



# Trail System Priorities Plan



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## TRAIL FACILITIES NETWORK

A tiered trail network has been proposed in order to better establish priorities for selecting new trail projects. Many of the proposed trails are located along Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) facilities or arroyos. Also provided on this map are trails designated by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and important recreational destinations.

**Tier 1 Trails** - These trail links are of the highest priority and would provide a basic network throughout the region. Key links include extensions of the Rio Grande trail, the Outfall Channel, and the Acequia Madre.

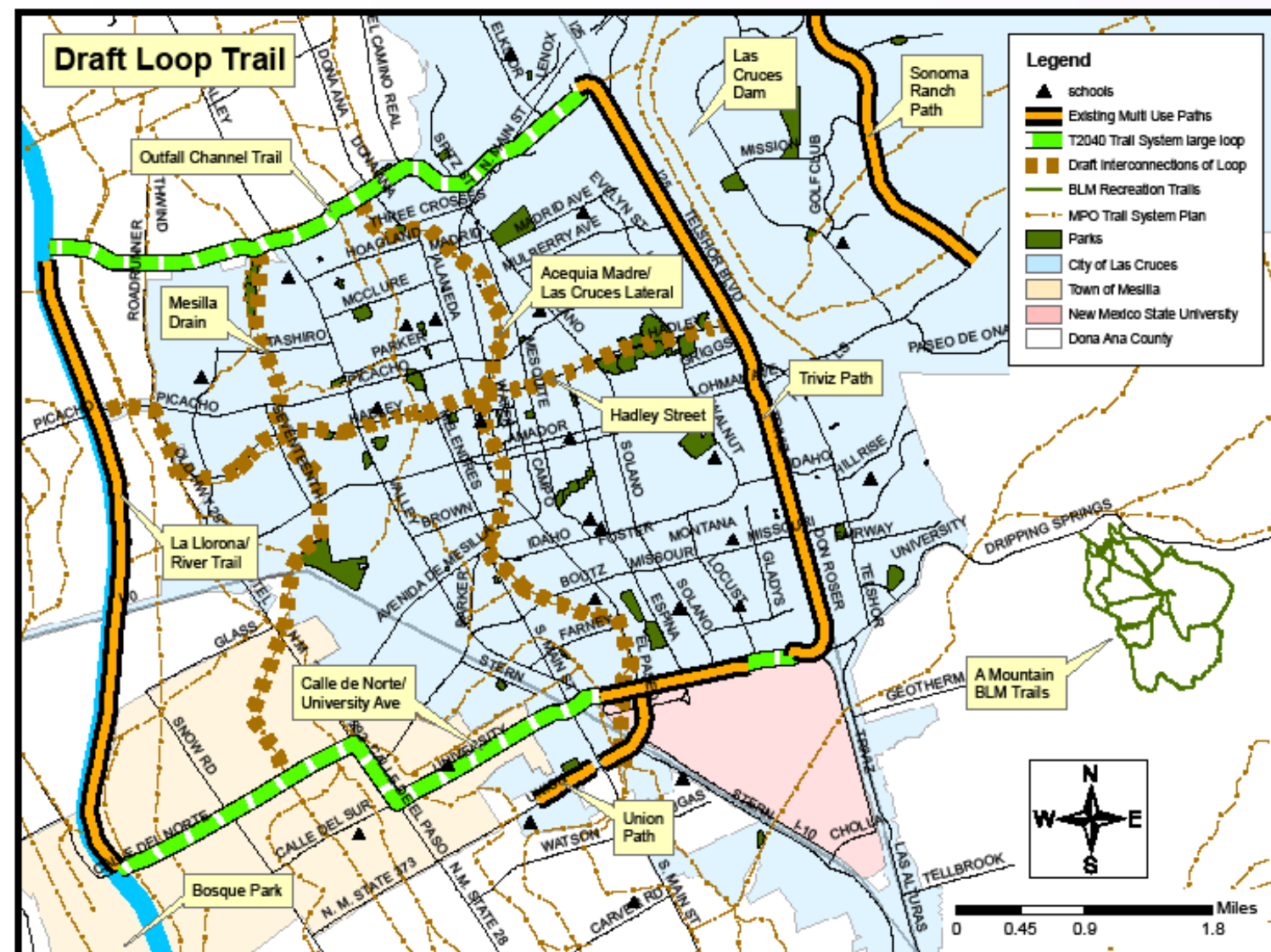
**Tier 2 and 3 Trails** - Tier 2 trail links would provide secondary connections for an extended network, and Tier 3 trails include the remainder of the trails or long-term extensions.

### Associated Policies:

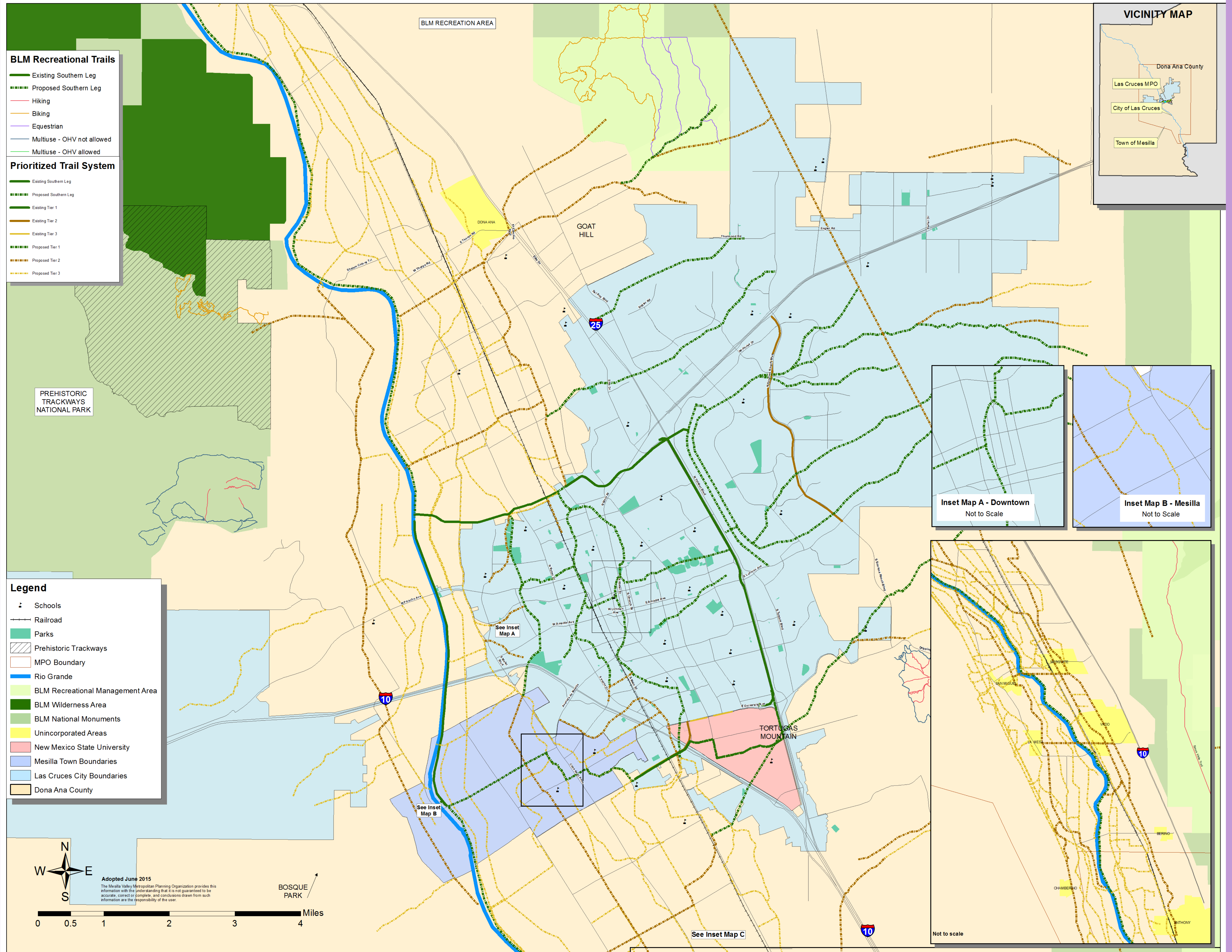
- increase access to regional recreational activities
- protect the natural environment of Arroyos and enhance them with trail development
- support Loop Trail resolution

## Proposed Loop Trail

The City of Las Cruces, Town of Mesilla, and Doña Ana County have passed resolutions in support of creating a loop trail including the Triviz Multi-use Path, Outfall Channel, La Llorona Trail, and proposed shoulders/bike lanes along Calle del Norte and University.



Trails could have a variety of surfaces, both unimproved and improved. Some of the improved surfaces include compacted dirt, stabilized crusher fines, or asphalt. It is important to determine the predominant user type prior to choosing a pavement type.



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