

The Recreation Users Group (RUG) has developed a plan for new and existing hiking, biking, equestrian and motorized trails and other recreation opportunities in the area around Superior, Arizona. The RUG brought together ideas from a wide variety of users to create a proposed recreation management plan for this special Sonoran desert area for formal adoption by the Tonto National Forest.

The Recreation Users Group (RUG) includes hikers, mountain bikers, miners, climbers, business people, horse riders, ranchers, off highway vehicle drivers, explorers, Town of Superior leaders, birders, hunters, campers, National Forest planners and experts, and others who live in and care about this part of Arizona.

A Real Collaboration

The group has gathered for more than two years to talk, share, debate, explore and find common ground on a plan to share the recreation uses of this area that work for everyone. The RUG began as a subcommittee of the Community Working Group (CWG) of Superior. Technical and facilitation support for the group is funded by Resolution Copper Company.

The RUG was formed at the suggestion of Tonto National Forest officials to engage the users and community to help develop a more sustainable and complete plan for a remarkable part of the Sonoran Desert. It's an area bounded, in part, by Picket Post Mountain, and Arizona's oldest and largest botanical garden – Boyce Thompson Arboretum.

There are connections to both the Legends of Superior (LOST) Trail and the Arizona National Scenic Trail. The plan has been submitted to the U.S. Forest Service for environmental review and ultimate approval and implementation with support from the recreation users and the local community.

The RUG is designed as a way to resolve conflicts, make better decisions that incorporate the interests and concerns of all affected users and meet the needs of Tonto National Forest decision-makers.

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An Idea That We Know Will Grow

We're confident that this proposed plan – consisting of 55 miles of new and existing trails – will be only the first step in an eventual larger scenario for an area that is destined to grow as one of the Southwest's premier playgrounds.

For more information and details of the RUG planning process go to **SuperiorAZCWG.org** and click on **Recreation User Group** under Resources. Or call **John Godec**, the RUG facilitator, at **602-881-1021**.



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