

Land Use Planning and Comprehensive Management Plans: How Do they Fit Together?



Land Use Planning: Why Do It?

- The Public's Resources/The Agency's Responsibility
- Resource Management Plans, Forest Plans, and General Management Plans are all federal land use plans
- The plans tell the public how the public lands are being managed
- The plans guide federal actions on the land. A completed plan "zones" land uses.

Planning Processes and Products

- Process: collaborative work with interested publics to define issues, goals, objectives
- Product: Identifies activities and foreseeable developments that are allowed, restricted, or excluded for all or part of the area.
- Decisions are based on desired future conditions.



Comprehensive Management Plans: What Are These?

- CMPs describe and define overall goals and objectives for a national trail
- CMPs are developed in coordination and consultation with the public
- CMPs tell land managers and the public about goals and tools to preserve, protect, and develop this new resource
- CMPs provide the framework for preservation, protection, and trail development. They “guide” rather than “zone.”

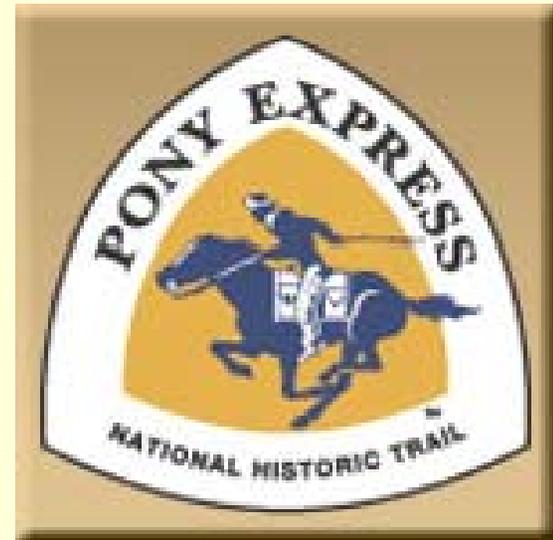
Pony Express, California, Mormon Pioneer, Oregon Plan Elements

- Purpose and Need for Plan
- Map Routes and High Potential Sites
- Historical Overview and Interpretive Themes
- Historic Routes and Resources
- Alternatives and Proposed Action
- Trail Resources
- SocioEconomic Conditions
- Environmental Consequences
- Public Comments



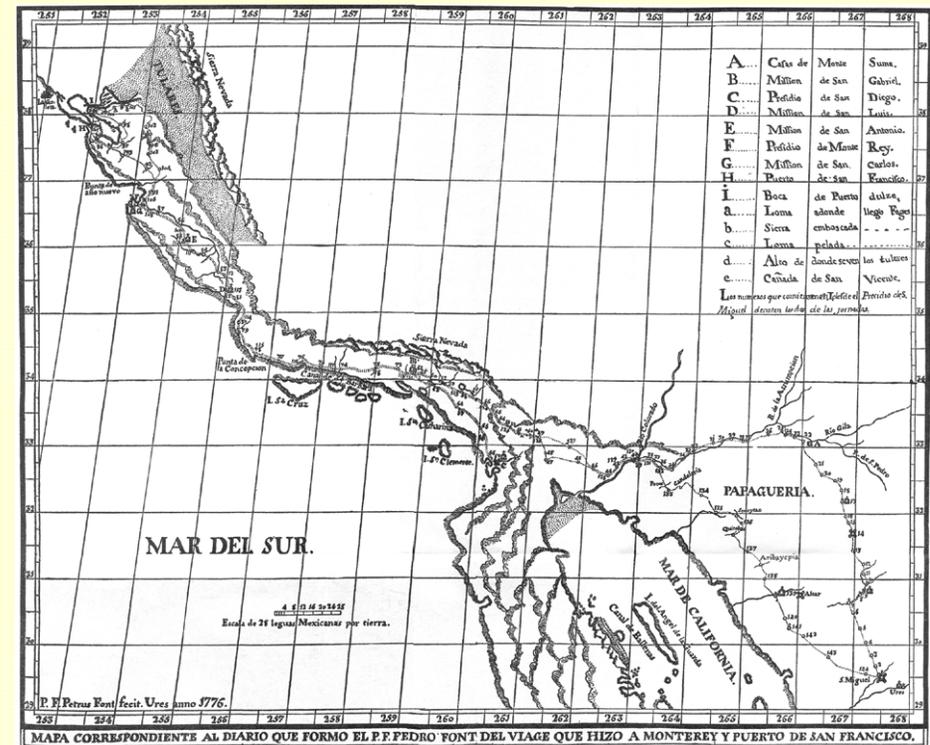
Pioneer Trails Toolkit

- Appendices and Bibliography
 - Lists of high-potential segments and sites
- Cooperative Agreements/MOUs
- Certification Program
- Federal Assistance
- Wayside Exhibit Design Guidelines
- Logos and Signage Recommendations



Juan Bautista de Anza Plan Elements

- Purpose and Need
- History and Significance
- The Management and Use Plan
 - Interpretive Themes
 - High Potential Sites and Segments
 - Corridor concept
 - Interpretive Outline
- The Trail Environment



Anza Toolkit

- High Potential Historic and Interpretive Sites
- Alternatives by County
- State Liability Statutes
- Marker Guidelines and Signs
- Sample Agreement/MOU
- Sample Cooperative Agreement
- Provisions for Cooperative Management
- Site/Segment Certification Guide



Generic Comprehensive Management Plan

- Overview of trail history
- Description of trail resources
 - Associated sites
 - High-potential trail segments
 - Interpretive facilities
 - Trail “corridor”
- Goals for trail preservation and development
- Toolkit and resources



What's not in a Comprehensive Management Plan?

- Local land use decisions
- Site-specific activities
- Implementation actions which affect local land use



How Can We Use Planning Process to Protect and Preserve?

- Become familiar with CMPs
- Help identify resources, goals, objectives for trail plans in development
- Assist in plan maintenance
- Help develop local agency trail plans (implementation, activity)
- Look and work across administrative boundaries

