



Agency Comment Summary

Fort Huachuca:

No concerns at this time.

Engineering and Natural Resources:

1. The parcel is located within FEMA Zone X. A FPUP is not required. Should the regulatory floodplain be more than 500cfs, then a FPUP may be necessary.
2. Since less than one (1)-acre is proposed for clearing at this time, a drainage analysis is not required. However, in the future, if the cumulative development exceeds the one-acre threshold, then a drainage analysis for the entire site will be required
3. Drainage flow paths were not depicted on the site plan.
4. The tower concrete base should be a minimum of one-foot above the highest adjacent ground.
5. Should any development of this property create any adverse affects to the parcel, property lines, adjacent properties, adjacent roadways, etc. is the responsibility of the property owner for proper correction

Game and Fish:

See attached.

SSVEC:

No comments

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Subject: **Fort Huachuca Response** Transmittal SU-22-29 (Acacia)
Date: Friday, December 30, 2022 7:39:51 AM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Good morning, Robert,

Based on the information provided and feedback received from our internal staffing, we have no issues or concerns at this time.

Please confirm receipt as this meets S: 2Jan 2023.

Stay safe and Happy New Year!

Cheri

Kind Regards,

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December 22, 2022

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Electronically submitted to RKirschmann@cochise.az.gov

Re: Review of the SU-22-29 (Acacia) telecommunications project

Dear Mr. Kirschmann:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) reviewed your Project Evaluation Request dated December 8, 2022, regarding the proposed construction of a 34-foot-tall telecommunications tower and related equipment on a 4-acre parcel in Benson, Arizona. The site is currently Chihuahuan desert scrub and desert grassland with some existing structures.

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

- 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. If vegetation removal/trimming is required, the Department recommends conducting this work outside of the breeding season, which in the project vicinity is generally mid-February through September for most species and January through June for raptors. If vegetation removal will occur during the breeding season, the Department recommends contacting the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](https://www.fws.gov/)¹ (USFWS) for technical assistance and options to comply with the MBTA.
- Arizona Species of Greatest Conservation Need have the potential to occur within the project area. If wildlife are encountered while working in the project area, the Department recommends moving them outside of the construction area, no more than 100 feet outside the project boundary in similar habitat.
- 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, which can be short lateral trenches or wooden planks sloping 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.

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

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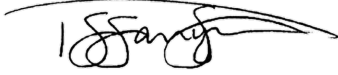
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The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide an evaluation of impacts to wildlife or wildlife habitats associated with the SU-22-29 (Acacia) telecommunications project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (623) 236-7222 and visit our [website](#)² for additional guidelines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tiffany Sprague', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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Arizona Game and Fish Department

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² <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/planning/wildlifeguidelines/>