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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cochise County Planning and Zoning Commission
FROM: Christine McLachlan, AICP, Planner II
FOR: Daniel Coxworth, AICP, Development Services Director
SUBJECT: Docket SU-21-09 (Welty Trucking) Agency Comments Summary
DATE: April 2, 2021 for the April 14, 2021 Meeting

AGENCY COMMENTS DOCKET SU-21-09 (Welty Trucking)

On March 2, 2021, the Development Review Team for the County was transmitted case information for their review. Reviewers were given until March 26, 2021 to respond and were notified that a failure to respond by that date would result in an automatic approval by their agency/Department.

The following is a summation of all the comments that were received by that date.

Cochise County, ROW: Zachary Way is not a County-maintained road.

Cochise County, Environmental Health: Applicant should avoid parking large trucks over the existing septic system.

Cochise County Engineering: This SU is not clearing over an acre of land, access is by private non county-maintained road and it's not in a flood plan. Thus ENR has no comments.

Cochise County Building: No comments received.

Cochise County Attorney's Office: No comments received.

Fire Department: No Comments received.

Cochise County Sheriff's Office: The Cochise County Sheriff's Office does not have any comments in reference to this transmittal.

Sulfur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative: This is an existing business-SSVEC has no comments or conditions to submit.

Southwest Gas: No comments received.

Arizona Game and Fish: See attached.

National Resources Defense Council: No comments received.

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality: No comments received.

State Lands Department: No comments received.

Arizona Department of Water Resources: No comments received.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: See attached.

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March 16, 2021

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Electronically submitted to: planningandzoning@cochise.az.gov

Re: Review of the SU-20-09 (Welty Trucking) project

Dear Ms. McLachlan:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) reviewed your Project Evaluation Request dated March 2, 2021, regarding the Special Use Authorization for continued operation of a small trucking company on a 4.05-acre parcel with the addition of new driveway and parking spots in Huachuca City, Arizona.

Based on the information provided, the Department offers the following general recommendations:

- Minimize impacts to vegetation during project construction. Staging areas should be located in previously disturbed sites, and kept as small as possible. Implement erosion and drainage control measures during the project to prevent the introduction of sediment-laden runoff into adjacent surface waters, and to prevent impacts to surface water quality. Stabilize exposed soils, particularly on slopes, with native vegetation as soon as possible to prevent excess erosion.
- Minimize the potential introduction or spread of exotic invasive species, including aquatic and terrestrial plants, animals, insects and pathogens. Precautions should be taken to wash and/or decontaminate all equipment utilized in the project activities before entering and leaving the site. See the Arizona Department of Agriculture website for a list of prohibited and restricted noxious weeds at <https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/unitedstates/az.shtml> and the Arizona Native Plant Society <https://aznps.com/invas> for recommendations on how to control. To view a list of documented invasive species or to report invasive species in or near your project area visit iMapInvasives - a national cloud-based application for tracking and managing invasive species at <https://imap.natureserve.org/imap/services/page/map.html>.
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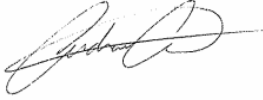
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Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. The report created for you (attached) on Arizona's Online Environmental Review Tool should provide general recommendations and additional contact information. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (623) 236-7222.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Cavalcant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Andrew Cavalcant
Project Evaluation Program Specialist, Habitat Branch
Arizona Game and Fish Department

AZGFD# M21-030202351

Arizona Environmental Online Review Tool Report



Arizona Game and Fish Department Mission

To conserve Arizona's diverse wildlife resources and manage for safe, compatible outdoor recreation opportunities for current and future generations.

Project Name:

SU-21-09 (Welty Trucking)

Project Description:

Continued operation of a small trucking company on a 4.05-acre parcel in a rural zoning district. The subject property is located at 1882 E Zachary Way, Huachuca City on parcel 108-08-0001L. The proposal includes overnight parking space for up to five semitrucks, up to five employee passenger vehicles, and a dedicated access road from the front to the rear of the property.

Project Type:

Development Outside Municipalities (Rural Development), Residential single dwelling and associated infrastructure, Maintenance/expansion/rehabilitation of existing facilities

Contact Person:

Andrew Cavalcant

Organization:

AZGFD

On Behalf Of:

COCHISE

Project ID:

HGIS-13032

Please review the entire report for project type and/or species recommendations for the location information entered. Please retain a copy for future reference.

Disclaimer:

1. This Environmental Review is based on the project study area that was entered. The report must be updated if the project study area, location, or the type of project changes.
2. This is a preliminary environmental screening tool. It is not a substitute for the potential knowledge gained by having a biologist conduct a field survey of the project area. This review is also not intended to replace environmental consultation (including federal consultation under the Endangered Species Act), land use permitting, or the Departments review of site-specific projects.
3. The Departments Heritage Data Management System (HDMS) data is not intended to include potential distribution of special status species. Arizona is large and diverse with plants, animals, and environmental conditions that are ever changing. Consequently, many areas may contain species that biologists do not know about or species previously noted in a particular area may no longer occur there. HDMS data contains information about species occurrences that have actually been reported to the Department. Not all of Arizona has been surveyed for special status species, and surveys that have been conducted have varied greatly in scope and intensity. Such surveys may reveal previously undocumented population of species of special concern.
4. HabiMap Arizona data, specifically Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) under our State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) and Species of Economic and Recreational Importance (SERI), represent potential species distribution models for the State of Arizona which are subject to ongoing change, modification and refinement. The status of a wildlife resource can change quickly, and the availability of new data will necessitate a refined assessment.

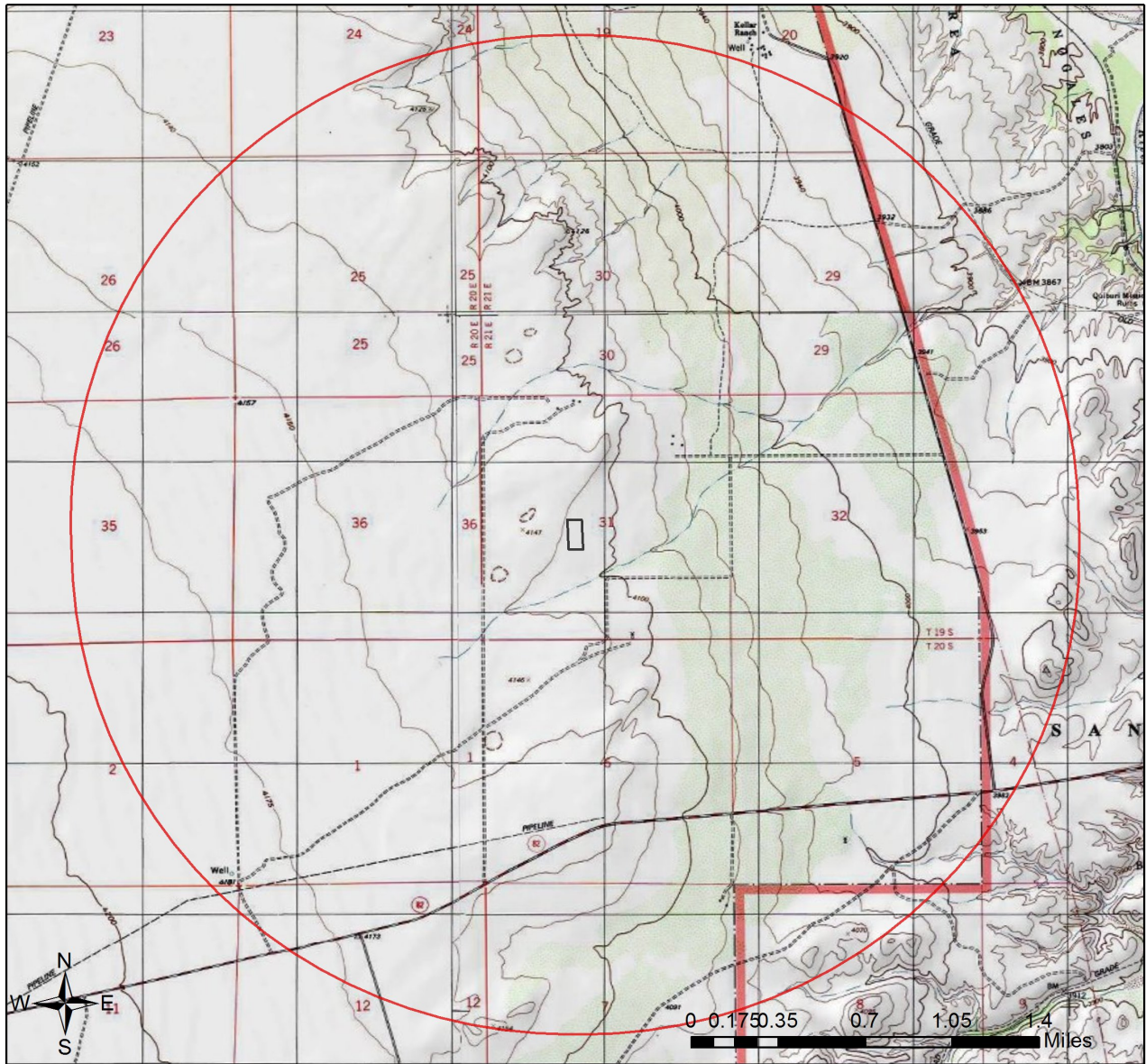
Locations Accuracy Disclaimer:

Project locations are assumed to be both precise and accurate for the purposes of environmental review. The creator/owner of the Project Review Report is solely responsible for the project location and thus the correctness of the Project Review Report content.

Recommendations Disclaimer:

1. The Department is interested in the conservation of all fish and wildlife resources, including those species listed in this report and those that may have not been documented within the project vicinity as well as other game and nongame wildlife.
2. Recommendations have been made by the Department, under authority of Arizona Revised Statutes Title 5 (Amusements and Sports), 17 (Game and Fish), and 28 (Transportation).
3. Potential impacts to fish and wildlife resources may be minimized or avoided by the recommendations generated from information submitted for your proposed project. These recommendations are preliminary in scope, designed to provide early considerations on all species of wildlife.
4. Making this information directly available does not substitute for the Department's review of project proposals, and should not decrease our opportunity to review and evaluate additional project information and/or new project proposals.
5. Further coordination with the Department requires the submittal of this Environmental Review Report with a cover letter and project plans or documentation that includes project narrative, acreage to be impacted, how construction or project activity(s) are to be accomplished, and project locality information (including site map). Once AGFD had received the information, please allow 30 days for completion of project reviews. Send requests to:
Project Evaluation Program, Habitat Branch
Arizona Game and Fish Department
5000 West Carefree Highway
Phoenix, Arizona 85086-5000
Phone Number: (623) 236-7600
Fax Number: (623) 236-7366
Or
PEP@azgfd.gov
6. Coordination may also be necessary under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and/or Endangered Species Act (ESA). Site specific recommendations may be proposed during further NEPA/ESA analysis or through coordination with affected agencies

SU-21-09 (Welty Trucking) USA Topo Basemap With Locator Map



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- Buffered Project Boundary

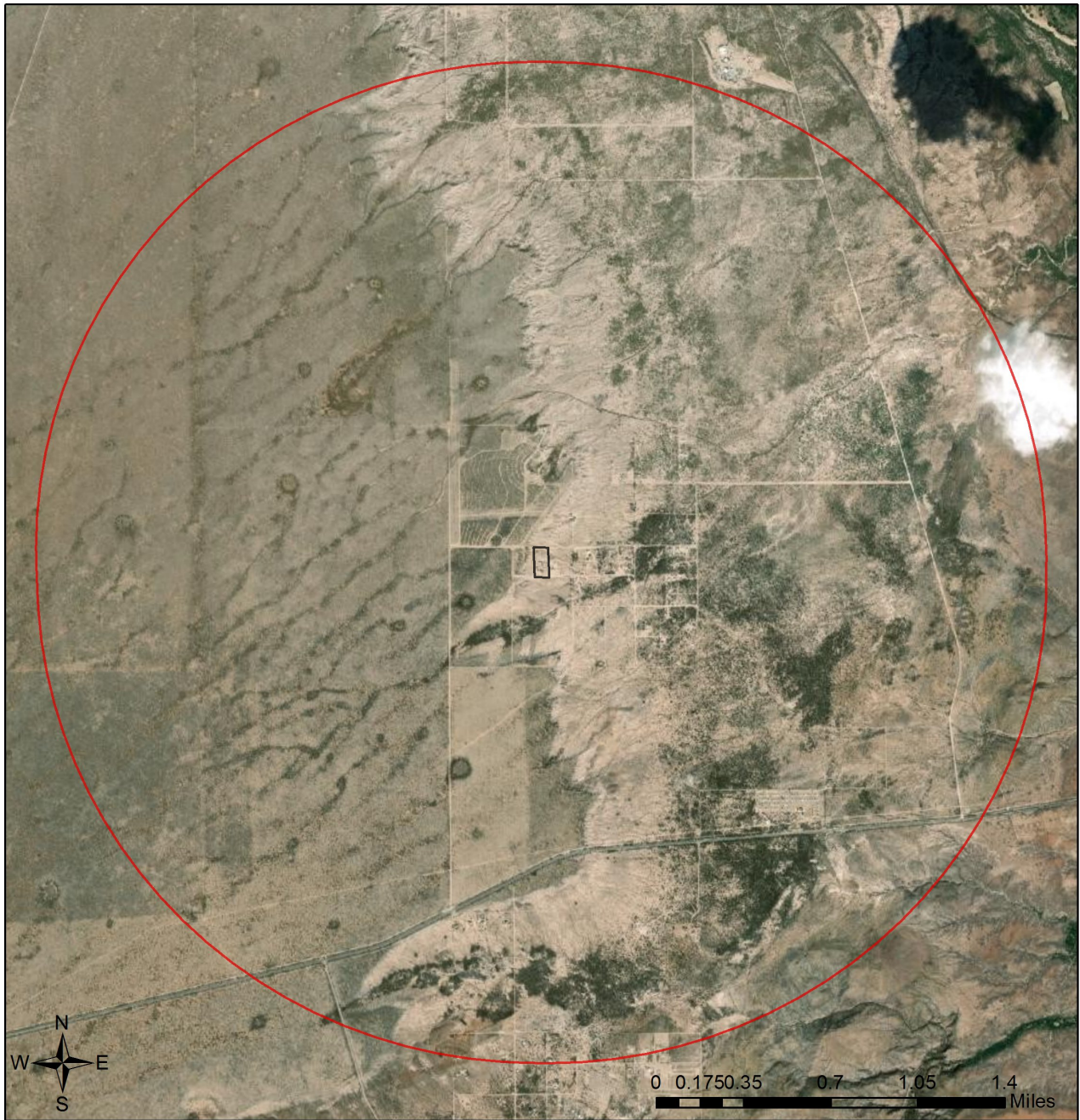
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Lat/Long (DD): 31.7369 / -110.2419
County(s): Cochise
AGFD Region(s): Tucson
Township/Range(s): T19S, R21E
USGS Quad(s): FAIRBANK

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Web Map As Submitted By User



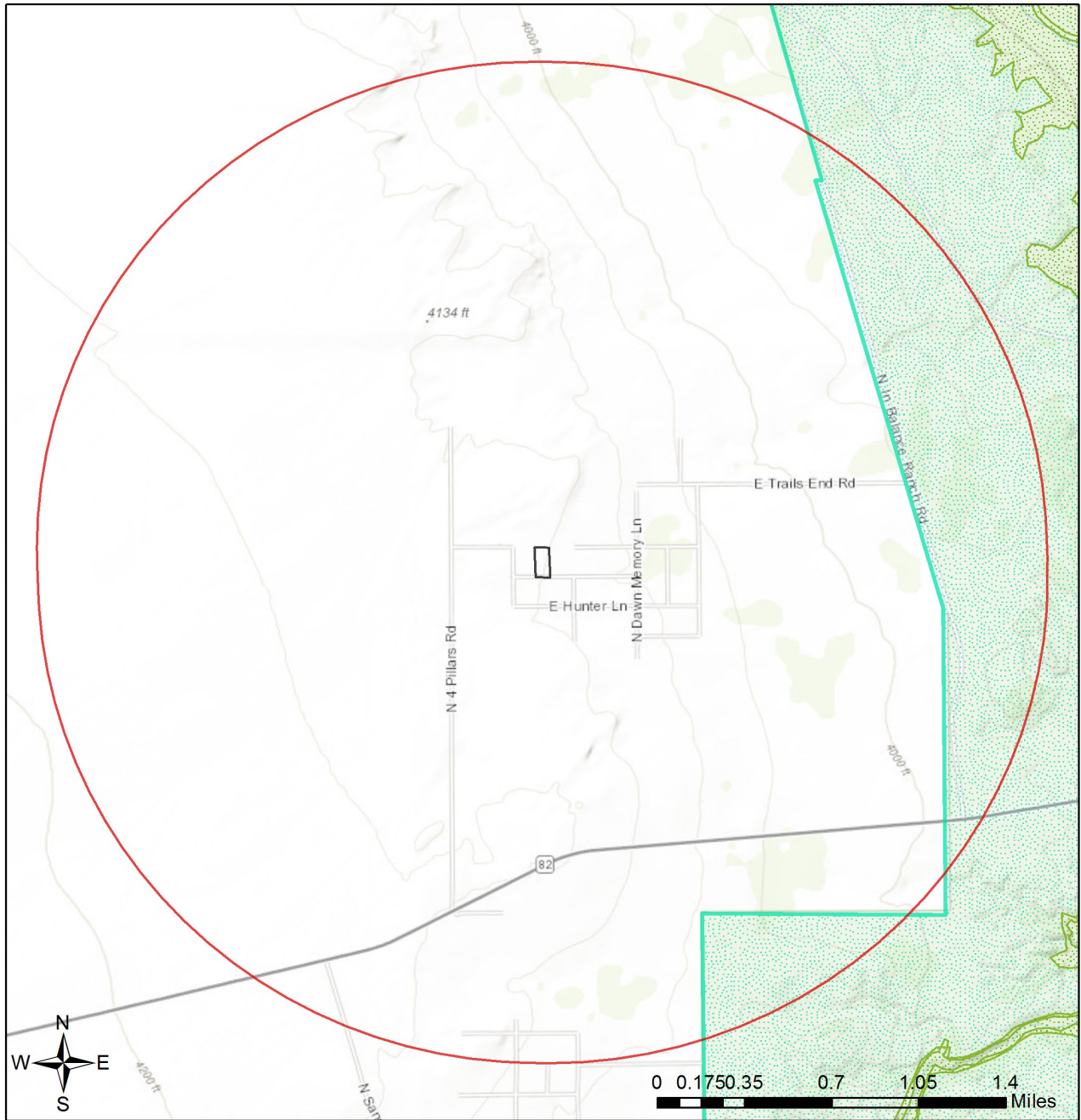
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Important Areas



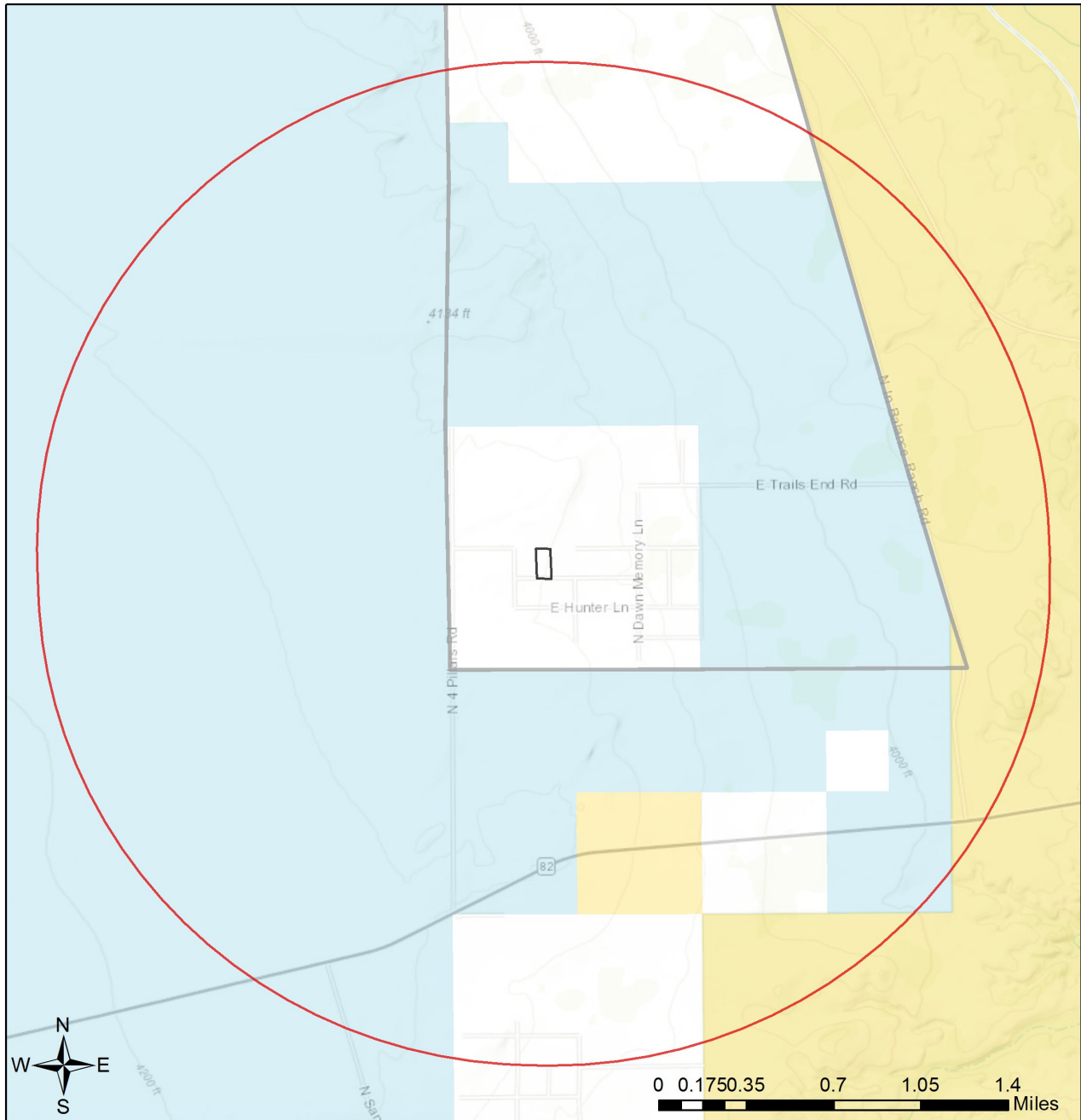
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-  Wildlife Connectivity
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Township/Ranges and Land Ownership



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| Project Boundary | Military |
| Buffered Project Boundary | Mixed/Other |
| Township/Ranges | National Park/Mon. |
| Land Ownership | |
| AZ Game & Fish Dept. | State & Regional Parks |
| BLM | State Trust |
| BOR | US Forest Service |
| Indian Res. | Wildlife Area/Refuge |

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Special Status Species Documented within 2 Miles of Project Vicinity

Scientific Name	Common Name	FWS	USFS	BLM	NPL	SGCN
Empidonax traillii extimus	Southwestern Willow Flycatcher	LE				1A
Eriogonum terrenatum	San Pedro River Wild Buckwheat			S		
Heloderma suspectum	Gila Monster					1A
Lampropeltis nigrita	Mexican Black Kingsnake					1B
Phrynosoma cornutum	Texas Horned Lizard	SC				

Note: Status code definitions can be found at <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/planning/wildlifeguidelines/statusdefinitions/>

No Special Areas Detected

No special areas were detected within the project vicinity.

Species of Greatest Conservation Need Predicted that Intersect with Project Footprint as Drawn, based on Predicted Range Models

Scientific Name	Common Name	FWS	USFS	BLM	NPL	SGCN
Ammodramus savannarum ammolegus	Arizona grasshopper sparrow		S	S		1B
Ammodramus savannarum perpallidus	Western Grasshopper Sparrow					1B
Ammospermophilus harrisi	Harris' Antelope Squirrel					1B
Anthus spragueii	Sprague's Pipit	SC				1A
Buteo regalis	Ferruginous Hawk	SC		S		1B
Buteo swainsoni	Swainson's Hawk					1C
Callipepla squamata	Scaled Quail					1C
Calypte costae	Costa's Hummingbird					1C
Coluber bilineatus	Sonoran Whipsnake					1B
Corynorhinus townsendii pallescens	Pale Townsend's Big-eared Bat	SC	S	S		1B
Crotalus tigris	Tiger Rattlesnake					1B
Cynanthus latirostris	Broad-billed Hummingbird		S			1B
Cynomys ludovicianus	Black-tailed Prairie Dog	CCA		S		1A
Dipodomys spectabilis	Banner-tailed Kangaroo Rat			S		1B
Empidonax wrightii	Gray Flycatcher					1C
Euderma maculatum	Spotted Bat	SC	S	S		1B
Eumops perotis californicus	Greater Western Bonneted Bat	SC		S		1B
Heloderma suspectum	Gila Monster					1A
Hypsiglena sp. nov.	Hooded Nightsnake					1B
Incilius alvarius	Sonoran Desert Toad					1B
Lasiurus blossevillii	Western Red Bat		S			1B
Lasiurus xanthinus	Western Yellow Bat		S			1B
Leptonycteris yerbabuenae	Lesser Long-nosed Bat	SC				1A
Lepus alleni	Antelope Jackrabbit					1B

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Lithobates chiricahuensis	Chiricahua Leopard Frog	LT				1A
Melanerpes uropygialis	Gila Woodpecker					1B
Melospiza lincolni	Lincoln's Sparrow					1B
Micrathene whitneyi	Elf Owl					1C
Micruroides euryxanthus	Sonoran Coralsnake					1B
Myiarchus tyrannulus	Brown-crested Flycatcher					1C
Myotis occultus	Arizona Myotis	SC		S		1B
Myotis velifer	Cave Myotis	SC		S		1B
Myotis yumanensis	Yuma Myotis	SC				1B
Notiosorex cockrumi	Cockrum's Desert Shrew					1B
Nyctinomops femorosaccus	Pocketed Free-tailed Bat					1B
Oreoscoptes montanus	Sage Thrasher					1C
Oreothlypis luciae	Lucy's Warbler					1C
Panthera onca	Jaguar	LE				1A
Passerculus sandwichensis	Savannah Sparrow					1B
Peucaea botterii arizonae	Arizona Botteri's Sparrow			S		1B
Peucaea carpalis	Rufous-winged Sparrow					1B
Phrynosoma solare	Regal Horned Lizard					1B
Spizella breweri	Brewer's Sparrow					1C
Sturnella magna	Eastern Meadowlark					1C
Tadarida brasiliensis	Brazilian Free-tailed Bat					1B
Terrapene ornata	Ornate Box Turtle					1A
Vireo bellii arizonae	Arizona Bell's Vireo					1B
Vulpes macrotis	Kit Fox	No Status				1B

Species of Economic and Recreation Importance Predicted that Intersect with Project Footprint as Drawn

Scientific Name	Common Name	FWS	USFS	BLM	NPL	SGCN
Callipepla gambelii	Gambel's Quail					
Callipepla squamata	Scaled Quail					1C
Odocoileus hemionus	Mule Deer					
Patagioenas fasciata	Band-tailed Pigeon					1C
Pecari tajacu	Javelina					
Puma concolor	Mountain Lion					
Zenaida asiatica	White-winged Dove					
Zenaida macroura	Mourning Dove					

Project Type: Development Outside Municipalities (Rural Development), Residential single dwelling and associated infrastructure, Maintenance/expansion/rehabilitation of existing facilities

Project Type Recommendations:

Consider impacts of outdoor lighting on wildlife and develop measures or alternatives that can be taken to increase human safety while minimizing potential impacts to wildlife. Conduct wildlife surveys to determine species within project area, and evaluate proposed activities based on species biology and natural history to determine if artificial lighting may disrupt behavior patterns or habitat use. Use only the minimum amount of light needed for safety. Narrow spectrum bulbs should be used as often as possible to lower the range of species affected by lighting. All lighting should be shielded, canted, or cut to ensure that light reaches only areas needing illumination.

Minimize the potential introduction or spread of exotic invasive species, including aquatic and terrestrial plants, animals, insects and pathogens. Precautions should be taken to wash and/or decontaminate all equipment utilized in the project activities before entering and leaving the site. See the Arizona Department of Agriculture website for a list of prohibited and restricted noxious weeds at <https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/unitedstates/az.shtml> and the Arizona Native Plant Society <https://aznps.com/invas> for recommendations on how to control. To view a list of documented invasive species or to report invasive species in or near your project area visit iMapInvasives - a national cloud-based application for tracking and managing invasive species at <https://imap.natureserve.org/imap/services/page/map.html>.

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Trenches should be covered or back-filled as soon as possible. Incorporate escape ramps in ditches or fencing along the perimeter to deter small mammals and herptefauna (snakes, lizards, tortoise) from entering ditches.