



FCC Goals, Purpose, and Importance

Fact Sheet

FCC GOALS

Leadership: FCC is recognized as a leader on border natural and cultural resource issues.

Policy: FCC is the recognized forum to provide field input and coordination for Department policies and priorities along the border.

Resources: FCC enhances understanding, management, conservation, and protection of shared natural and cultural resources along the United States-Mexico border.

Issues: FCC establishes a framework for natural and cultural border resource issues that provides direction for effective actions.

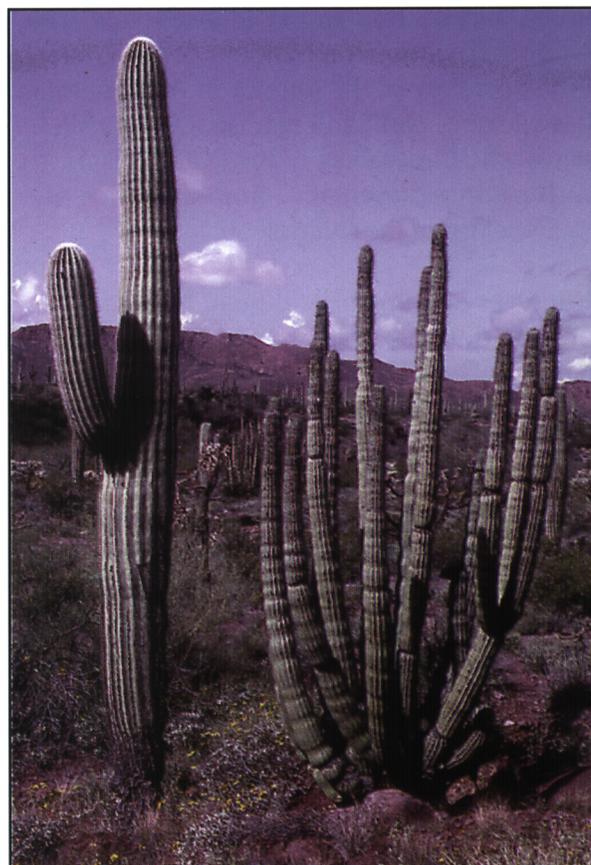
Communication: FCC effectively communicates information on border natural and cultural resource issues.

FCC PURPOSE AND IMPORTANCE

The purpose of the FCC is to promote, facilitate, and enhance communication and coordination between and among member bureaus and offices with respect to United States-Mexico border environmental issues of Department of the Interior interest and concern.

The United States-Mexico border region contains nationally significant natural and cultural resource protection areas. These include national parks, wildlife refuges, forests, and conservation areas; wilderness areas; water-

ways; and natural resources and special areas for protection on the Outer Continental Shelf. A myriad of federal trust species such as federally endangered or threatened species, migratory birds, and some marine mammals can be found in border habitat. Their well-being is the responsibility of the Department of the Interior. Also along the border are extensive Native American reserved lands of great natural and cultural heritage value.



Alamo Canyon, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Arizona. Photo by L. Norris.