

**National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior**



Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument



General Management Plan - First Steps
August 2022

A close-up photograph of a rock face showing distinct, wavy, light-colored fossilized layers or bedding within a darker, more textured matrix. The layers appear to be made of a different material, possibly wood or plant matter, that has been preserved over time.

Welcome!



Why We're Here

To listen carefully, gather ideas and input from you and others on issues and opportunities, and integrate your feedback in this planning effort from the very beginning.



Overview of Presentation

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A large, detailed photograph of a fossilized plant specimen, likely a palm frond, showing clear horizontal layering and a central rachis. The fossil is light tan in color and is set against a dark blue background. A semi-transparent dark circle is overlaid on the right side of the fossil, and several white concentric arcs are visible on the left side.

Park Introduction



Establishment of the Monument



- 405th NPS unit, established on December 29th, 2014, through the National Defense Authorization Bill
- 22,650 acres transferred from Bureau of Land Management
- Previously allowed wide range of activities and nearly unlimited access which has resulted in degraded resources
- Establishment as a NPS unit focuses on resource protection, environmental remediation, and visitor health and safety



Park Purpose

Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument conserves, protects, enhances, and interprets late Pleistocene fossils, their geologic context, and other scientific values in the upper Las Vegas Wash through education, research, community collaboration, and appropriate public use.





Fundamental Resources and Values

- Pleistocene Fossils
- Scientific Research
- Museum Collections
- Paleoecosystem
- Geologic Processes and Features
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- Other Important Resources & Values
 - Partnerships
 - Modern Ecosystems
 - Human History



Boundary & Surrounding Area



Planning Process and Timeline

Time	Action
Summer 2022	Public Engagement Meetings
Fall-Winter 2022	Refine Strategies and Develop Plan
Winter-Spring 2023	Draft plan and associated compliance
Summer 2023	NPS Review of Environmental Assessment
Fall 2023	Public Review of GMP and Environmental Assessment
Winter 2024	Share Results of Public Engagement with Advisory Council
Spring 2024	Finalize GMP



What is a General Management Plan?

- General management plans set long-term goals for the park and provide broad direction for resource preservation and visitor use.
- Provide flexibility for decision making and serve as a basis for future implementation planning.
- GMPs address:
 - Preservation of resources
 - Types and intensities of development
 - Visitor capacity
 - Boundary modifications





Background

- **Foundation Document – 2019**
- **Preliminary Project Planning – 2020**
- **Other projects**
 - *Paleontological Sensitivity Mapping*
 - *Paleontological Survey of North Unit*
 - *Invasive Plant Inventory*
 - *Vascular Plant Inventory*
 - *Las Vegas Bearpoppy Survey*
 - *Emergency Response Plan/Strategy*
 - *General Debris Cleanup*
 - *Predator Survey (commenced 2022)*
- **Initial Planning Team Workshop – April 2022**





General Management Plan Goals

- Define vision for future park management.
- Develop desired conditions for the park's cultural and natural resources, facilities, and visitor experiences.
- Develop long-term strategies to provide access, connect visitors to key experiences, and manage use.
- Consider the relationship between park visitors and local communities.

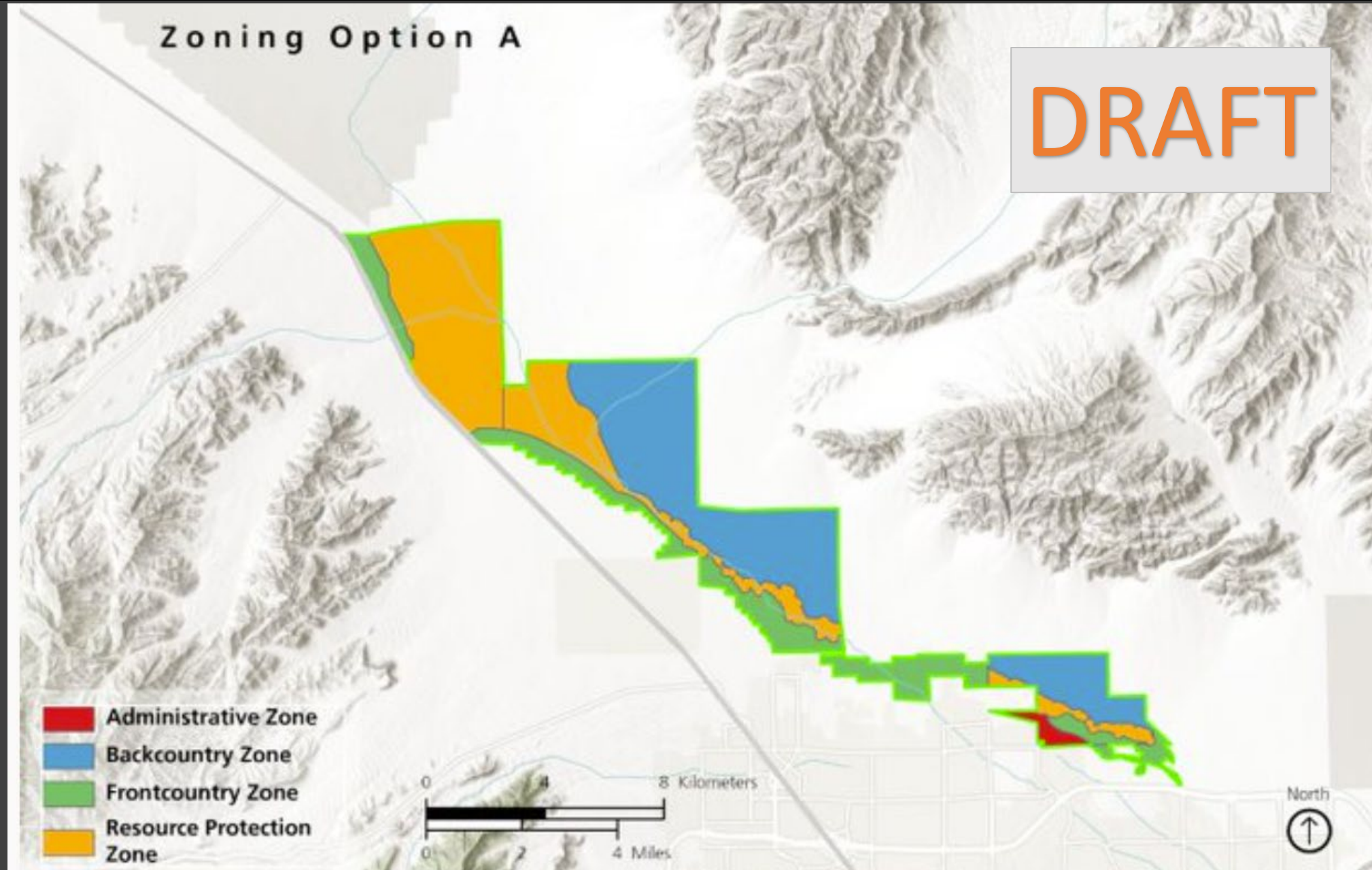


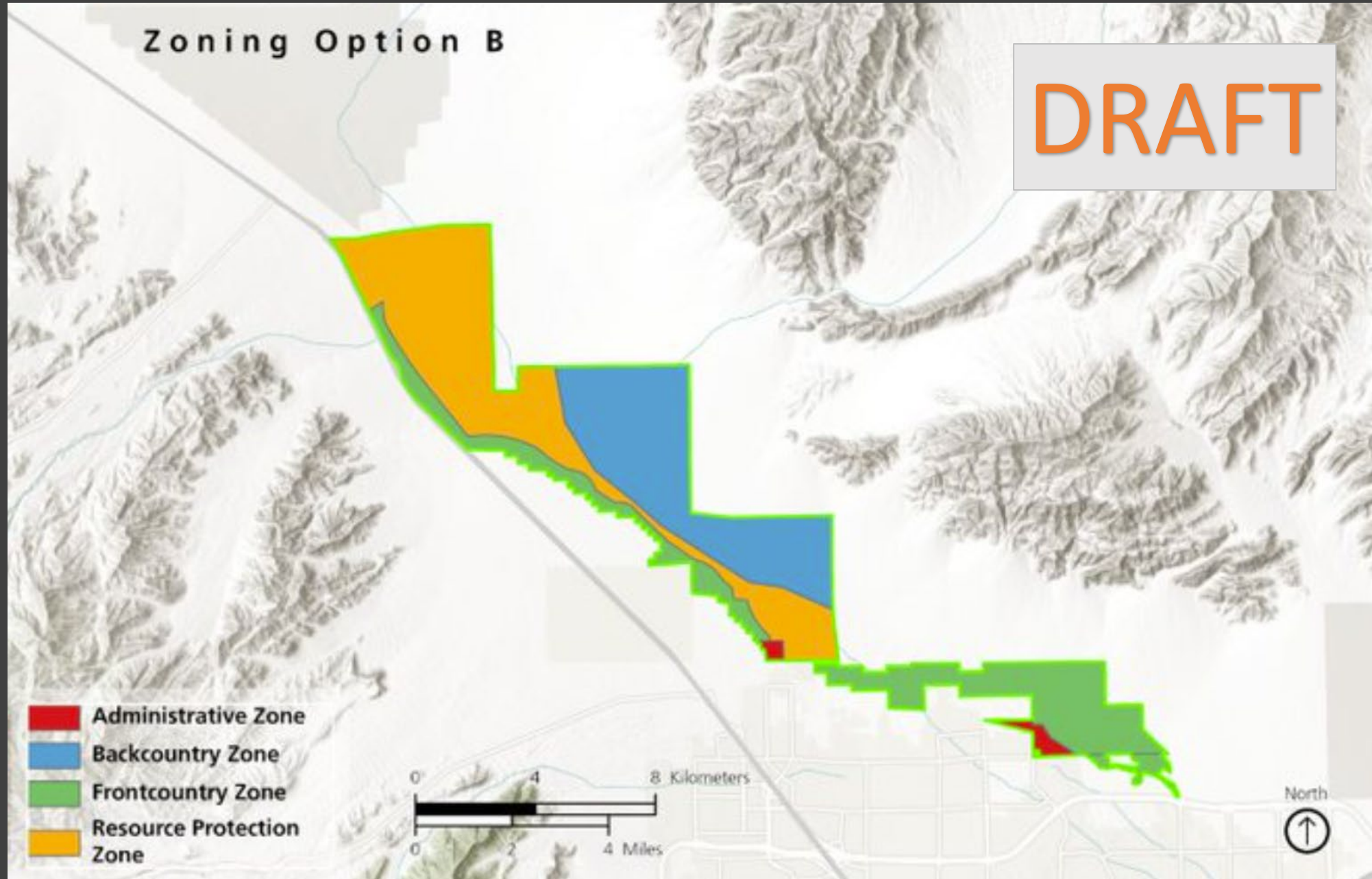


Proposed Draft Management Zones

- Backcountry Natural Zone
- Frontcountry Zone
- Research and Resource Protection Zone
- Administrative Zone









Your Role

We want to hear from you!

- *Issues that most impact you and your community*
- *Opportunities you see for the park and your community*
- *Ideas and strategies*





Are there specific ideas or concerns you have for the planning team regarding the following?

- Sensitive resources
- Compliance
- Specific knowledge or concerns related to you or your community that the planning team should be aware of?





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The National Park Service is beginning a comprehensive planning effort for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument. The result will be a new General Management Plan (GMP) that will guide park management for the next 20 years or longer. All national park units are required to have an approved general management plan. The National Park Service will work with its partners, the public, and its stakeholders to develop the plan and to comply with legal and policy requirements.

The general management plan for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument will provide a framework to guide decisions for long-range park management. The plan will also define the desired resource conditions and visitor experiences that should be achieved and maintained based on the park's purpose and significance and as described in the park's authorizing legislation and foundation document. This plan will set the direction for subsequent and more focused planning efforts, as well.



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Newsletter - Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument General Management Plan Civic Engagement

Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument preserves thousands of Ice Age fossils that help tell the story of an ever-changing ecosystem. At the park today, a variety of visitor opportunities are possible, including access to recreation, opportunities for enjoyment of solitude, experiencing desert landscapes, and learning about fossils and the history of the landscape are important components of the whole visitor experience.

Public input is invited to help shape the General Management Plan (GMP), which will inform park management for the next 20 years or longer. The NPS seeks the public's feedback on desired natural and cultural resource conditions, visitor experiences, and other important values related to the monument for plan development.

When thinking about the future of this park, consider the following questions:



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**All comments entered or sent by August 19, 2022 will be considered.
We look forward to hearing from you!**



Questions?
Ideas?
Comments?

Thank you for your
participation!

