



Del Rio Springs Ranch opportunity

A new state park at headwaters of the Verde River

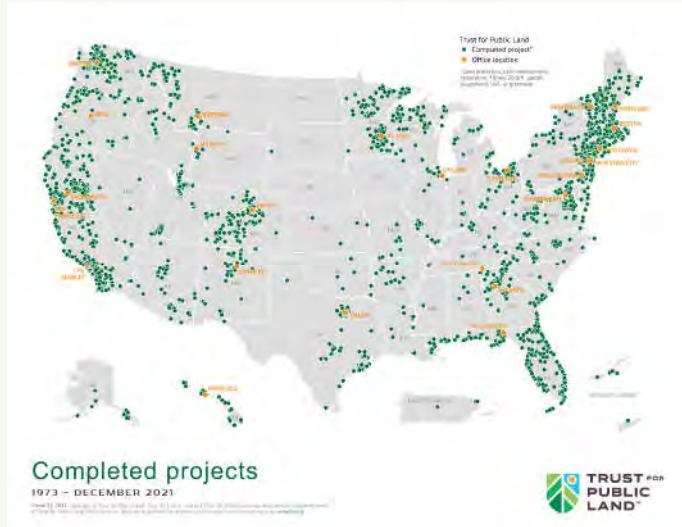
Overview for CWAG – Sept. 9, 2023

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- Our mission is to create parks and protect land for people, creating healthy, livable communities for generations to come.



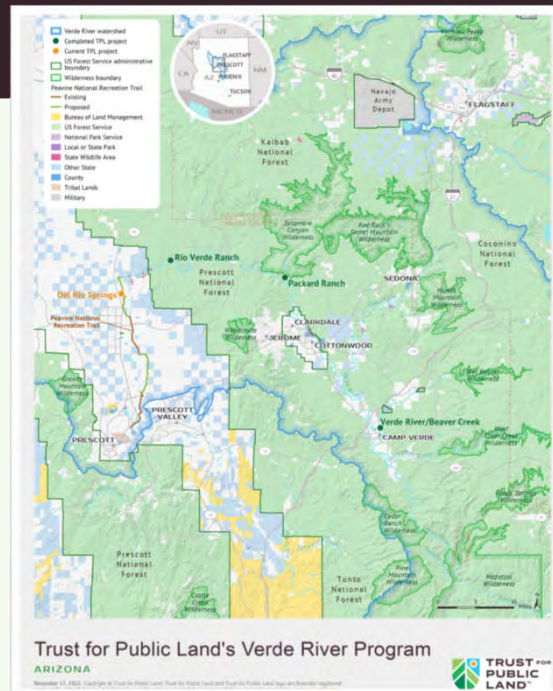
Verde River Program



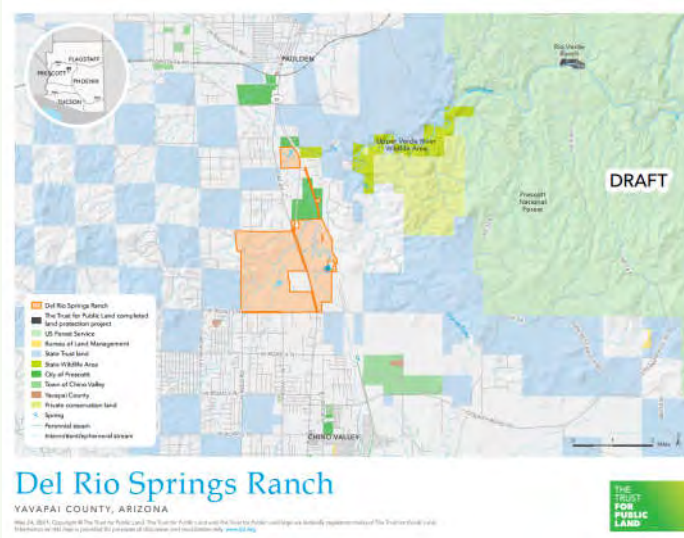
Rio Verde Ranch



Verde & Beaver Creek



Del Rio Springs Ranch



Entire property – 3,050 acres & conceptual plan for 2,400 homes



- Focus is on protecting 980-acre property
 - Plus Upper Sullivan's Canyon parcel
- Project is within Town of Chino Valley boundaries
- Funding to acquire property is key hurdle
 - \$7 million capital for new state park approved

Many project benefits....

Ecological protection

- Mile zero of Verde River
- Preserve Sullivan Lake and Del Rio Springs
- Prevent 1,000+ homes & water usage

Outdoor recreation

- New state park
- Extend Peavine National Recreation Trail

Historic preservation

- Preserve & interpret multiple areas of historical buildings
- First seat of Territory of Arizona government
- Interpret the history of area prior to dispossession of Native Peoples

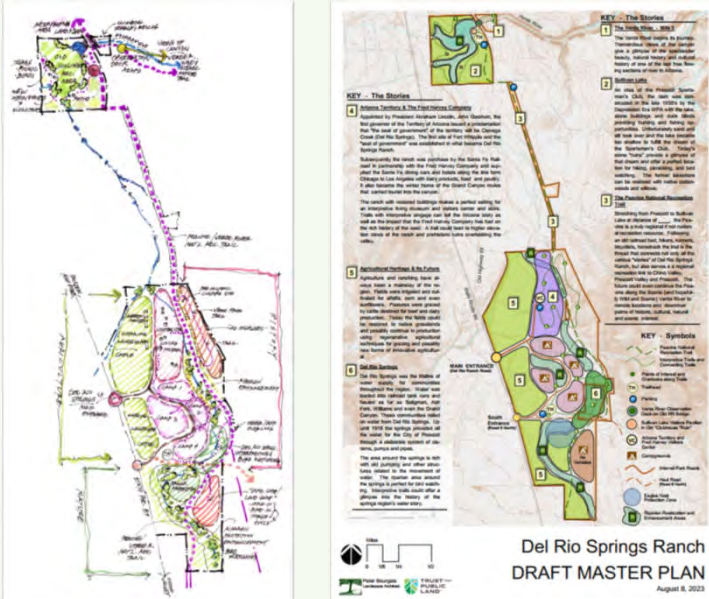
Economic benefits for rural communities

Peavine National Recreation Trail



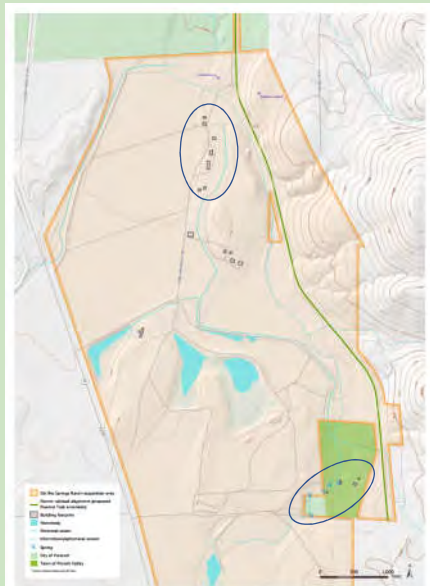
- One of few rails-to-trails in Arizona
- Can extend Trail for last five miles to reach the Verde River from Prescott
- Trail partners – Yavapai Trail Association, State Parks & Town of Chino Valley

Master planning initiative



Project supporters

- **Town of Chino Valley**
- American Rivers
- **Arizona State Parks & Trails**
- AZ Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation
- Audubon (Prescott Audubon Society)
- Back Country Horsemen of Central Arizona
- Central Yavapai Metro. Planning Organization
- Chino Valley Historical Society
- Citizens Water Advocacy Group (CWAG)
- City of Prescott Parks & Rec
- Friends of the Verde River
- International Mountain Biking Assoc (IMBA)
- Natural History Institute
- **Nature Conservancy of Arizona**
- Prescott Creeks
- Prescott College
- Save the Dells
- Sierra Club (Grand Canyon Chapter & Yavapai District)
- Town of Prescott Valley
- U.S. Forest Service (Prescott NF)
- Yavapai County Flood Control District
- **Yavapai County Board of Supervisors**
- **Yavapai Trails Association**



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TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY, ARIZONA



- Two groupings of historic building complexes
 - *Fred Harvey Company buildings*
 - *Del Rio Springs buildings/well houses*
- *Plus Sullivan Lake area*

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Complex of Fred Harvey Co Buildings



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Del Rio Springs area



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Sullivan Lake



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