

Floodplain Comments

1. This parcel lies within FEMA Zones X. A FPUP is required and an Elevation Certificate (EC) for all proposed buildings must be submitted that are located within areas of Regulatory Floodplains (where $Q_{100} > 500\text{cfs}$).
2. The cumulative amount of improvements (include previous improvements) will require a Land Clearing Permit since the accumulative area of clearing is one acre or greater. Other permits include Cochise County Planning Department at <https://www.cochise.az.gov/development-services/home>, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ADEQ) at <https://azdeq.gov/AZPDES/CGP>, and Arizona State Department of Agriculture (for native plants removal) at <https://agriculture.az.gov/download-forms>. These permits must be submitted prior to any construction start-up. Refer to the associated websites for more information
3. A Drainage Analysis must be submitted from an Arizona Registered Professional Civil Engineer for any proposed development. Refer to the Cochise County Floodplain Regulations (Section 10) for more information regarding drainage development requirements at https://www.cochise.az.gov/sites/default/files/highway_and_floodplain/FLOOD_REGS_2015.pdf
4. The consultant acknowledges that there may be more comments forthcoming from this review

Health Comments

Septic review and permits will be required.

ADOT

Based on our (ADOT) review, no traffic submittals are required i.e. TIA/TIS. However, we will need to review any plans for any activities on ADOT R/W. Once we have commented and approved the activities on our R/W, an encroachment permit will need to be submitted.

From: [Jeremy Moore](#)
To: [Kirschmann, Robert](#)
Cc: [Jay Gomes](#); [Richard Freije](#); [Michelle Garza](#)
Subject: Re: Transmittal for RZ22-08 (Highway 83)
Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 1:30:53 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Hi Robert

Based on our (ADOT) review, no traffic submittals are required i.e. TIA/TIS. However, we will need to review any plans for any activities on ADOT R/W. Once we have commented and approved the activities on our R/W, an encroachment permit will need to be submitted. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for the opportunity to review.

Thanks

Jeremy Moore, P.E.
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On Wed, Apr 6, 2022 at 11:43 AM Kirschmann, Robert <RKirschmann@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Attached please find a transmittal and an application we have received for a rezoning new Parker Canyon Lake. The request is to rezone an approximately 17 acre parcel from RU-4 (Rural, one dwelling per four acres) to RU-2 (Rural, one dwelling per two acres). With the current zoning 4 homes would be allowed. If the rezoning is approved, up to 8 could be allowed. Currently, the applicant is only proposing 5 lots. Part of the reason for the rezoning is the parcel occurs on both sides of Highway 83. The portion on the east side of the road is approximately 2.8 acres. The RU-4 designation would prevent the lot from being split and a single family home being constructed.

Comments are due no later than May 2, 2022.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,



May 6, 2022

Robert Kirschmann
Cochise County Community Development
Development Services Department
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Benson, AZ 85602

Electronically submitted to: RKirschmann@cochise.az.gov

Re: Review of the Parker Canyon Lake Rezoning Parcel 105-28-006 project

Dear Mr. Kirschmann:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) reviewed your Project Evaluation Request dated April 6, 2022, regarding the rezoning of an approximately 17 acre parcel from RU-4 (Rural, one dwelling per four acres) to RU-2 (Rural, one dwelling per two acres) in Elgin, Arizona. The parcel is situated within pinyon-juniper woodland vegetation, approximately 0.5 mile from Parker Canyon Lake.

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

- The Department's Online Environmental Tool report created for you (attached; HGIS-16208) on May 3, 2022, indicates that beardless cinchweed (*Pectis imberbis*), Huachuca water-umbel (*Lilaeopsis schaffneriana* ssp. *recurva*), jaguar (*Panthera onca*), ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*), and Sonoran tiger salamander (*Ambystoma mavortium stebbinsi*), which are federally listed as Endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and Chiricahua leopard frog (*Lithobates chiricahuensis*), Mexican spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*), Northern Mexican Gartersnake (*Thamnophis eques megalops*), and Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*), which are federally listed as Threatened under the ESA, have been recorded in the project vicinity. Additionally, the project also falls within critical habitat for Mexican spotted owl and jaguar. The Department recommends that you and/or the project proponent contact the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#)¹ (USFWS) for their Technical Assistance. The USFWS will provide options to comply with the ESA, such as conservation measures to avoid or minimize adverse effects to listed species.
- The Huachuca Mountains are considered an [Important Bird Area](#)². The Department recommends that a qualified biologist conduct a survey for nesting birds within the project

¹ <https://www.fws.gov/office/arizona-ecological-services/contact-us>

² https://aziba.org/?page_id=396

area prior to removal or trimming of trees/vegetation, if the removal or trimming occurs during the breeding season. The trees and/or vegetation within the project area may provide nesting opportunities for avian species that are regulated under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and protected under state law. Breeding season for birds is generally March through late August, depending on the species and habitat, and for raptors it is generally January through late June. If it is anticipated the project will not be in compliance with MBTA, the Department also recommends that you contact the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#)³ (USFWS) for their Technical Assistance. The USFWS will provide options to comply with the MBTA.

- Please 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.
- If proposed ground disturbance (both temporary and permanent) will meet or exceed 0.25 acre in areas with native vegetation, please ensure the project complies with [Arizona Native Plant Law](#) regulations⁴. A Native Plant Inventory may need to be conducted to identify, record, and coordinate plant salvage efforts for species that are Protected under the Arizona Native Plant Law. In addition, the applicable land management agencies should be consulted regarding guidelines for revegetation efforts.
- 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. Please review the Arizona Department of Agriculture's website for a list of prohibited and restricted [noxious weeds](#)⁵ and the [Arizona Native Plant Society](#)⁶ for recommendations on control methods. To view a list of documented invasive species or to report invasive species in or near your project area visit [iMapInvasives](#)⁷ - a national cloud-based application for tracking and managing invasive species.
 - To build a list: zoom to your area of interest, use the identify/measure tool to draw a polygon around your area of interest, and select "See What's Here" for a list of reported species. To export the list, you must have an account and be logged in. You can then use the export tool to draw a boundary and export the records in a csv file.
- If trenching will occur, trenching and backfilling crews should be close together to minimize the amount of open trenches at any given time. Avoid leaving trenches open overnight. Where trenches cannot be back-filled immediately, escape ramps should be constructed at least every 90 meters. Escape ramps can be short lateral trenches or wooden planks sloping

³ <https://www.fws.gov/office/arizona-ecological-services/contact-us>

⁴ <https://agriculture.az.gov/plantsproduce/native-plants>

⁵ <https://agriculture.az.gov/pestspest-control/agriculture-pests/noxious-weeds>

⁶ <https://aznps.com/invas>

⁷ <https://imap.natureserve.org/imap/services/page/map.html>

to the surface. The slope should be less than 45 degrees (1:1). Trenches that have been left open overnight should be inspected and animals removed prior to backfilling.

- To further limit the spread of non-native, invasive plant species, the Department recommends landscaping with drought-tolerant species that are native to Arizona. Landscaping with native plants can help support wildlife and pollinator species that inhabit rural and urbanized areas. Visit the [Arizona Native Plant Society's website](#)⁸ for information on preferred native plants to utilize in landscaping.
- Artificial lighting could impair the ability of nocturnal animals to navigate (e.g., owls, migratory birds, bats, and other nocturnal mammals), and may affect wildlife behavior and populations ([Davies et. al. 2013](#)). Consider using only the minimum amount of light needed for safety, especially in areas immediately adjacent to open space or undeveloped lands. Motion sensing lighting and narrow spectrum bulbs are the best and the Department encourages their use as often as possible to lower the range of species affected by lighting. Also, please consider shielding, canting, or cutting all lighting, where possible, to ensure that light reaches only areas needing illumination. This will minimize impacts to nocturnal wildlife.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide an evaluation of impacts to wildlife or wildlife habitats associated with the Parker Canyon Lake Rezoning Parcel 105-28-006 project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (623) 236-7615, and visit our [website](#)⁹ for additional guidelines.

Sincerely,

Cheri Bouchér

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

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⁸ <http://aznps.com/invasives/GrowNative/invasives.html>

⁹ <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/planning/wildlifeguidelines/>

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:

Stone Canyon Ranch RZ22-08 (Highway 83)

Project Description:

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Project Type:

Development Outside Municipalities (Rural Development), Residential subdivision and associated infrastructure, New construction

Contact Person:

Kendra Loubere

Organization:

Arizona Game and Fish Department

On Behalf Of:

COCHISE

Project ID:

HGIS-16208

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.

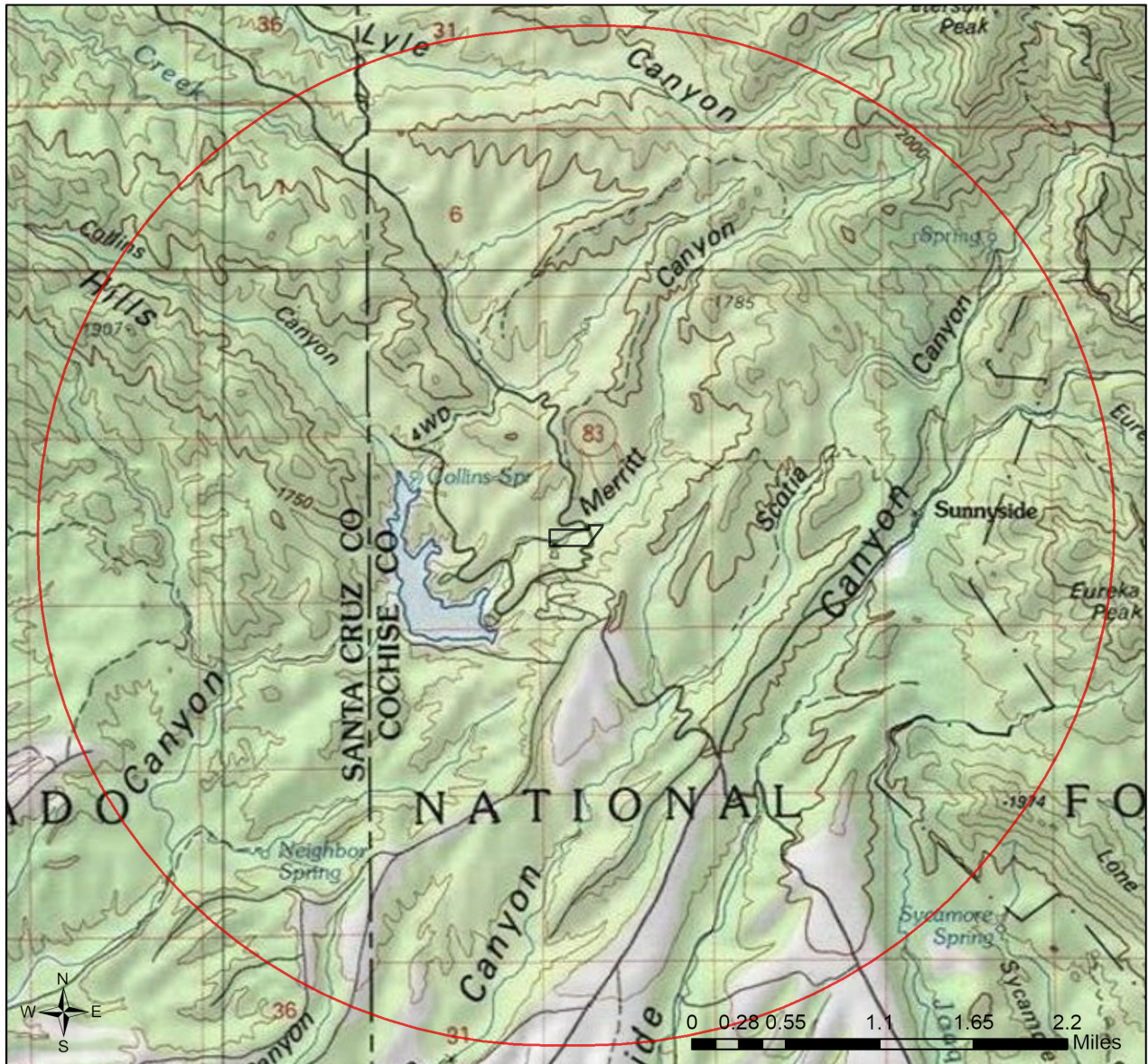
Locations Accuracy Disclaimer:



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

Stone Canyon Ranch RZ22-08 (Highway 83) USA Topo Basemap With Locator Map



-  Buffered Project Boundary
-  Project Boundary

Project Size (acres): 17.58

Lat/Long (DD): 31.4320 / -110.4395

County(s): Cochise

AGFD Region(s): Tucson

Township/Range(s): T23S, R19E

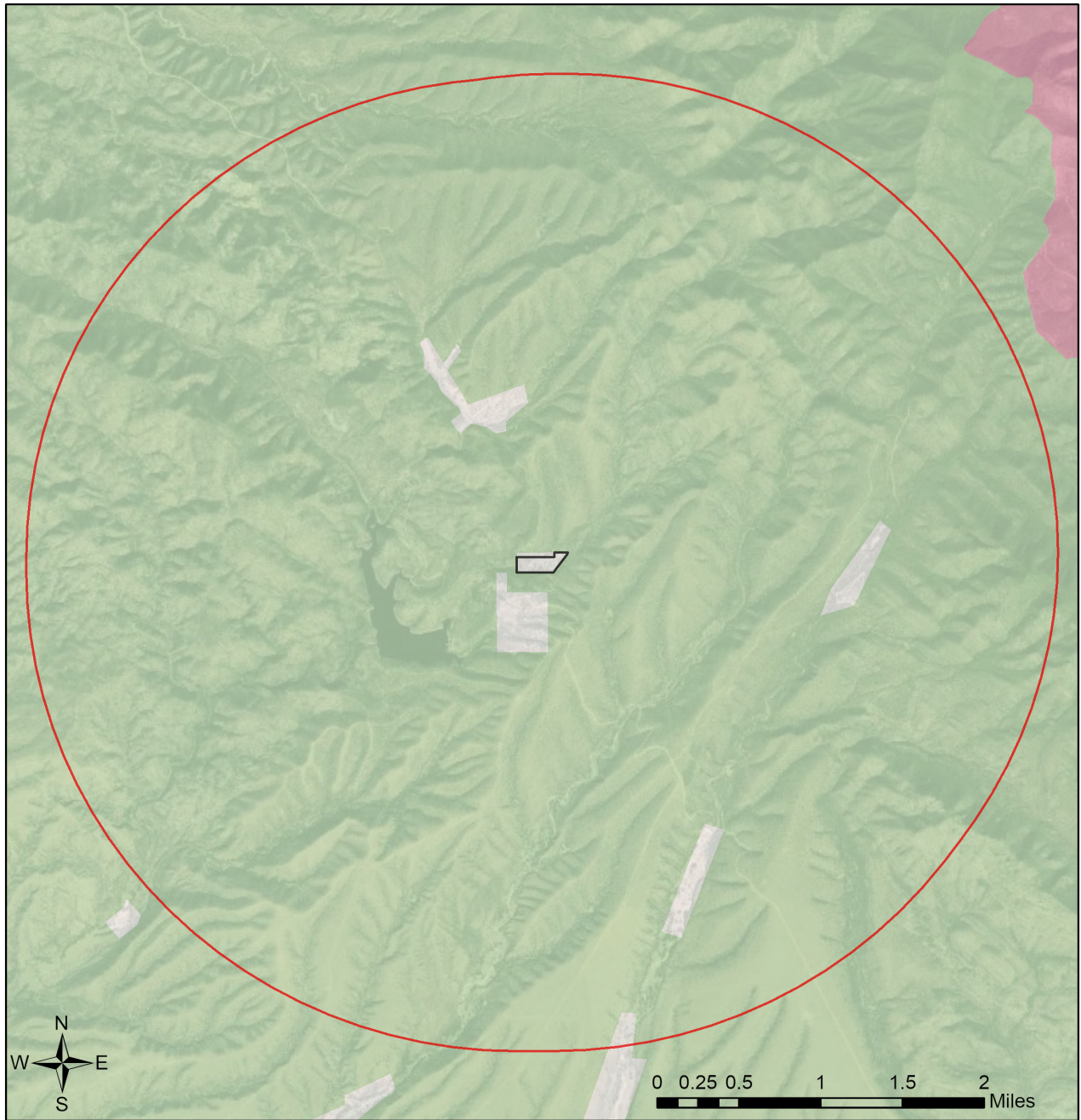
USGS Quad(s): HUACHUCA PEAK

Sources: Esri, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap and the GIS user community



Stone Canyon Ranch RZ22-08 (Highway 83)

Web Map As Submitted By User



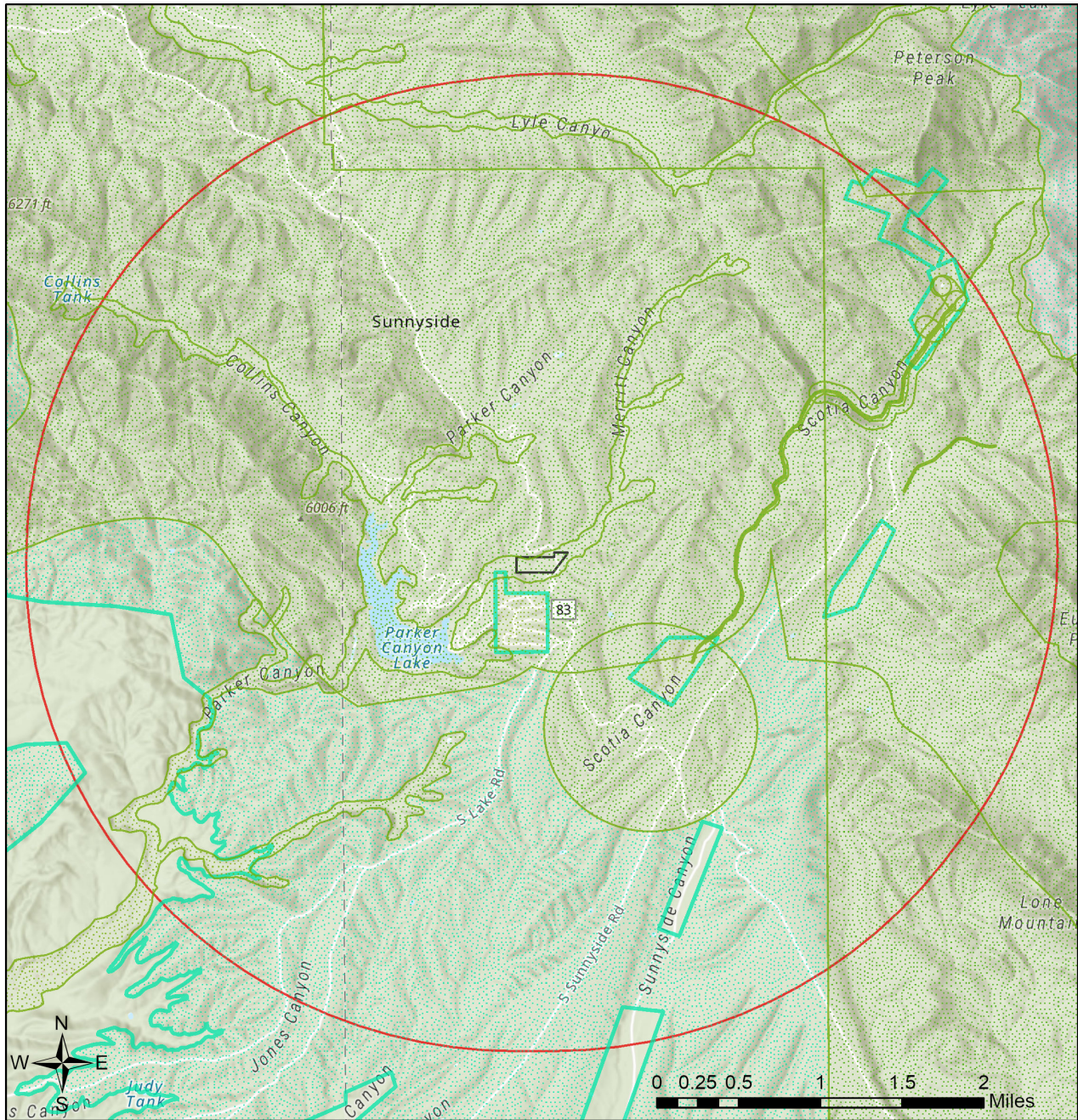
- AZ Game & Fish Dept.
- BLM
- BOR
- Indian Res.
- Military
- Mixed/Other
- National Park/Mon.

- Private
- State & Regional Parks
- State Trust
- US Forest Service
- Wildlife Area/Refuge
- Buffered Project Boundary
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Source: Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Stone Canyon Ranch RZ22-08 (Highway 83) Important Areas

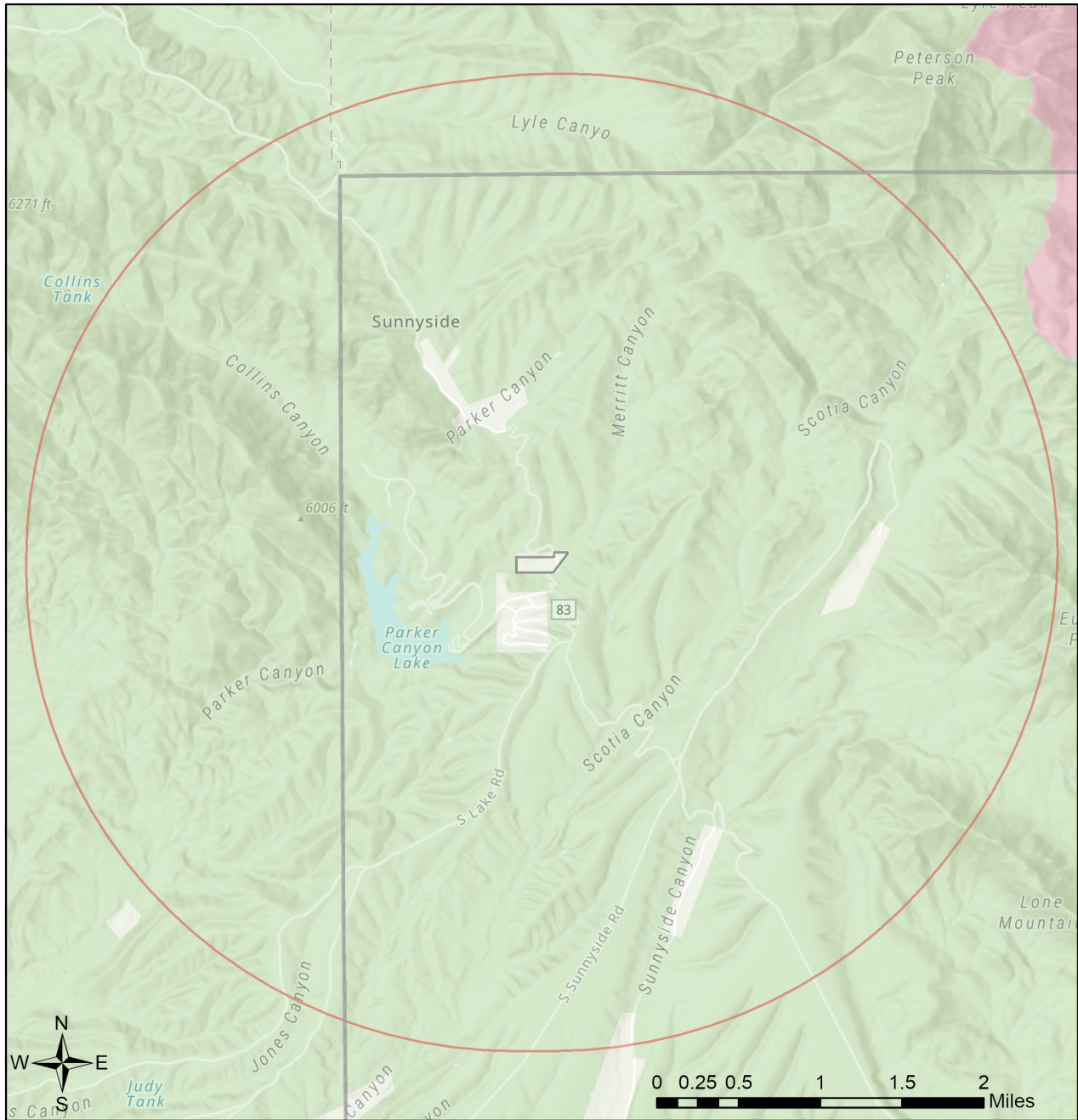


- Buffered Project Boundary
- Project Boundary
- Important Bird Areas
- Critical Habitat
- Pinal County Riparian
- Important Connectivity Zones
- Wildlife Connectivity

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Stone Canyon Ranch RZ22-08 (Highway 83) Township/Ranges and Land Ownership



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

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Special Status Species Documented within 3 Miles of Project Vicinity

| Scientific Name | Common Name | FWS | USFS | BLM | NPL | SGCN |
|---|------------------------------------|---------|------|-----|-----|------|
| <i>Accipiter gentilis</i> | Northern Goshawk | SC | S | S | | 1B |
| <i>Agathymus evansi</i> | Huachuca Giant-skipper | | S | | | |
| <i>Agosia chrysogaster chrysogaster</i> | Gila Longfin Dace | SC | | S | | 1B |
| <i>Ambystoma mavortium stebbinsi</i> | Sonoran Tiger Salamander | LE | | | | 1A |
| <i>Asclepias lemmonii</i> | Lemmon Milkweed | | S | | | |
| <i>Aspidoscelis stictogramma</i> | Giant Spotted Whiptail | SC | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Astragalus hypoxylus</i> | Huachuca Milkvetch | SC | S | S | SR | |
| <i>Carex chihuahuensis</i> | Chihuahuan Sedge | | S | | | |
| <i>Coccythraustes vespertinus</i> | Evening Grosbeak | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Coccyzus americanus</i> | Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Western DPS) | LT | S | S | | 1A |
| <i>Coursetia glabella</i> | Smooth Baby-bonnets | SC | S | | | |
| <i>Crotalus lepidus klauberi</i> | Banded Rock Rattlesnake | | | | | 1A |
| <i>Crotalus willardi willardi</i> | Arizona Ridge-nosed Rattlesnake | | S | | | 1A |
| <i>Dichromanthus michuacanus</i> | Michoacan Ladies'-tresses | | | | SR | |
| <i>Echinocereus santaritensis</i> | Santa Rita Hedgehog Cactus | | | | SR | |
| <i>Empidonax fulvifrons pygmaeus</i> | Northern Buff-breasted Flycatcher | SC | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Erigeron arisolius</i> | Arid Throne Fleabane | | S | | | |
| <i>Euphorbia macropus</i> | Woodland Spurge | SC | | | SR | |
| <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> (wintering pop.) | Bald Eagle - Winter Population | SC, BGA | S | S | | 1A |
| <i>Hyla wrightorum</i> | Arizona Treefrog | | | | | 1C |
| <i>Hypoxis mexicana</i> | Yellow Star Grass | | | | SR | |
| <i>Kinosternon sonoriense sonoriense</i> | Desert Mud Turtle | | | S | | 1B |
| <i>Lasiurus blossevillii</i> | Western Red Bat | | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Leopardus pardalis</i> | Ocelot | LE | | | | 1A |
| <i>Lilaeopsis schaffneriana</i> ssp. <i>recurva</i> | Huachuca Water-umbel | LE | | | HS | |
| <i>Lithobates chiricahuensis</i> | Chiricahua Leopard Frog | LT | | | | 1A |
| <i>Lithobates yavapaiensis</i> | Lowland Leopard Frog | SC | S | S | | 1A |
| <i>Lupinus huachucanus</i> | Huachuca Mountain Lupine | | S | | | |
| <i>Muhlenbergia palmeri</i> | Palmer's Muhly | | S | | | |
| <i>Myotis thysanodes</i> | Fringed Myotis | SC | | | | |
| <i>Myotis volans</i> | Long-legged Myotis | SC | | | | |
| <i>Panthera onca</i> | Jaguar | LE | | | | 1A |
| <i>Pectis imberbis</i> | Beardless Cinchweed | LE | S | | | |
| <i>Phemeranthus humilis</i> | Pinos Altos Flameflower | SC | S | | SR | |
| <i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis</i> | Gila Topminnow | LE | | | | 1A |
| <i>Psilactis gentryi</i> | Mexican Tansyaster | | S | | | |
| <i>Pyrgulopsis thompsoni</i> | Huachuca Springsnail | CCA | S | | | 1A |

Special Status Species Documented within 3 Miles of Project Vicinity

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|
| Samolus vagans | Chiricahua Mountain Brookweed | | S | | | |
| Sceloporus slevini | Slevin's Bunchgrass Lizard | | S | S | | 1B |
| Stevia lemmonii | Lemmon's Stevia | | S | | | |
| Strix occidentalis lucida | Mexican Spotted Owl | LT | | | | 1A |
| Tadarida brasiliensis | Brazilian Free-tailed Bat | | | | | 1B |
| Tantilla wilcoxi | Chihuahuan Black-headed Snake | | S | | | 1B |
| Thamnophis eques megalops | Northern Mexican Gartersnake | LT | S | | | 1A |
| Tragia laciniata | Sonoita Noseburn | | S | | | |
| Trogon elegans | Elegant Trogon | | S | | | 1B |
| Viola umbraticola | Ponderosa Violet | | S | | | |

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

Special Areas Documented that Intersect with Project Footprint as Drawn

| Scientific Name | Common Name | FWS | USFS | BLM | NPL | SGCN |
|-----------------------------|--|-----|------|-----|-----|------|
| CH for Coccozyus americanus | Yellow-billed Cuckoo Designated Critical Habitat | | | | | |
| CH for Panthera onca | Jaguar Designated Critical Habitat | | | | | |
| Huachuca Mountains IBA | Important Bird Area | | | | | |

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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 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|
| Agosia chrysogaster | Longfin Dace | SC | | S | | 1B |
| Amazilia violiceps | Violet-crowned Hummingbird | | S | | | 1B |
| Ambystoma mavortium stebbinsi | Sonoran Tiger Salamander | LE | | | | 1A |
| Aquila chrysaetos | Golden Eagle | BGA | | S | | 1B |
| Athene cunicularia hypugaea | Western Burrowing Owl | SC | S | S | | 1B |
| Buteo regalis | Ferruginous Hawk | SC | | S | | 1B |
| Buteo swainsoni | Swainson's Hawk | | | | | 1C |
| Callipepla squamata | Scaled Quail | | | | | 1C |
| Catostomus clarkii | Desert Sucker | SC | S | S | | 1B |
| Catostomus insignis | Sonora Sucker | SC | S | S | | 1B |
| Chordeiles minor | Common Nighthawk | | | | | 1B |
| Cistothorus palustris | Marsh Wren | | | | | 1C |
| Coccythraustes vespertinus | Evening Grosbeak | | | | | 1B |
| Coccozyus americanus | Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Western DPS) | LT | S | | | 1A |

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|---|-----------------------------------|------------|------|-----|-----|------|
| <i>Coluber bilineatus</i> | Sonoran Whipsnake | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Corynorhinus townsendii pallescens</i> | Pale Townsend's Big-eared Bat | SC | S | S | | 1B |
| <i>Craugastor augusti</i> | Barking Frog | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Crotalus lepidus</i> | Rock Rattlesnake | | | | | 1A |
| <i>Crotalus willardi</i> | Ridge-nosed Rattlesnake | PS | | | | 1A |
| <i>Cynanthus latirostris</i> | Broad-billed Hummingbird | | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i> | Black-tailed Prairie Dog | CCA | | S | | 1A |
| <i>Cyprinodon macularius</i> | Desert Pupfish | LE | | | | 1A |
| <i>Cyrtonyx montezumae</i> | Montezuma Quail | | | | | 1C |
| <i>Dipodomys spectabilis</i> | Banner-tailed Kangaroo Rat | | | S | | 1B |
| <i>Empidonax fulvifrons pygmaeus</i> | Northern Buff-breasted Flycatcher | SC | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Euderma maculatum</i> | Spotted Bat | SC | S | S | | 1B |
| <i>Eugenes fulgens</i> | Rivoli's Hummingbird | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Eumops perotis californicus</i> | Greater Western Bonneted Bat | SC | | S | | 1B |
| <i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i> | American Peregrine Falcon | SC | S | S | | 1A |
| <i>Gila intermedia</i> | Gila Chub | LE | | | | 1A |
| <i>Glaucidium gnoma gnoma</i> | Mountain Pygmy-owl | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> | Bald Eagle | SC, BGA | S | S | | 1A |
| <i>Hypsiglena sp. nov.</i> | Hooded Nightsnake | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Incilius alvarius</i> | Sonoran Desert Toad | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Junco phaeonotus</i> | Yellow-eyed Junco | | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Kinosternon sonoriense sonoriense</i> | Desert Mud Turtle | | | S | | 1B |
| <i>Lampornis clemenciae</i> | Blue-throated Hummingbird | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Lampropeltis nigrita</i> | Mexican Black Kingsnake | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Lasiurus blossevillii</i> | Western Red Bat | | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Lasiurus xanthinus</i> | Western Yellow Bat | | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Leopardus pardalis</i> | Ocelot | LE | | | | 1A |
| <i>Leptonycteris yerbabuenae</i> | Lesser Long-nosed Bat | SC | | | | 1A |
| <i>Lithobates chiricahuensis</i> | Chiricahua Leopard Frog | LT | | | | 1A |
| <i>Megascops trichopsis</i> | Whiskered Screech-owl | | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Meleagris gallopavo mexicana</i> | Gould's Turkey | | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Melospiza lincolni</i> | Lincoln's Sparrow | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Micrathene whitneyi</i> | Elf Owl | | | | | 1C |
| <i>Micruroides euryxanthus</i> | Sonoran Coralsnake | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i> | Dusky-capped Flycatcher | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i> | Brown-crested Flycatcher | | | | | 1C |
| <i>Myiodynastes luteiventris</i> | Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher | | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Myotis occultus</i> | Arizona Myotis | SC | | S | | 1B |

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 |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------|------|-----|-----|------|
| <i>Myotis velifer</i> | Cave Myotis | SC | | S | | 1B |
| <i>Myotis yumanensis</i> | Yuma Myotis | SC | | | | 1B |
| <i>Notiosorex cockrumi</i> | Cockrum's Desert Shrew | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Nyctinomops femorosaccus</i> | Pocketed Free-tailed Bat | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Odocoileus virginianus</i> | White-tailed Deer | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i> | Sage Thrasher | | | | | 1C |
| <i>Pachyramphus aglaiae</i> | Rose-throated Becard | | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Panthera onca</i> | Jaguar | LE | | | | 1A |
| <i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i> | Savannah Sparrow | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Patagioenas fasciata</i> | Band-tailed Pigeon | | | | | 1C |
| <i>Picoides arizonae</i> | Arizona Woodpecker | | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis</i> | Gila Topminnow | LE | | | | 1A |
| <i>Pyrgulopsis thompsoni</i> | Huachuca Springsnail | CCA | S | | | 1A |
| <i>Sceloporus slevini</i> | Slevin's Bunchgrass Lizard | | S | S | | 1B |
| <i>Sciurus arizonensis</i> | Arizona Gray Squirrel | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Setophaga petechia</i> | Yellow Warbler | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Sialia sialis fulva</i> | Azure Bluebird | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Sorex arizonae</i> | Arizona Shrew | SC | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Sphyrapicus nuchalis</i> | Red-naped Sapsucker | | | | | 1C |
| <i>Sphyrapicus thyroideus</i> | Williamson's Sapsucker | | | | | 1C |
| <i>Spizella atrogularis</i> | Black-chinned Sparrow | | | | | 1C |
| <i>Strix occidentalis lucida</i> | Mexican Spotted Owl | LT | | | | 1A |
| <i>Sturnella magna</i> | Eastern Meadowlark | | | | | 1C |
| <i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i> | Brazilian Free-tailed Bat | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Tantilla wilcoxi</i> | Chihuahuan Black-headed Snake | | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Terrapene ornata</i> | Ornate Box Turtle | | | | | 1A |
| <i>Thamnophis eques megalops</i> | Northern Mexican Gartersnake | LT | S | | | 1A |
| <i>Thomomys umbrinus intermedius</i> | Southern Pocket Gopher | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Troglodytes pacificus</i> | Pacific Wren | | | | | 1B |
| <i>Trogon elegans</i> | Elegant Trogon | | S | | | 1B |
| <i>Vulpes macrotis</i> | 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 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|
| <i>Cyrtonyx montezumae</i> | Montezuma Quail | | | | | 1C |
| <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i> | Wild Turkey | | | | | |
| <i>Odocoileus virginianus</i> | White-tailed Deer | | | | | 1B |

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

| Scientific Name | Common Name | FWS | USFS | BLM | NPL | SGCN |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|
| Patagioenas fasciata | Band-tailed Pigeon | | | | | 1C |
| Pecari tajacu | Javelina | | | | | |
| Puma concolor | Mountain Lion | | | | | |
| Ursus americanus | American Black Bear | | | | | |
| Zenaida asiatica | White-winged Dove | | | | | |
| Zenaida macroura | Mourning Dove | | | | | |

Project Type: Development Outside Municipalities (Rural Development), Residential subdivision and associated infrastructure, New construction

Project Type Recommendations:

Fence recommendations will be dependant upon the goals of the fence project and the wildlife species expected to be impacted by the project. General guidelines for ensuring wildlife-friendly fences include: barbless wire on the top and bottom with the maximum fence height 42", minimum height for bottom 16". Modifications to this design may be considered for fencing anticipated to be routinely encountered by elk, bighorn sheep or pronghorn (e.g., Pronghorn fencing would require 18" minimum height on the bottom). Please refer to the Department's Fencing Guidelines located on Wildlife Friendly Guidelines page, which is part of the Wildlife Planning button at <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/planning/wildlifeguidelines/>.

During the planning stages of your project, please consider the local or regional needs of wildlife in regards to movement, connectivity, and access to habitat needs. Loss of this permeability prevents wildlife from accessing resources, finding mates, reduces gene flow, prevents wildlife from re-colonizing areas where local extirpations may have occurred, and ultimately prevents wildlife from contributing to ecosystem functions, such as pollination, seed dispersal, control of prey numbers, and resistance to invasive species. In many cases, streams and washes provide natural movement corridors for wildlife and should be maintained in their natural state. Uplands also support a large diversity of species, and should be contained within important wildlife movement corridors. In addition, maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem functions can be facilitated through improving designs of structures, fences, roadways, and culverts to promote passage for a variety of wildlife. Guidelines for many of these can be found at: <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/planning/wildlifeguidelines/>.

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>.

- To build a list: zoom to your area of interest, use the identify/measure tool to draw a polygon around your area of interest, and select "See What's Here" for a list of reported species. To export the list, you must have an account and be logged in. You can then use the export tool to draw a boundary and export the records in a csv file.

The construction or maintenance of water developments should include: incorporation of aspects of the natural environment and the visual resources, maintaining the water for a variety of species, water surface area (e.g., bats require a greater area due to in-flight drinking), accessibility, year-round availability, minimizing potential for water quality problems, frequency of flushing, shading of natural features, regular clean-up of debris, escape ramps, minimizing obstacles, and minimizing accumulation of silt and mud.

Minimization and mitigation of impacts to wildlife and fish species due to changes in water quality, quantity, chemistry, temperature, and alteration to flow regimes (timing, magnitude, duration, and frequency of floods) should be evaluated. Minimize impacts to springs, in-stream flow, and consider irrigation improvements to decrease water use. If dredging is a project component, consider timing of the project in order to minimize impacts to spawning fish and other aquatic species (include spawning seasons), and to reduce spread of exotic invasive species. We recommend early direct coordination with Project Evaluation Program for projects that could impact water resources, wetlands, streams, springs, and/or riparian habitats.

The Department recommends that wildlife surveys are conducted to determine if noise-sensitive species occur within the project area. Avoidance or minimization measures could include conducting project activities outside of breeding seasons.

Based on the project type entered, coordination with State Historic Preservation Office may be required (<http://azstateparks.com/SHPO/index.html>).

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 herptefuna (snakes, lizards, tortoise) from entering ditches.

Communities can actively support the sustainability and mobility of wildlife by incorporating wildlife planning into their regional/comprehensive plans, their regional transportation plans, and their open space/conservation land system programs. An effective approach to wildlife planning begins with the identification of the wildlife resources in need of protection, an assessment of important habitat blocks and connective corridors, and the incorporation of these critical wildlife components into the community plans and programs. Community planners should identify open spaces and habitat blocks that can be maintained in their area, and the necessary connections between those blocks to be preserved or protected. Community planners should also work with State and local transportation planning entities, and planners from other communities, to foster coordination and cooperation in developing compatible development plans to ensure wildlife habitat connectivity. The Department's guidelines for incorporating wildlife considerations into community planning and developments can be found on the Wildlife Friendly Guidelines portion of the Wildlife Planning page at <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/planning/wildlifeguidelines/>.

Design culverts to minimize impacts to channel geometry, or design channel geometry (low flow, overbank, floodplains) and substrates to carry expected discharge using local drainages of appropriate size as templates. Reduce/minimize barriers to allow movement of amphibians or fish (e.g., eliminate falls). Also for terrestrial wildlife, washes and stream corridors often provide important corridors for movement. Overall culvert width, height, and length should be optimized for movement of the greatest number and diversity of species expected to utilize the passage. Culvert designs should consider moisture, light, and noise, while providing clear views at both ends to maximize utilization. For many species, fencing is an important design feature that can be utilized with culverts to funnel wildlife into these areas and minimize the potential for roadway collisions. Guidelines for culvert designs to facilitate wildlife passage can be found on the home page of this application at <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/planning/wildlifeguidelines/>.

Based on the project type entered, coordination with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality may be required (<http://www.azdeq.gov/>).

Based on the project type entered, coordination with Arizona Department of Water Resources may be required (<https://new.azwater.gov/>).

Based on the project type entered, coordination with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may be required (<http://www.usace.army.mil/>)

Based on the project type entered, coordination with County Flood Control district(s) may be required.

Development plans should provide for open natural space for wildlife movement, while also minimizing the potential for wildlife-human interactions through design features. Please contact Project Evaluation Program for more information on living with urban wildlife at PEP@azgfd.gov or at <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/planning/wildlifeguidelines/> and <https://www.azgfd.com/Wildlife/LivingWith>.

Vegetation restoration projects (including treatments of invasive or exotic species) should have a completed site-evaluation plan (identifying environmental conditions necessary to re-establish native vegetation), a revegetation plan (species, density, method of establishment), a short and long-term monitoring plan, including adaptive management guidelines to address needs for replacement vegetation.

The Department requests further coordination to provide project/species specific recommendations, please contact Project Evaluation Program directly at PEP@azgfd.gov.

Project Location and/or Species Recommendations:

HDMS records indicate that one or more native plants listed on the **Arizona Native Plant Law and Antiquities Act** have been documented within the vicinity of your project area. Please contact:

Arizona Department of Agriculture

1688 W Adams St.

Phoenix, AZ 85007

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<https://agriculture.az.gov/sites/default/files/Native%20Plant%20Rules%20-%20AZ%20Dept%20of%20Ag.pdf> starts on page 44

HDMS records indicate that **Chiricahua Leopard Frogs** have been documented within the vicinity of your project area. Please review the Chiricahua Leopard Frog Management Guidelines found

at: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/azgfd-portal-](https://s3.amazonaws.com/azgfd-portal-wordpress/PortallImages/files/wildlife/planningFor/wildlifeFriendlyGuidelines/FINALLithchirHabitatGdlns.pdf)

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The analysis has detected one or more **Important Bird Areas** within your project vicinity. Please see http://aziba.org/?page_id=38 for details about the Important Bird Area(s) identified in the report.

HDMS records indicate that one or more **Listed, Proposed, or Candidate** species or **Critical Habitat** (Designated or Proposed) have been documented in the vicinity of your project. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) gives the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regulatory authority over all federally listed species. Please contact USFWS Ecological Services Offices at <https://www.fws.gov/office/arizona-ecological-services> or:

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