

Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District Land Management Plan

Policy 1 – Major Corridors Policy

It is the policy of the Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District to oppose the construction of any new major energy, transportation or communication corridors through or across District lands. Furthermore, in order to minimize impacts to District lands and resources, all future major new transmission installations should be planned to follow existing rights-of-way. In addition, the District strongly encourages that, whenever possible, considerations be made for upgrading existing facilities rather than construction of new facilities.

In accordance with its Long Range Plan, it is the goal and responsibility of the Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District to “address socio-economic, rural and urban development issues”, to “foster the appreciation of cultural and wildlife resources” and to “protect the tax base and individual property rights” within the District.

Private lands provide the tax base that supports most of the county services and they are the underlying commensurate lands for federal grazing leases. It is the policy of the Winkelman District that there should be no net loss of private land within the District, however; any impacts to private property resulting from such projects must be justly compensated.

It is the policy of the Winkelman District to protect the local customs and culture. District lands encompass areas with treasured historic and cultural significance, lands with essential mineral resources as well as long standing farms and ranches that support the local tax base and help protect open space.

District boundaries encompass areas considered to be mitigation lands for protected, threatened and endangered species, lands with Wilderness designation, and lands with essential mineral resources. Development of any new major development corridors would negate these already established mitigation lands.

Any new major utility or corridor construction would adversely affect those important district resources by promoting further land fragmentation, disturbance of soil and degradation of water quality as well as affect the ability of landowners to steward their properties and produce essential products for the benefit of the people of the District, the county, the State of Arizona and the United States.

Passed and adopted this 6 day of January 2010, by the following vote.

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BY 
Chairman