



MEMORANDUM

TO: Cochise County Planning and Zoning Commission
FROM: Robert Kirschmann, Planner II
FOR: Daniel Coxworth AICP, Development Services Director
SUBJECT: SU 23-13 (Sybil Airstrip), Application for a Special Use Authorization
DATE: June 1, 2023, for the June 14 2023, Meeting

DRT AND AGENCY COMMENTS DOCKET SU 23-13

On May 4, 2023, the Development Review Team for the County and relevant external agencies was transmitted case information for their review. Reviewers were given until May 26, 2023 to respond. At that time, they 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, Floodplain:

1. If the proposal includes clearing more than one acre, a drainage analysis, a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, Consent to remove Native Plants, etc. is required. Refer to the County Review Checklist that was uploaded into Citizen Serve (May 12, 2023) for a complete list of requirement;
2. A Site Plan, Grading Plan, Drainage Analysis, etc. prepared by an Arizona registered professional civil engineer, may be required;
3. A Floodplain Use Permit (FPUP) may be required;
4. The applicant is aware that additional comments may be forthcoming.

Cochise County ROW:

1. No additional ROW is required.
2. Right-of Way permit needed.
3. Chipseal driveway or better required at Sybil Road.

Cochise County Building: No comments received.

Cochise County Attorney's Office: No comments received.

Cochise County Environmental Health: No need for review

Cochise County Sheriff's Office: No comments received.

Sulfur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative: SSVEC has no special conditions to submit regarding this special use permit request. If the property owner/applicant requires an upgrade in service or a new line extension, please have them refer to the Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative website at www.ssvec.org then the "Services" tab for information about Service Conditions, Service Entrance Requirements, how to establish a new service, and for Line Extension/New Service Applications. They can also contact our Willcox/Benson Engineering Services Representatives for assistance at 520-384-5469.

Kinder Morgan/EPNG: No conditions.

Arizona Game and Fish: Attached

National Resources Defense Council: No comments received.

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality: No comments received.

State Lands Department:

1. Requested a condition for fencing to keep cattle of the runway and the use is surrounded by State Land with grazing leases.

Arizona Department of Water Resources: No comments received.

Saint David Fire: Questions about fuel storage but no conditions requested.

From: [Lopez, Gabe A](#)
To: [Kirschmann, Robert](#)
Subject: RE: Transmittal for SU23-13 (Sybil Airstrip)
Date: Friday, May 12, 2023 11:45:40 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Robert,

No further ROW is needed.

Thank you,



Gabriel Lopez
Right-of-Way Agent
Engineering & Natural Resources
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520-432-9333

From: Kirschmann, Robert <RKirschmann@cochise.az.gov>
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Cochise County Engineering and Natural Resources/Floodplain Division checks

Prior to construction start-up (and disturbed construction/proposed area is equal to or greater than one (1) acre), proposed to be altered or disturbed or where imperviousness increases more than fifty (50%) percent from the existing conditions (if parcel is less than an acre), a drainage analysis will be required.

This report shall be certified by an Arizona Registered Professional Civil Engineer.

- A Clearing Permit must be obtained from Cochise County. Please contact: <https://www.cochise.az.gov/development-services/home>. The drainage analysis will be forwarded to the Cochise County Engineering Department/Floodplain Division for review and approval
- A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) may be required from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) if outside of Cochise County's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). This will also include a Notice of Intent (NOI) to clear land. A copy of the NOI must be submitted to Cochise County. For more information, please contact: <https://azdeq.gov/AZPDES/CGP>
- If the area to be disturbed is within the Cochise County MS4 area, a copy of the SWPP will be required to be submitted to The Cochise County Engineering Department/Floodplain Division for review and approval per Cochise County's Stormwater Ordinance.
 - Check if your area is within Cochise County's MS4 area. Go to: <https://cochise.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=cb4fc995f40043e29e665d9e88007f08>, enter you parcel number/s, click on the layers list and check the USA Urban Areas (MS4) and incorporated Limit layers.
 - If your project is within Unincorporated Cochise County, the SWPPP requirements shall follow Cochise County Stormwater Ordinance: <https://www.cochise.az.gov/DocumentCenter/View/798/Stormwater-Ordinance-PDF>
- A Notice to Clear Native Plants may be obtained from the Arizona Department of Agriculture and a copy submitted to Cochise County. For more information, please contact: <https://agriculture.az.gov/plantsproduce/native-plants>
- A Drainage Analysis will be required. This includes, but not limited to, Grading Plans, Site Plans, and Drainage Reports prepared by an Arizona Registered Civil Engineer. Please contact the Cochise County Engineering and Natural Resources Department for a copy of the Floodplain Regulations for Cochise County (December 2015) or download from: <https://www.cochise.az.gov/DocumentCenter/View/735/Floodplain-Regulations-PDF>
 - As a part of the Drainage Analysis, the engineer shall demonstrate that no adverse impacts (increases in water Surface Elevation or increases in velocity) to adjacent parcels, or adjacent roads shall occur due to the proposed development. Refer to Section 5.1.D of the Cochise County Floodplain Regulations (2015). If a/multiple detention/retention basin/s is/are proposed, the increase in stormwater runoff shall be detained/retained on site to meet the adverse impact requirement. Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) Requirement for Floodplain and Floodway Delineation in Riverine Environments (SS-2-96) shall be followed. Contact the Floodplain Administrator for allowable methods or if methods proposed are acceptable.
 - Section 5.6, of the Cochise County Floodplain Regulations, states that any land disturbance that occurs within a regulatory floodplain (Q100> 500cfs) or FEMA special flood hazard area requires a Floodplain Use Permit (FPUP).

- Any residential and or commercial development shall require that finished floors shall be elevated a minimum of one (1) foot above the determined water surface elevation from the drainage analysis.
 - Erosion hazard setbacks shall follow Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) State Standard for Watercourse System Sediment Balance (SS5-96) or Standards Manual for Drainage Design and Floodplain Management in Tucson, Arizona, City of Tucson Department of Transportation, Engineering Division, 1989.
 - Bank Stabilization shall follow ADWR State Standard for Watercourse Bank Stabilization (SS7-98). Standards Manual for Drainage Design and Floodplain Management in Tucson, Arizona, City of Tucson, 1989, may also be used for Rip-Rap and/or concrete structures.
- If Dry wells are proposed for retaining water onsite Starting September 24, 2022, NEW drywells and drywells wishing to MODIFY will need to be “inventoried” with EPA. The myDEQ application and the website will provide the required links to the EPA website for an easy transition:
<https://www.epa.gov/uic/forms/underground-injection-well-registration-epas-pacific-southwest-region-9#form>
For more information through ADEQ Drywell Registration see their website:
https://azdeq.gov/drywell_registration

When these items are submitted, then the review process will begin.

From: [Sims, Kelley B \(Kelley\)](#)
To: [Kirschmann, Robert](#)
Subject: RE: Transmittal for SU23-13 (Sybil Airstrip)
Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023 4:08:10 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Hi Robert,
Neither EPNG nor SFPP (i.e. Kinder Morgan) have any pipelines on this property, or any objections to the project.
Thank you,

Kelley

Kelley Sims, SR/WA
Senior ROW Agent



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Subject: Transmittal for SU23-13 (Sybil Airstrip)

Good afternoon,

Attached, please find a transmittal and complete application to legitimize an airstrip near Saint David. Please provide any comments no later than May 26, 2023.

From: [Brent Webb](#)
To: [Kirschmann, Robert](#)
Subject: Re: SU23-13 - Sybil airstrip
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:47:56 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Robert,

We would only be using this airstrip for daytime operations as there is no electricity on site. The runway would be cleared of cattle prior to any landings that would occur. The current lease holder of that state land uses his aircraft to herd and spot his cattle and has been landing there for years without incident.

Thanks,

Brent

On May 11, 2023, at 12:36 PM, Kirschmann, Robert
<RKirschmann@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

Please see state land comments. It is likely that we will condition the project to fence the runway as a result.

Have you had communications with the FAA yet?

Robert Kirschmann

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GIS Online Map: [INFOMap](#)

APPLY ONLINE: [CITIZEN SERVE](#)

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From: Rhonda Buss <rbuss@azland.gov>
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To: Kirschmann, Robert <RKirschmann@cochise.az.gov>
Cc: Karen Dada <kdada@azland.gov>
Subject: SU23-13 - Sybil airstrip

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Dear Robert Kirschmann,

Thank you for public notice for SU23-13 regarding a proposed airstrip. ASLD's manages and seeks to optimize the value of State Trust Land (STL) on behalf of the beneficiaries. Even though the adjacent STL is currently undeveloped, it may be developed in the future and ASLD's offers the comments below.

- There are active grazing leases on the surrounding State Trust Land; therefore, ASLD recommends a stipulation to fence the airstrip and associated uses to prevent impact to livestock.
- Would the proposed air strip result in height restrictions, setbacks or impact allowable uses on neighboring properties? ASLD requests that the airstrip should be located such that any necessary clearance zones are located within the bounds of the property, and do not negatively impact current or future uses on neighboring properties.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Rhonda Buss, AICP | Planner III

Arizona State Land Department

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May 23, 2023

Mr. Robert Kirschmann
Cochise County Community Development
Development Services Department
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Electronically submitted to RKirschmann@cochise.az.gov

Re: Review of the SU23-13 (Sybil Airstrip) Cochise County project

Dear Mr. Kirschmann

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) reviewed the Project Evaluation Request dated May 4, 2023, regarding the proposed Cochise County issuance of a special use permit for a potentially new airstrip in Cochise County on native desert land adjacent to washes.

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

- Minimize impacts to vegetation to prevent excess erosion and sedimentation from entering adjacent washes.
- Ensure spill and leaks are promptly cleaned up to prevent impacts to surface water quality.
- 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](#) regulations¹. 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.
- Please review the attached Arizona's Online Environmental Review Tool report (HGIS-19267) generated on May 18, 2023 that provides additional recommendations and contact information.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide an evaluation of impacts to wildlife or wildlife habitats associated with the SU23-13 (Sybil Airstrip) project. If you have any questions

¹ <https://agriculture.az.gov/plantsproduce/native-plants>

regarding this letter, please contact me at (623) 236-7513 and visit our [website](#)² for additional guidelines.

Sincerely,



Tracy C. Bazelman
Project Evaluation Program Specialist, Habitat Branch
Arizona Game and Fish Department

AZGFD #M23-05055136

² <https://live-azgfd-main.pantheonsite.io/wildlife-conservation/planning-for-wildlife/planning-for-wildlife-wildlife-friendly-guidelines/>

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:

SU23-13 (Sybil Airstrip) Cochise County

Project Description:

SU23-13 (Sybil Airstrip) Cochise County

Project Type:

Transportation & Infrastructure, Airports, Construction of new runways, terminals/concourses, other facilities

Contact Person:

Tracy C. Bazelman

Organization:

AZGFD

On Behalf Of:

COCHISE

Project ID:

HGIS-19267

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. Arizona Wildlife Conservation Strategy (AWCS), specifically Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN), 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.

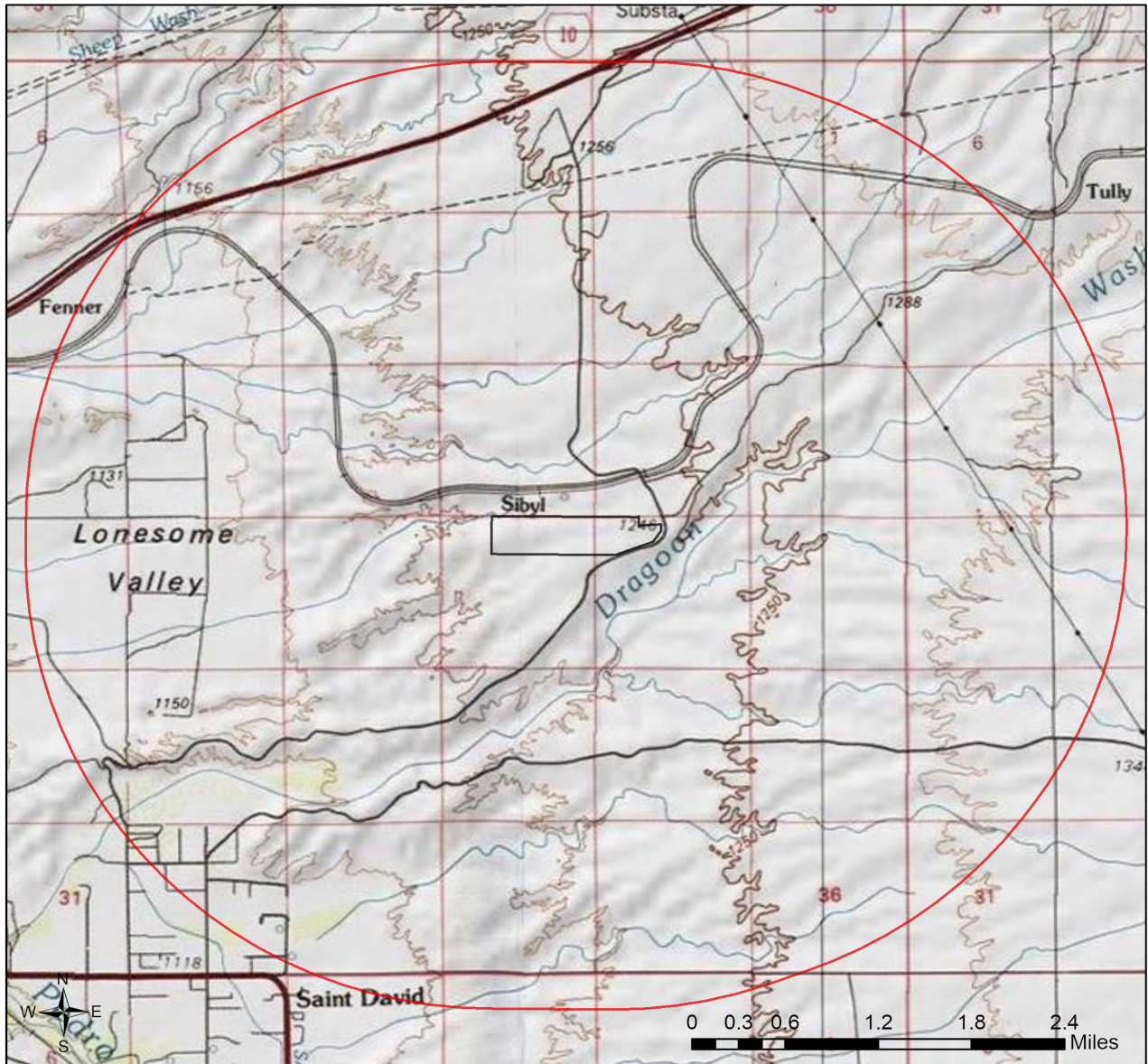
Locations Accuracy Disclaimer:



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

SU23-13 (Sybil Airstrip) Cochise County USA Topo Basemap With Locator Map



-  Buffered Project Boundary
-  Project Boundary

Project Size (acres): 159.69

Lat/Long (DD): 31.9471 / -110.1817

County(s): Cochise

AGFD Region(s): Tucson

Township/Range(s): T17S, R21E

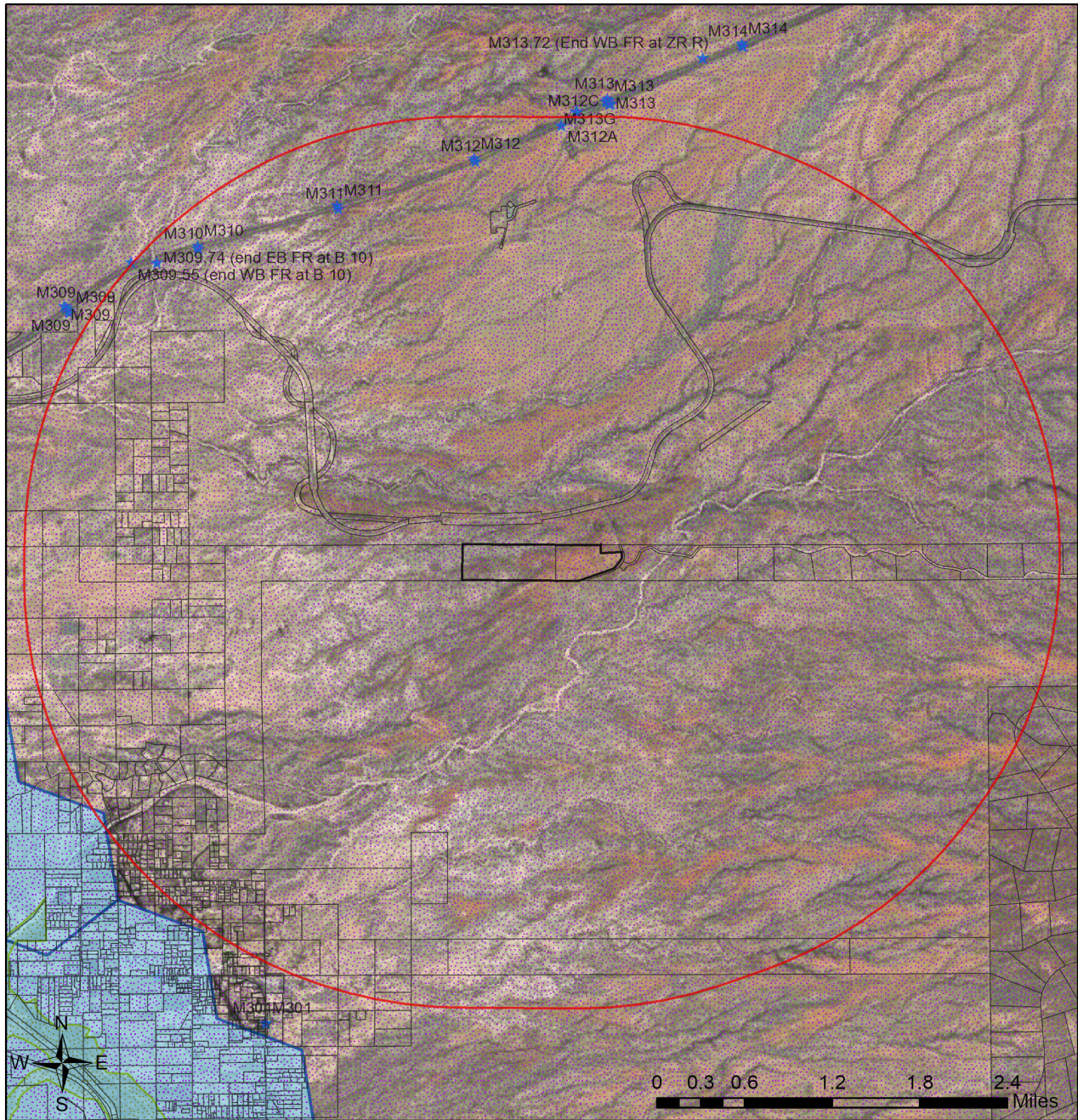
USGS Quad(s): SAINT DAVID

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



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Web Map As Submitted By User

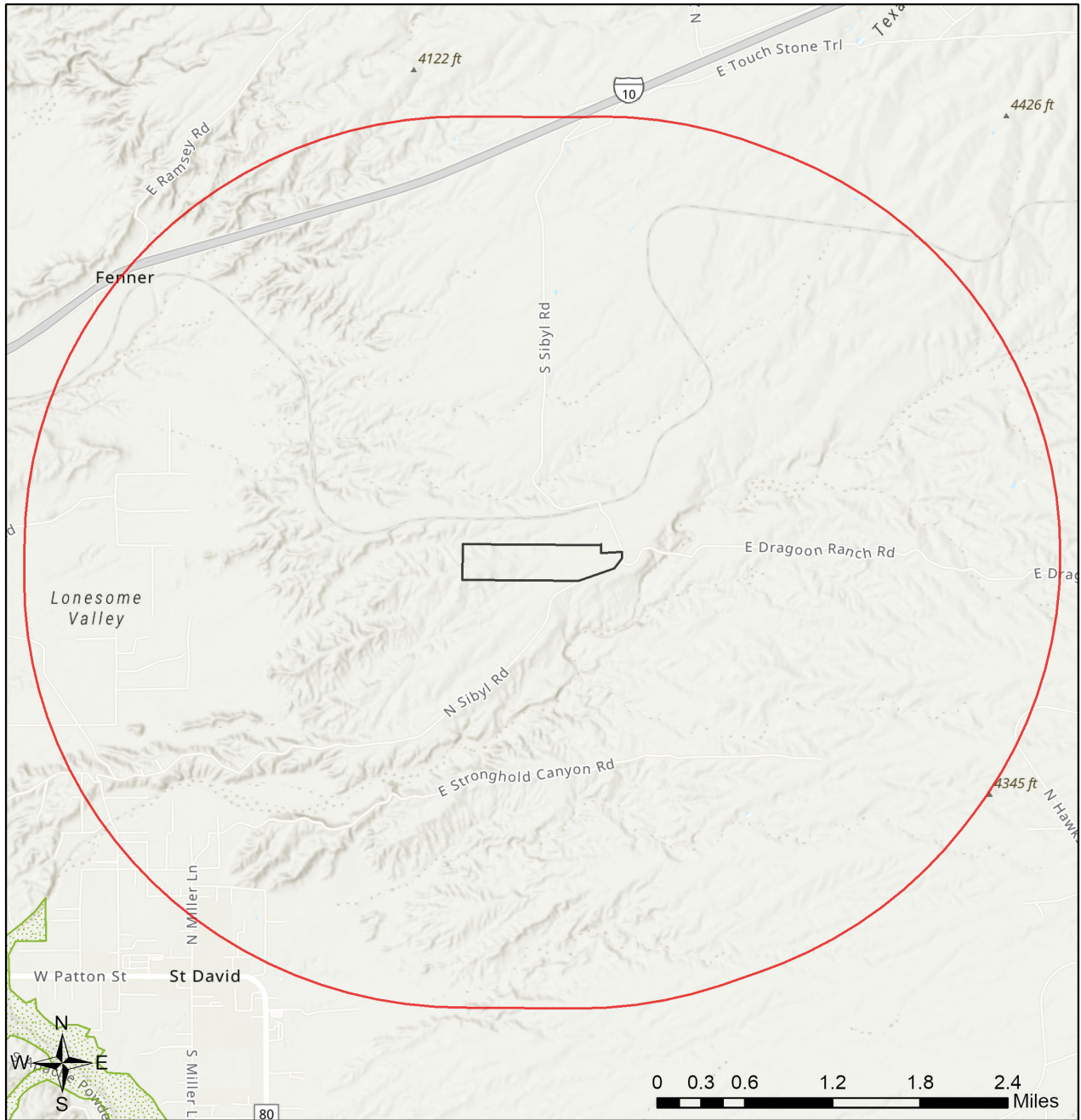


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| id_cochise | Proposed OHV Trail |
| Critical Habitat | Proposed Open Space |
| Important Bird Areas | Existing/Planned Open Space |
| Special Areas | Existing/Planned/ Proposed Regional Park |
| Aquatic | Restricted Use Open Space |
| Terrestrial | Earth Fissures (AZGS) |
| Pinal County Riparian | A |
| Existing/Planned Multi-Use Trail Corr | AE |
| Proposed Multi-Use Trail Corridor | AH |
| Adopted County Trail Corridor | AO |
| Planned/Existing OHV Trail | D |
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SU23-13 (Sybil Airstrip) Cochise County Important Areas

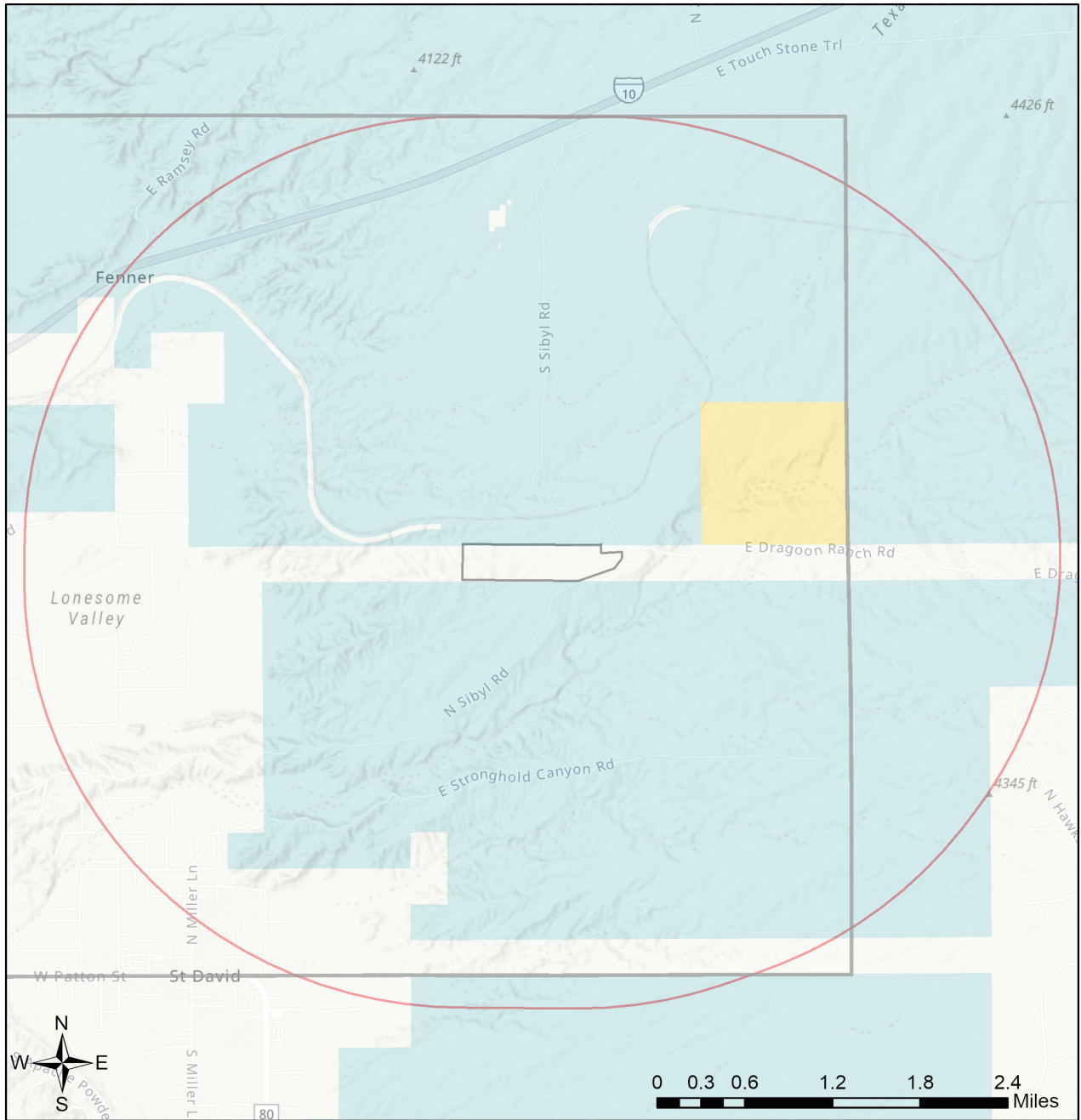


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SU23-13 (Sybil Airstrip) Cochise County Township/Ranges and Land Ownership



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

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Special Status Species Documented within 3 Miles of Project Vicinity

Scientific Name	Common Name	FWS	USFS	BLM	NPL	SGCN
Danaus plexippus	Monarch	C		S		
Terrapene ornata luteola	Desert Box Turtle			S		

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
Accipiter gentilis	Northern Goshawk	SC	S	S		2
Ammodramus savannarum ammolegus	Arizona grasshopper sparrow					
Ammodramus savannarum perpallidus	Western Grasshopper Sparrow					
Anthus spragueii	Sprague's Pipit	SC				2
Aquila chrysaetos	Golden Eagle			S		2
Artemisiospiza nevadensis	Sagebrush Sparrow					
Asio otus	Long-eared Owl					2
Aspidoscelis sonora	Sonoran Spotted Whiptail					2
Athene cunicularia hypugaea	Western Burrowing Owl	SC	S	S		2
Auriparus flaviceps	Verdin					2
Baeolophus ridgwayi	Juniper Titmouse					
Buteo regalis	Ferruginous Hawk	SC		S		2
Buteo swainsoni	Swainson's Hawk					2
Buteogallus anthracinus	Common Black Hawk					2
Calcarius ornatus	Chestnut-collared Longspur					2
Callipepla squamata	Scaled Quail					2
Calypte costae	Costa's Hummingbird					2
Camptostoma imberbe	Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet		S			2
Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus	Cactus Wren					2
Catharus ustulatus	Swainson's Thrush					2
Chaetodipus baileyi	Bailey's Pocket Mouse					2
Choeronycteris mexicana	Mexican Long-tongued Bat	SC	S	S		2
Chordeiles minor	Common Nighthawk					2
Coccyzus americanus	Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Western DPS)					
Colaptes chrysoides	Gilded Flicker			S		2
Coluber bilineatus	Sonoran Whipsnake					2
Columbina inca	Inca Dove					2

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Scientific Name	Common Name	FWS	USFS	BLM	NPL	SGCN
<i>Corvus cryptoleucus</i>	Chihuahuan Raven					2
<i>Corynorhinus townsendii pallescens</i>	Pale Townsend's Big-eared Bat	SC	S	S		1
<i>Cynanthus latirostris</i>	Broad-billed Hummingbird		S			2
<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	Black-tailed Prairie Dog	CCA		S		1
<i>Elgaria kingii</i>	Madrean Alligator Lizard					2
<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	Southwestern Willow Flycatcher					
<i>Empidonax wrightii</i>	Gray Flycatcher					2
<i>Eumops perotis californicus</i>	Greater Western Bonneted Bat					
<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	Prairie Falcon					2
<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>	American Peregrine Falcon					
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel					2
<i>Gopherus morafkai</i>	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	CCA	S	S		1
<i>Haemorhous cassinii</i>	Cassin's Finch					2
<i>Heloderma suspectum</i>	Gila Monster					1
<i>Hypsiglena sp. nov.</i>	Hooded Nightsnake					2
<i>Icterus bullockii</i>	Bullock's Oriole					2
<i>Incilius alvarius</i>	Sonoran Desert Toad					2
<i>Kinosternon sonoriense sonoriense</i>	Desert Mud Turtle					
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Loggerhead Shrike	SC				2
<i>Lasiurus blossevillii</i>	Western Red Bat		S			2
<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	Hoary Bat					2
<i>Lasiurus xanthinus</i>	Western Yellow Bat		S			2
<i>Leptonycteris yerbabuenae</i>	Lesser Long-nosed Bat	SC				1
<i>Lithobates chiricahuensis</i>	Chiricahua Leopard Frog	LT				1
<i>Lithobates yavapaiensis</i>	Lowland Leopard Frog	SC	S	S		1
<i>Megascops kennicottii</i>	Western Screech-owl					
<i>Melanerpes uropygialis</i>	Gila Woodpecker					2
<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	Lincoln's Sparrow					2
<i>Micruroides euryxanthus</i>	Sonoran Coralsnake					2
<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	Townsend's Solitaire					2
<i>Myotis auriculus</i>	Southwestern Myotis					2
<i>Myotis thysanodes</i>	Fringed Myotis	SC				2
<i>Myotis velifer</i>	Cave Myotis	SC		S		2
<i>Myotis yumanensis</i>	Yuma Myotis	SC				2
<i>Notiosorex cockrumi</i>	Cockrum's Desert Shrew					2
<i>Nyctinomops femorosaccus</i>	Pocketed Free-tailed Bat					2
<i>Nyctinomops macrotis</i>	Big Free-tailed Bat	SC				2
<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	Harris's Hawk					2
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Savannah Sparrow					2

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
Peucaea botterii arizonae	Arizona Botteri's Sparrow			S		2
Peucaea carpalis	Rufous-winged Sparrow					2
Phrynosoma solare	Regal Horned Lizard					2
Poocetes gramineus	Vesper Sparrow					2
Ramosomyia violiceps	Violet-crowned Hummingbird					
Sciurus arizonensis	Arizona Gray Squirrel					2
Spizella breweri	Brewer's Sparrow					2
Tadarida brasiliensis	Brazilian Free-tailed Bat					
Terrapene ornata	Ornate Box Turtle				S	1
Troglodytes pacificus	Pacific Wren					2

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					
Odocoileus hemionus	Mule Deer					
Patagioenas fasciata	Band-tailed Pigeon					
Pecari tajacu	Javelina					
Puma concolor	Mountain Lion					
Zenaida asiatica	White-winged Dove					
Zenaida macroura	Mourning Dove					

Project Type: Transportation & Infrastructure, Airports, Construction of new runways, terminals/concourses, other facilities

Project Type Recommendations:

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.

Consider tower designs and/or modifications that reduce or eliminate impacts to migratory birds (i.e. free standing, minimally lighted structures).

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 (<https://azstateparks.com/>).

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 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.

Based on the project type entered, coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Migratory Bird Treaty Act) may be required (<https://www.fws.gov/office/arizona-ecological-services>).

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

From: [Ruth Bigelow](#)
To: [Kirschmann, Robert](#)
Subject: RE: Transmittal for SU23-13 (Sybil Airstrip)
Date: Friday, May 5, 2023 8:43:35 AM

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Good Morning,

SSVEC has no concerns or conditions to submit for this special use permit request.

If the property owner/applicant requires an upgrade in service or a new line extension, please have them refer to the Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative website at www.ssvvec.org then the "Services" tab for information about Service Conditions, Service Entrance Requirements, how to establish a new service, and for Line Extension/New Service Applications.

They can also contact one of our Engineering Services Representatives for assistance:

- o Sierra Vista- 520-515-3465
- o Willcox/Benson: 520-384-5469

Thank you,

Ruth Bigelow

Lead Line Extension ROW Agent

[Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative](#)

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Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023 3:40:12 PM

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GOOD AFTERNOON Robert. I might have missed it but I didn't see what kind of plane will be there?. Will the fuel be brought as needed instead of being stored there ? Will there be any fencing, gates ETC.
If the plane is going to be stored there how much fuel does it hold ?

On Thu, May 4, 2023 at 1:41 PM Kirschmann, Robert <RKirschmann@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

Robert Kirschmann

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Subject: Transmittal for SU23-13 (Sybil Airstrip)

Good afternoon,

Attached, please find a transmittal and complete application to legitimize an airstrip near Saint David. Please provide any comments no later than May 26, 2023.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Please do not "reply to all".

Best regards,

Robert Kirschmann

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Loyal Gephart, Chief
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Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:21:59 AM

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Loyal,

This is Brent Webb. I am responding to the questions you had regarding the proposed airstrip on north Sibyl Road in Saint David.

There would only be two airplanes landing on that dirt strip. One of the planes holds a maximum of 48.5 gallons and the other plane holds a maximum of 26 gallons. These planes are smaller private airplanes (two seat planes). These planes will be stored off site for a majority of the time as there is not a hangar to protect the planes.

We currently do not have plans for any fencing.

Fuel would be purchased and filled off site (Benson or other airfields) as we do not plan on storing any fuel or providing any fueling services.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Brent Webb

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