

Long-Term Camping on Your Public Lands

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) welcomes you to the warmth and sunshine of the beautiful desert Southwest. Every year, thousands of visitors come to enjoy the natural beauty and recreational opportunities offered at BLM's Long-Term Visitor Areas (LTVAs), where visitors may camp for as long as seven months.

A growing number of visitors choose to stay on public lands in the Arizona and California deserts and along the lower Colorado River where they enjoy the mild winter climate, an independent lifestyle, and the companionship of fellow winter visitors.

Recreational and leisure-time activities abound - hiking, fishing, boating, enjoying the beauty of desert wildlife, and the simple pleasure of visiting with old friends.

Management of Desert Lands

The BLM is responsible for managing public lands for the benefit of all. Traditionally, most recreational visitor use has been in established, developed campground areas, but in the past few years much more use has been in the open desert where facilities are scarce. Here, the impact on the desert environment can be severe. BLM urges visitors to use and protect public lands for all to enjoy.

BLM's Long-Term Visitor Use Program

To meet the long-term desire of winter visitors for open desert camping while at the same time protecting the desert environment, the BLM established LTVAs where visitors may camp for the entire winter without being in a developed campground. The goals of the Bureau of Land Management, Long Term Visitor Areas are to provide a safe and enjoyable public land camping experience for all visitors, while promoting environmental stewardship, mutual respect and responsible use of America's natural resources. This program was initiated in 1983 and continues today thanks in large part to many of the winter visitors themselves who volunteer to help BLM carry out the LTVA program.

Winter Visitors who wish to stay in an LTVA must purchase a long-term permit, or a short-visit permit. The long-term permit is valid for the entire season or any part of the season, while the short-visit permit is valid for 14 consecutive days with the option to purchase an unlimited quantity of

additional permits. Both permits are valid in any of the designated LTVAs. The permit covers the long-term use season from September 15 to April 15. Permit holders may move from one LTVA to another without incurring additional fees.

Because LTVAs are special permit areas and not developed campgrounds, the Golden Eagle, Golden Age, Golden Access Passports, and America the Beautiful Pass discounts DO NOT apply to LTVA permit fees.

Campers who wish to stay on the desert outside of an LTVA may camp in one location on undeveloped public lands for up to 14 days in any 28-day period at no charge, unless otherwise posted. After 14 days, short-term campers must move to a new site outside of a 25-mile radius of their original campsite. Short-term camping in the Quartzite area is limited, but there are five designated camping areas.

Location of Long-Term Visitor Areas

The areas designated as Long-Term Visitor Areas were chosen because of their past popularity with winter visitors and because access roads have been developed and facilities are available nearby.

The map and legend in this brochure illustrate the location of each LTVA, and the map contains a key of camping facilities available at each site.

Since only minimum facilities are available at most of the sites, visitors should plan to arrive in a self-contained camping unit. Self-contained units are those with a permanently affixed wastewater holding tank of 10-gallon minimum capacity. Non-self-contained units are allowed only at Mule Mountain, Imperial, and La Posa LTVAs. In most cases, running water, showers, and bathrooms are not available on site. Garbage and sewage must be transported by visitors to the nearest disposal site (see map).



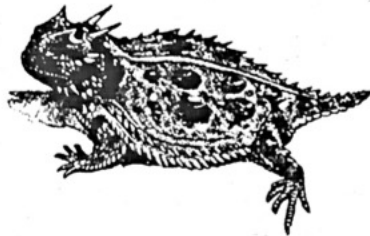
Where to Obtain Your Long-Term Visitor Permit

Campers may obtain permits at LTVA host entrance stations, or by contacting the following BLM offices in Arizona and southern California. Permits are not available through the mail. For further information on the LTVA program please contact one of the following offices.

Yuma Field Office
7341 E. 30th Street, Suite A
Yuma, AZ 85365
(928) 317-3200

**Palm Springs-South Coast
Field Office**
1201 Bird Center Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262
(760) 833-7100

El Centro Field Office
1661 South 4th Street
El Centro, CA 92243
(760) 337-4400



BLM-AZ website: www.blm.gov/az
BLM-CA website: www.blm.gov/caso

As stewards of the public lands in the desert Southwest, we invite you to come and enjoy all of the beautiful resources your lands have to offer. You can help us protect the fragile desert environment for future generations by following the rules and regulations established for the Long-Term Visitor Program, by reporting acts of vandalism and theft of cactus or cultural artifacts, and by volunteering your services to support the management of our unique lands and resources.



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The goals of the Bureau of Land Management, Long Term Visitor Areas are to provide a safe and enjoyable public land camping experience for all visitors, while promoting environmental stewardship, mutual respect and responsible use of America's natural resources. The following are the supplemental rules for the designated Long-Term Visitor Areas (LTVAs) and are in addition to rules of conduct set forth in 43 CFR Subpart 8365. The supplemental rules apply yearlong to all public land users who enter the LTVAs.

1. The Permit Requirements and Fees. You must have a permit to use a designated LTVA between September 15 and April 15. The permit authorizes you to camp within any designated LTVA using those camping or dwelling unit(s) indicated on the permit between the periods from September 15 to April 15. **There are two types of permits:** Long-Term and Short-Visit. The long-term permit is valid for the entire season or any part of the season. The short-visit permit is valid for 14 consecutive days, and may be renewed an unlimited number of times for the cost of the permit. LTVA users must pay the cost of the fee indicated on the LTVA permit, in U.S. funds only, before or upon arrival. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will not refund permit fees.

2. Displaying the Permit. To make it valid, at the time of purchase, you must affix your short-visit permit decal or long-term permit decal, using the adhesive backing, to the bottom right-hand corner of the windshield of all transportation vehicles, and in a clearly visible location on all camping units. You may use no more than two secondary vehicles within the LTVA.

3. Permit Transfers. You may not reassign or transfer your permit.

4. Permit Revocation. An authorized BLM officer may revoke, without reimbursement, your LTVA permit if you violate any BLM rule or regulation, or if your conduct or that of your family, guest, or pets is inconsistent with the goal of BLM's LTVA Program. Failure to return any LTVA permit to an authorized BLM officer upon demand is a violation of these supplemental rules. If BLM revokes your permit, you must remove all of your property and leave the LTVA system within 12 hours of notice, and you may not enter any other LTVA in Arizona or California for the remainder of the LTVA season.

5. Unoccupied Camping Units. Do not leave your LTVA camping unit or campsite unoccupied for a period of greater than five days unless an authorized BLM officer approves it in advance.

6. Parking. For your safety and privacy, you must maintain a minimum of 15 feet of space between dwelling units.

7. Removal of Wheels and Campers. Campers, trailers, and other dwelling units must remain mobile. Wheels must remain on all wheeled vehicles. You may set trailers and pickup campers on jacks manufactured for that purpose.

8. Quiet Hours. Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. under applicable state time zone standards, or as otherwise posted.

9. Noise. Do not operate audio devices or motorized equipment, including generators, in a manner that makes unreasonable noise as determined by the authorized BLM officer. Outdoor amplified music is allowed only within La Posa and Imperial Dam LTVAs in locations designated by BLM, and when approved in advance by an authorized BLM officer.

10. Access. Do not block roads or trails commonly in public use with your parked vehicles, stones, wooden barricades, or by any other means.

11. Structures and Landscaping. a. Fixed fences, dog runs, storage units, windbreaks, and other such structures are prohibited. Temporary structures of these types must conform to posted policies. b. Do not alter the natural landscape by painting rocks, as well as defacing or damaging any natural or archaeological feature.

12. Livestock. Boarding or keeping livestock (horses, cattle, sheep, goats, etc.) within LTVA boundaries is prohibited.

13. Pets. Pets must be kept on a leash at all times. Keep an eye on your pets. Unattended and unwatched pets may fall prey to coyotes or other desert predators. You are responsible for clean-up and sanitary disposal of your pet's waste.

14. Cultural Resources. Do not disturb any archaeological or historical values including, but not limited to, petroglyphs, ruins, historic buildings, and artifacts that may occur on public lands.

15. Trash. You must place all trash in designated receptacles. Public trash facilities are shown in the LTVA brochure. Do not deposit trash or holding-tank sewage in vault toilets. An LTVA permit is required for trash disposal within all LTVA campgrounds. You may not change motor oil, vehicular fluids, or dispose of or possess these used substances within an LTVA.

16. Dumping. Do not dump sewage, gray water, or garbage on the ground. This includes motor oil and any other waste products. Federal, state, and county sanitation laws and county ordinances specifically prohibit these practices. Sanitary dump station locations are shown in the LTVA brochure. You must have an LTVA permit for dumping within all LTVA campgrounds.

17. Self-Contained Vehicles. a. In Pilot Knob, Midland, Tamarisk, and Hot Spring LTVAs, you may camp only in self-contained camping units. The La Posa, Imperial Dam, and Mule Mountain LTVAs are restricted to self-contained camping units, except within 500 feet of a vault toilet or rest room.

b. Self-contained camping units must have a permanent affixed waste water holding tank of 10-gallon minimum capacity. BLM does not consider port-a-potty systems, systems that utilize portable holding tanks, or permanent holding tanks of less than 10-gallon capacity, to be self-contained.

18. Campfires. You may have campfires in LTVAs subject to all local, state, and Federal regulations. You must comply with posted rules.

19. Wood Collection. Do not collect wood within LTVAs. You may not possess native firewood (i.e., mesquite, ironwood, palo verde) within LTVAs. Please contact the nearest BLM office for current regulations concerning wood collection.

20. Speed Limit. The speed limit in LTVAs is 15 miles per hour or as otherwise posted.

21. Off-Highway Vehicle Use. Motorized vehicles must remain on existing roads, trails, and washes.

22. Vehicle Use. Do not operate any vehicle in violation of state or local laws and regulations relating to use, standards, registration, operation, and inspection.

23. Firearms. Do not discharge or otherwise use firearms or weapons inside or within 1/2 mile of LTVAs.

24. **Vending Permits.** You must have a vending permit to carry on any commercial activity. Please contact the nearest BLM office for information on vending or concession permits.

25. **Aircraft Use.** Do not land or take off any aircraft, including ultralights and hot air balloons, in LTVAs, unless an authorized BLM officer approves it in advance.

26. **Perimeter Camping.** Do not camp within one mile outside the boundaries of Hot Spring, Tamarisk, Pilot Knob, Midland, and Mule Mountain LTVAs.

27. **Hot Spring Spa and Day Use Area.** Food, beverages, glass containers, soap, pets, and/or motorized vehicles are prohibited within the fenced-in area at the Hot Spring Spa. Day-use hours are 5 a.m. to midnight.

28. **Mule Mountain LTVA.** You may camp only at designated sites within the Wiley's Well and Coon Hollow campgrounds. You may have only one (1) camping or dwelling unit per site.

29. **Imperial Dam and La Posa LTVAs.** Do not camp overnight in desert washes in Imperial Dam and La Posa LTVAs.

30. **La Posa LTVA.** You may enter La Posa LTVA only at legal access roads along U.S. Highway 95. Do not create or use any other access points. Do not remove or modify barricades, such as fences, ditches, and berms.

31. **Posted Rules.** You must observe and obey all posted rules. Individual LTVAs may have additional specific rules in addition to these supplementary rules. If posted rules differ from these supplementary rules, the posted rules take precedence.

32. **Other Laws.** If you hold an LTVA permit, you must observe and obey all Federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to the LTVA.

33. **Campsite Maintenance.** You must keep the LTVA and, specifically, your campsite in a neat, orderly, and sanitary condition.

34. **Length of Stay.** Between April 16 and September 14, you may stay in an LTVA only 14 days in any 28-day period. After your 14th day of occupation at an LTVA, you must move outside of a 25-mile radius of that LTVA.

35. **Penalties.** Under 43 CFR 2932.56(b), if you knowingly and willfully violate or fail to comply with any of the supplementary rules provided in this notice, BLM may revoke your LTVA permit. You may also be subject to issuance of a citation and/or arrest with a fine under 18 U.S.C. 3571 and/or imprisonment under 18 U.S.C. 3581, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)).

You are responsible for knowing and obeying all rules and regulations, AUTHORITY: 43 U.S.C. 1201; 43 U.S.C. 1701; 16 U.S.C. 460L-6; and 43 CFR §§ 2930 and 8300.

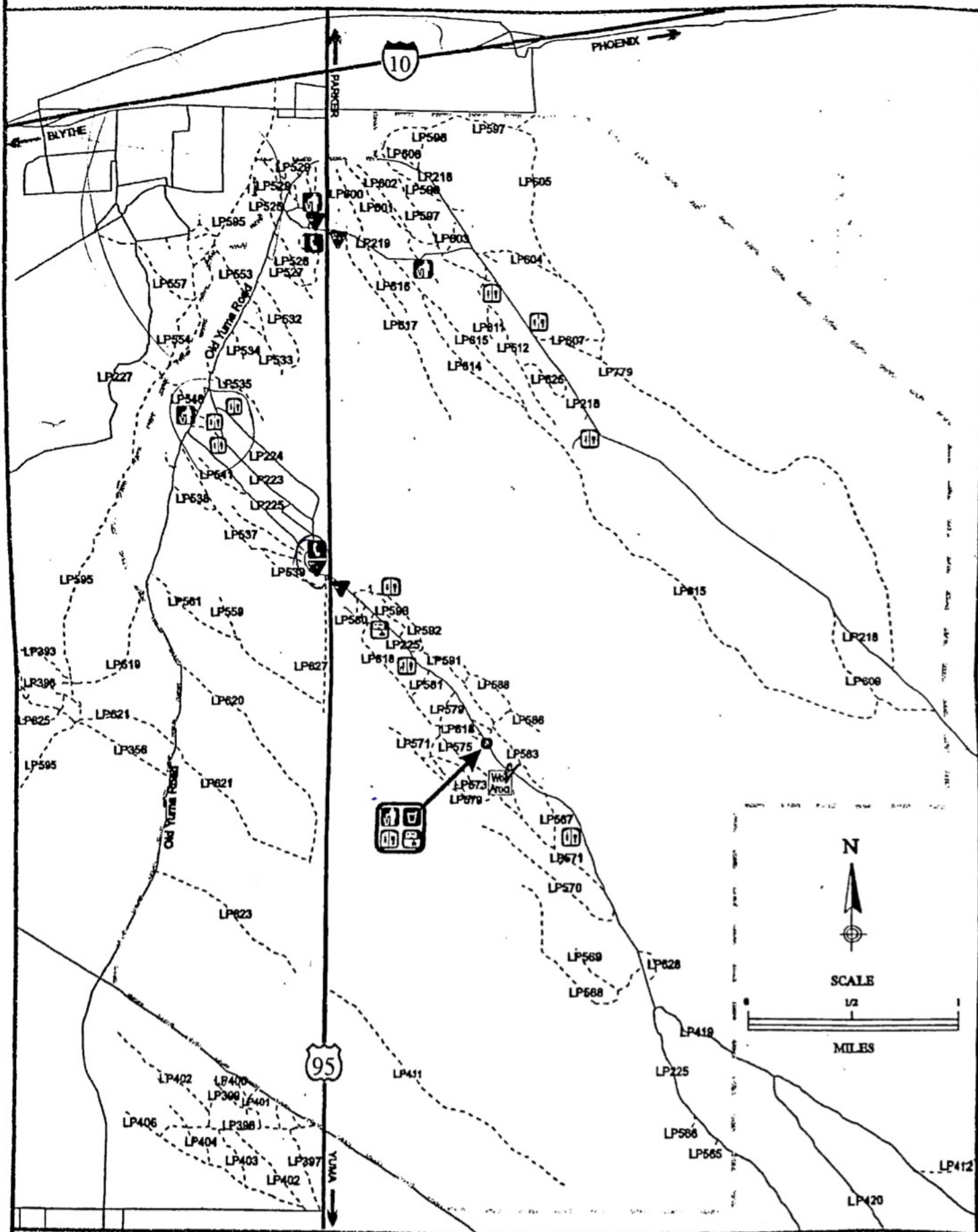
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Long-Term Visitor Area Supplemental Rules



LA POSA LONG-TERM VISITOR AREA



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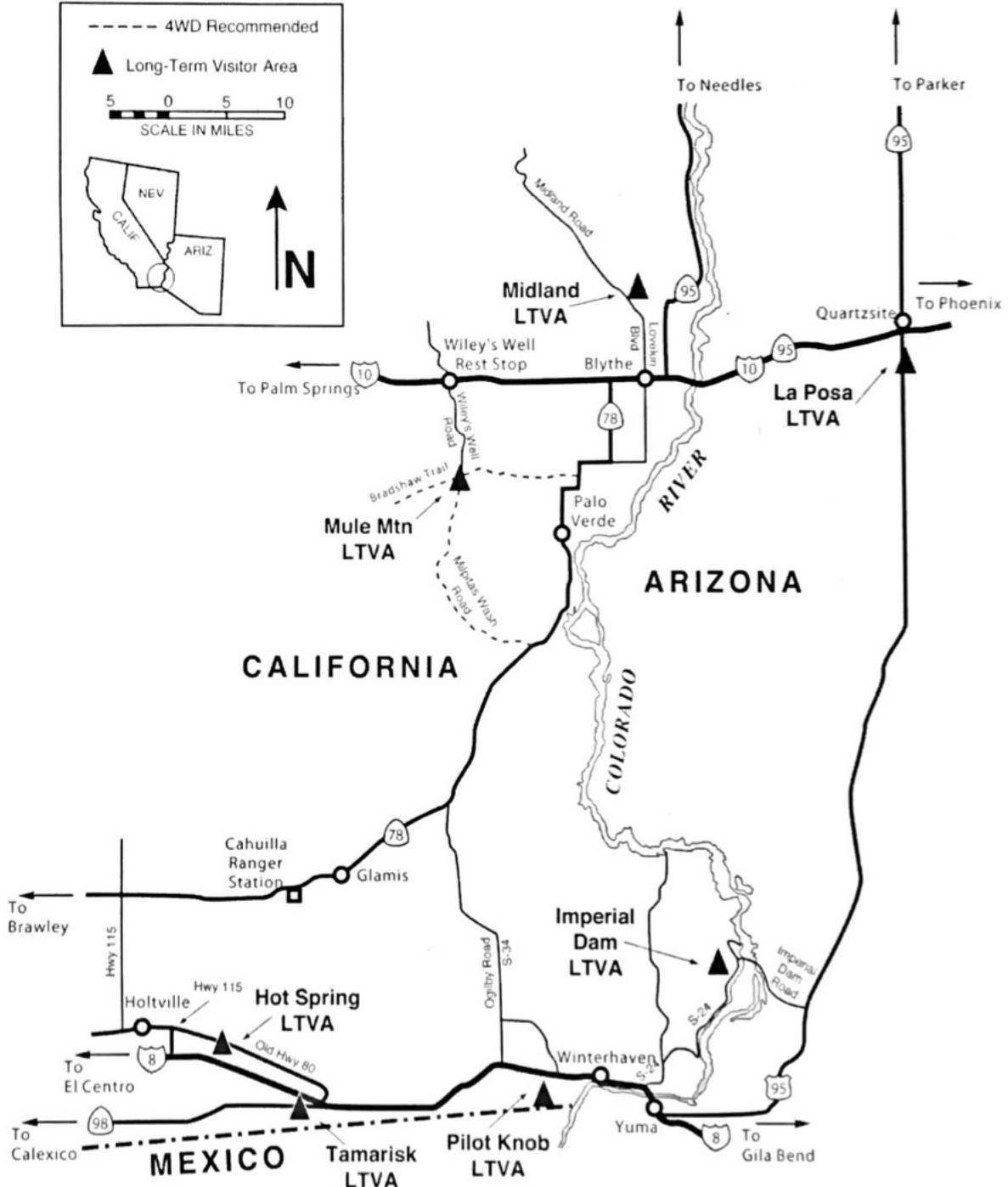
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HOT SPRING		●	○	○	○	I-8 to 115 north to Old Highway 80 east
TAMARISK		●				I-8 at SR 98, west on 98
PILOT KNOB	○	●	○	○		I-8 at Sidewinder Road, go south on Sidewinder Road
MULE MOUNTAIN		●	●		●	I-10 at Wiley's well Road Exit, south on Wiley's Well Road
MIDLAND	●	●	●	○		I-10 at Lovekin Exit, go north on Lovekin 6 miles, then northwest on Midland Road
LA POSA	●	●	●	●	●	I-10 at Arizona 95, south on Arizona 95
IMPERIAL	●	●	●	●	●	I-8 at 4th Street Exit, north on 4th, then northeast Imperial County Highway S-24

● facility at LTVA

○ facility nearby, possible fee

◐ Limited Supply Available