We're Learning

Stakeholders need to be part of on-the-ground-projects in order to feel that their time/money is worthwhile. With the loss of FLN funding this year, we had to spend a considerable amount of the spring planning for a transition in coordination and facilitation, while simultaneously trying to secure new funding to support the Partnership. This has been a big strain on the group and has taken valuable time away from planning and implementing on-the-ground work. As a result, the partnership has been fatigued, without feeling there is tangible progress. But we recognized this as a group, and recently re-committed to moving forward with a project to restore an old-growth Ponderosa stand and prepare scoping comments for a major BLM vegetation management project.

Looking Ahead

We are looking forward to participating in the Uinkaret EIS public scoping process and seeing the hard work of our collaborative begin to take shape in planning and on-the-ground activities.



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