

# Arizona's On-line Environmental Review – an Internet Data Dissemination Tool

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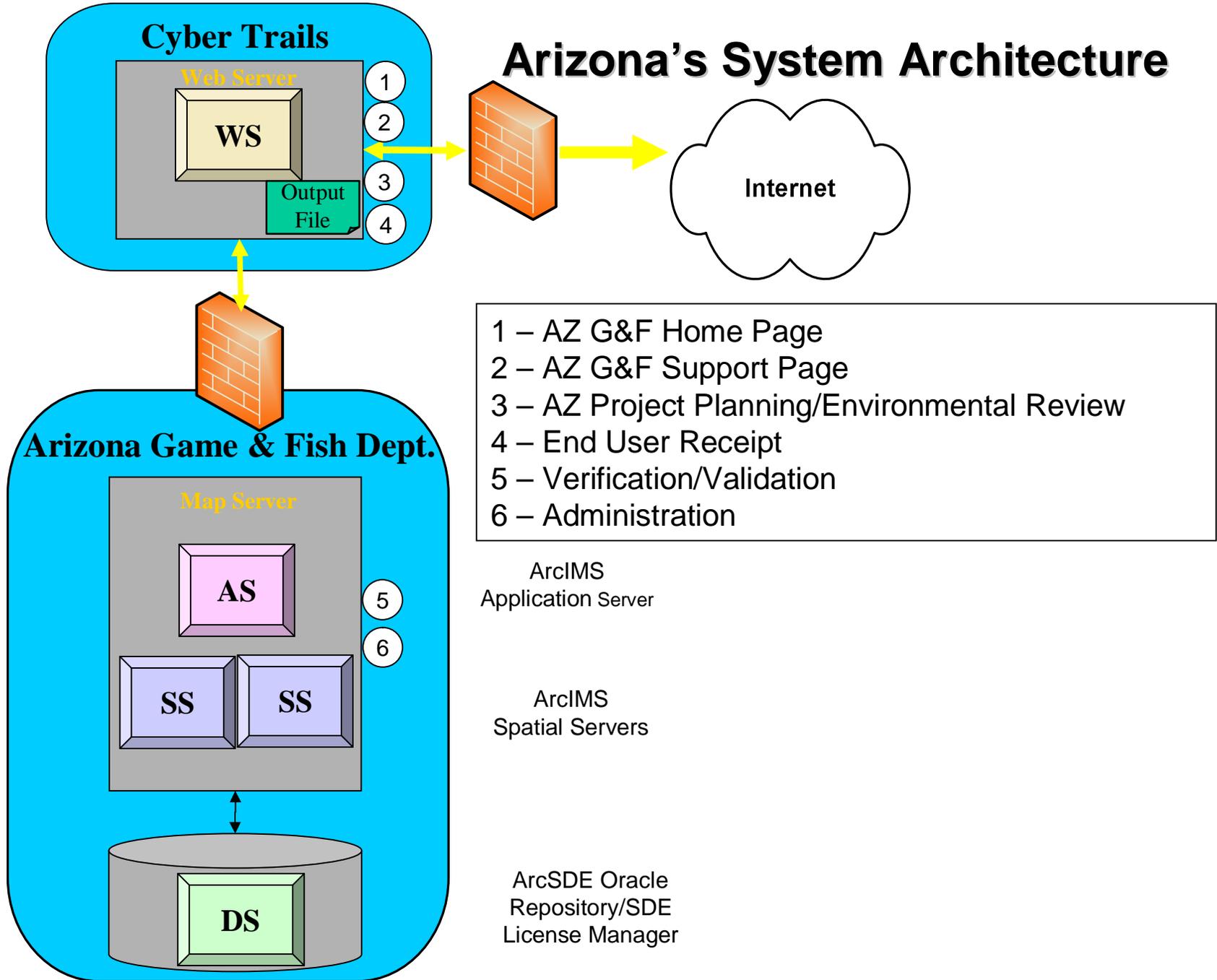
# AGFD's Environmental Review Process

- ✦ Provides preliminary data and recommendations for all land and water projects
- ✦ USFWS refers others to AGFD
- ✦ Minimum of Special Status Species list in initial response
- ✦ Special Status Species list includes USFS, BLM, and ESA (including Critical Habitats) as well as state lists (NPL, WSCA)
- ✦ General wildlife and habitat potential impacts are addressed via project type recommendations and/or further requested review and evaluation
- ✦ Formal EA, EIS, BE, BA, or other documentation are later submitted for further review and evaluation
- ✦ Development of project specific mitigation measures are coordinated through further review and evaluation

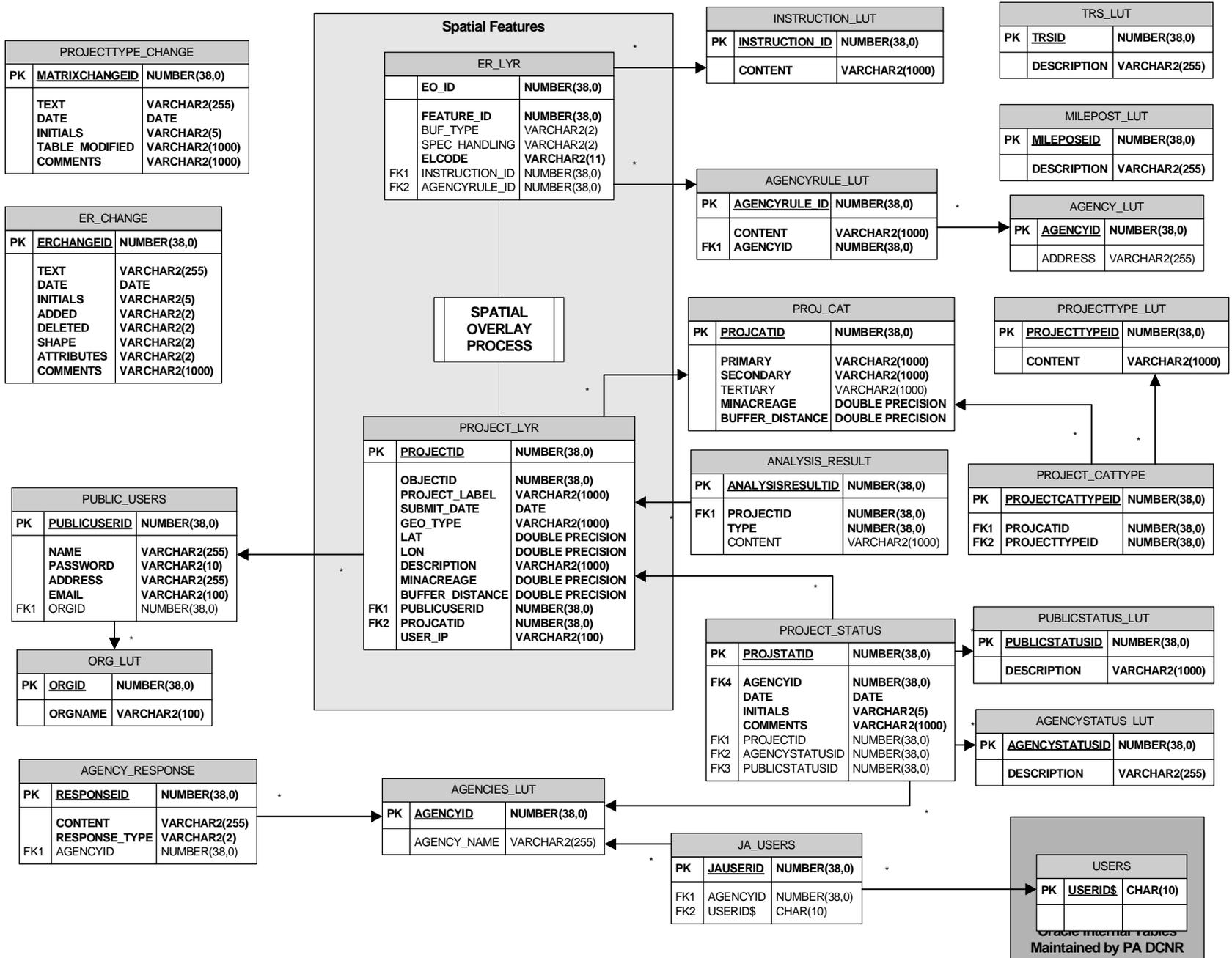
# Need for something better

- ✖ Each project touched by at least 5 people including Project Evaluation Program, Regional Habitat Program, and HDMS staff
- ✖ Often requests don't include project type
- ✖ Guarantee 30 day turn-around (usually about 2 weeks) – needed to improve cycle time and customer service
- ✖ Response sent for every project (about 2000 annually)
- ✖ Needed reduction of staff time spent on no-impact projects

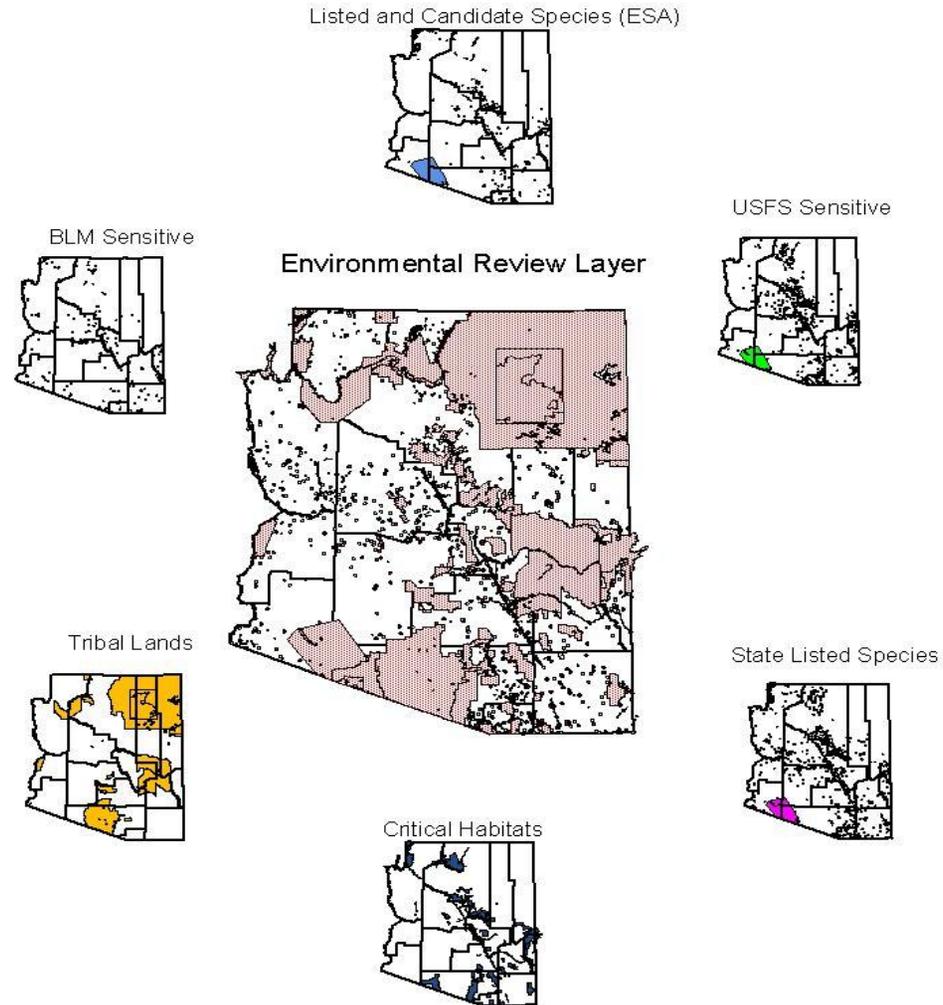
# Arizona's System Architecture



# Data Model



# ER Layer is comprised of several data sources



# Basic Step for Using the ER Tool

- ✂️ Log into web site
- ✂️ Select Project type – relates to CWCS threat matrix
- ✂️ Locate Project Area
- ✂️ Draw Project
- ✂️ Results – receive receipt

 SEARCH

### Begin Here!

- How to Use Review Tool?
- Start Using Review Tool

### Species Information

- Species Lists
- Species Abstracts
- Status Definitions
- Rank Definitions

### Guidelines/Resources

- Watershed Codes
- Tortoise Handling Guidelines
- Western Burrowing Owl Information
- Submitting Survey Data

### Other Resource Links

- Related AZGFD info
- External Resources



## Environmental Review On-Line Tool

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Heritage Data Management System (HDMS) and Project Evaluation Program (PEP) work together to provide current, reliable, objective information on Arizona's plant and wildlife species location and status to aid in the environmental decision making process. This information can be used to guide preliminary decisions and assessments of proposed land and water development, management, and conservation projects statewide, while incorporating fish and wildlife resource needs or features.

If you are developing an environmental document or require evaluation of a specific land or water project, and are in need of a special status species (SSS) list you may submit your request through the following options:

- Utilize the on-line tool.
- If your project is larger than the scope of the on-line tool allows or if you prefer to submit your proposal via fax or mail, coordinate directly with the Project Evaluation Program (Contact us).

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I Agree

I Disagree

YOU MUST SELECT **"I AGREE"** IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE PROJECT PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS. SELECTION OF **"I DISAGREE"** WILL RETURN YOU TO THE HOME PAGE.

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## Environmental Review

### New to Environmental Review?

**Using the Environmental Review Tool, a project planner may:**

1. Select his/her Project Type.
2. Locate and Draw a project on an interactive map.
3. Submit project information into the AZHGIS Environmental Review System.
4. Perform an analysis and generate a receipt.
5. Print a receipt.
6. Follow instructions on the receipt to pursue project clearance with state agencies.

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Select "Add New Project" to begin defining a new environmental review project for planning and review.

Please click on a Project Name to view the project receipt. If you have trouble viewing the receipt, you should make sure that [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) is installed on your computer. You can download and install this reader from the Adobe Acrobat website.

\*Please Note: Projects cannot be deleted. If you have accidentally created a duplicate project, please e-mail [PEP@azgfd.gov](mailto:PEP@azgfd.gov) with the project number, including an explanation for removal of the project (e.g. duplicate, error, change in project, etc).

ID Number	Name	Submit Date	Status
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20060710000652	<a href="#">last test</a>	7/10/2006 1:59:15 PM	Received
20060713000697	<a href="#">swesa test</a>	7/13/2006 2:34:56 PM	Saved

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Add New Project

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**Start Over**

**1**  
**Project Type**

**Select Primary Category:**  
Which of these best describes your project?

**2**  
**Project Area**

**3**  
**Project Placement**

**4**  
**Project Summary**

**5**  
**Project Results**

- Agricultural Operations
- Communication
- Development Outside Municipalities
- Development Within Municipalities
- Energy Storage/Production/Transfer
- Forest, Woodland, Vegetation Management
- Habitat Conservation and Restoration
- Hazardous Waste Cleanup, site remediation, and reclamation
- Law Enforcement Activities Associated with the Border
- Military Activities
- Mining
- Pest Control
- Recreation Areas
- Transportation & Infrastructure
- Waste Transfer, Treatment, and Disposal
- Water Use, Transfer, and Channel Activities

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PROJECT CATEGORIES FOR HGIS ONLINE EVALUATION SYSTEM		
MAJOR CATEGORY	SECONDARY	TERTIARY
Transportation & Infrastructure	Road Maintenance (including staging areas)	Repaving, ditch cleaning, culvert maintenance, etc.
		Bridge maintenance (culvert maintenance, abutment repair, channel cleaning, deck replacement)
		ROW maintenance (herbicide application, vegetation removal, fencing modification/installation)
	Road construction (including staging areas)	Realignment/ new roads
		Interchanges (ramps)
		Road widening (shoulders or additional or new lanes)
	Bridge replacement/New Construction	In-stream geotech boring, abutments, stream crossing, realignment, channelization, rip rap, vegetation removal
	New roadway facilities	Roadway rest areas, emergency pull offs, run away truck ramps, cinder storage, additional storage or maintenance areas
	Maintenance of existing roadway facilities	
	Railroads	New tracks, bridges, roadway crossing for freight or passenger lines, Maintenance of existing tracks, bridges, roadway crossings, stations/terminals for freight or passenger lines, removal, etc.
Light rail transit		
Airports	Maintenance on existing runways, taxiways, terminals/concourses, runway obstruction clearance, facilities, beacons, control towers, storm water run off controls, de-icing, fuel depots	
	Construction of new runways,	

Start Over

1  
Project  
Type

**Selected Project Category:**

Energy Storage/Production/Transfer, Energy Storage, Tank removal/replacement (gas, oil)

2  
Project  
Area

**Please select a method to locate your project area**

- County**
- Township and Range**
- Quad**
- UTM Coordinates--Zone 12 NAD 83**
- Mile Marker**
- Latitude / Longitude (Decimal Degrees)**
- Latitude / Longitude (Degrees/Minutes/Seconds)**

3  
Project  
Placement

4  
Project  
Summary

5  
Project  
Results

**Please select a County:**

- APACHE ▾
- APACHE ▲
- COCHISE
- COCONINO
- GILA
- GRAHAM
- GREENLEE
- LA PAZ
- MARICOPA
- MOHAVE
- NAVAJO
- PIMA ▾

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Start Over Project Category: Development Within Municipalities, Public (school, library, church) and associated infrastructure, New construction

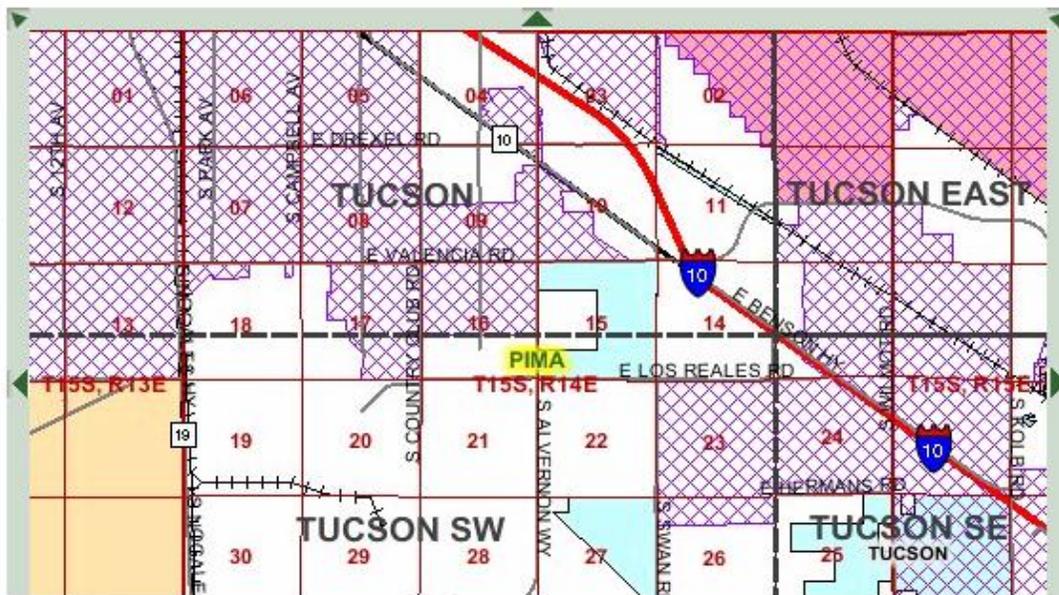
## 1 Project Type INSTRUCTIONS: LOCATE PROJECT

1. Click or drag box on map to locate project area. "Next" button activates when scale is less than 24000.
2. If you are satisfied that you can accurately draw the project on the map, click on the NEXT button.

## 2 Project Area

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## 3 Project Placement



**Legend**

- Township Lines
- StateHwys
- Interstates
- Railroads
- MajorLakes
- Island
- LakeResRiv
- Marsh Swamp
- Sub Marsh
- Major Streams and Washes
- Arizona County Boundaries
- Wilderness
- Cities
- Own
- BLM

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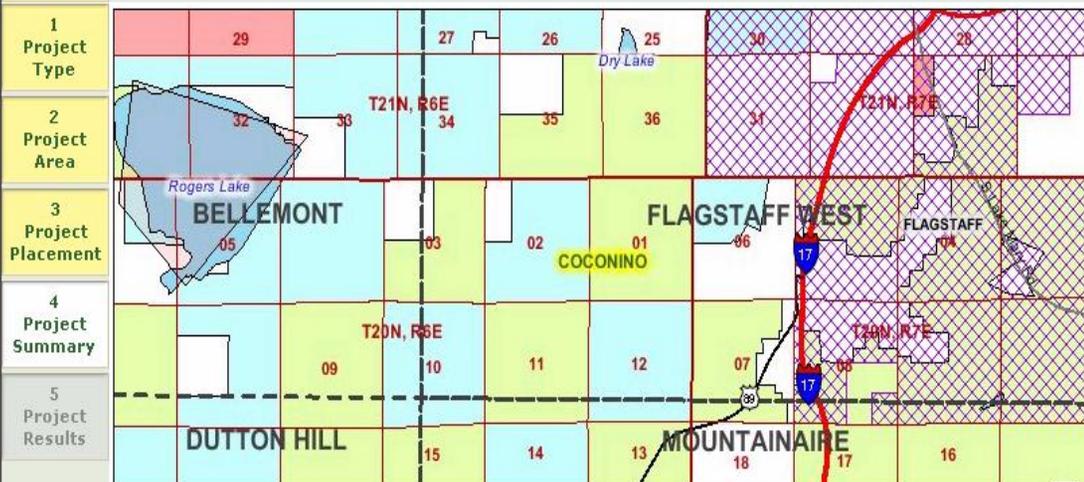
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# Environmental Review

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Start Over Project Category: Energy Storage/Production/Transfer, Energy Storage, Tank removal/replacement (gas, oil)



To the best of my knowledge, I certify that this project and the following information is correct and complete. Please click on "Next" button to submit and process your project review.

Please enter a name for your project:

Project submitted on behalf of:

Is this a final submission:

Requestor: sschwartz

Project type: Energy Storage/Production/Transfer - Energy Storage - Tank removal/replacement (gas, oil)

Project Coordinates (UTM Zone 12-NAD 83): 428137.695, 3890137.851 meter

Lat/Long: 35.152, -111.789 - DMS: 35 deg 9 min 5 sec, -111 deg 47 min 20 sec

Project Area: 1076.981 acres

Project Perimeter: 8711.424 meter

NAME: COCONINO

Quad name: BELLEMONT

Township and Range: T21N, R6E, T20N, R6E

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**Start Over** Project Category: Development Within Municipalities, Public (school, library, church) and associated infrastructure, New construction

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2 Project Area 3 Project Placement 4 Project Summary 5 Project Results

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 Project Name: screen\_shot  
 Date: 10/12/2005 4:46:46 PM

**Project Location**

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**Special State Species Occurrences/Critical Habitat within one mile buffer**

No special state species were discovered as occurring within the project study area buffer. However, further field investigation of the project area and highly recommended if all state species (especially unprotected instances of rare or unusual) in locations where they are currently uncommon.

No proposed or designated critical habitat is within the project vicinity.

No federal lands are within the project vicinity.

This receipt will acknowledge the opportunity to provide in-depth comments and project review, with additional information or environmental documentation, beyond 24 hours.

Page 1 of 5 APPLICATION INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Receipt has many results

- ✦ General language based on project type as well as species specific
- ✦ Allows integration to the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS) threat matrix for tracking for cumulative statewide species impacts based on project types
- ✦ Special handling guidelines for burrowing owls and Sonoran desert tortoise
- ✦ Fencing guideline for pronghorn; timeframes for projects such as bridges
- ✦ Reference to tribal and federal agencies with contact information for further coordination (e.g. permitting or consultation)



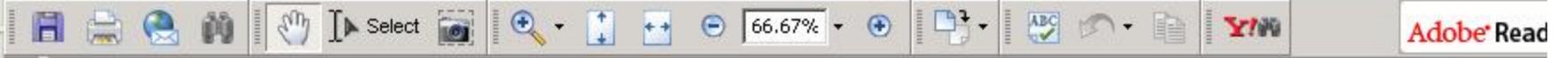
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**Project Category: Development Outside Municipalities, Residential subdivision and associated infrastructure, New construction**

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Project Area

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Attachments

Comments

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 Project Name: turkey flat  
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**Project Location**

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide in-depth comments and project review when additional information or environmental documentation becomes available.

**Special Status Species Occurrences/Critical Habitat/Tribal Lands within 3 miles of Project Vicinity:**

Name	Common Name	ESA	USFS	BLM	State
<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Northern Goshawk	SC	S		WSC
CH for <i>Strix occidentalis lucida</i>	Designated Critical Habitat for Mexican spotted owl				ARIZO NA
CH for <i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis</i>	Designated Critical Habitat for Mt. Graham red squirrel				AZ
<i>Carex chihuahuensis</i>	A Sedge		S		
<i>Echinocereus ledgii</i>	Pinaleno Hedgehog Cactus				SR
<i>Eriogon heliographis</i>	Pinaleno Fleabane	SC			
<i>Eupatorium bigelovii</i>	Bigelow Thoroughwort		S		
<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>	American Peregrine Falcon	SC	S		WSC
<i>Heuchera glomerata</i>	Arizona Alum Root		S		
<i>Mammillaria vividiflora</i>	Varied Fishhook Cactus				SR
<i>Microtus longicaudus leucophaeus</i>	White-bellied Long-tailed Vole		S		
<i>Oncorhynchus apache</i>	Apache Trout	LT	S		WSC
<i>Oreochloa grahamensis</i>	Pinaleno Mountaingrass		S		
<i>Polemonium lanatum</i>	Pinaleno Jacobs Ladder		S		
<i>Potentilla albiflora</i>	White-flowered Cinqufoil		S		
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Blumer's Dock	SC	S		HS
<i>Schizanthus arizonae</i>	Fallen Ladies'-tresses				SR
<i>Sonorella chidesteri</i>	Clark Peak Talusssnail	SC	S		
<i>Sonorella grahamensis</i>	Pinaleno Talusssnail	SC	S		
<i>Sonorella imitator</i>	Mimic Talusssnail		S		
<i>Sonorella macrophallus</i>	Wet Canyon Talusssnail	SC	S		
<i>Strix occidentalis lucida</i>	Mexican Spotted Owl	LT	S		WSC
<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis</i>	Mt. Graham Red Squirrel	LE			WSC
<i>Thomomys bottae nevadensis</i>	Nevada Southern Pocket Gopher	SC			

Project Name: turkey flat  
 Submitted By: Sabra Schwartz  
 On behalf of: CONSULTING  
 Project Search ID: 20060110000036  
 Date: 1/10/2006 2:58:27 PM  
 Project Category: Development Outside Municipalities, Residential subdivision and associated infrastructure, New construction  
 Project Coordinates (UTM Zone 12-NAD 83): 606518.624, 3610355.933 meter  
 Project Area: 2973.271 acres  
 Project Perimeter: 13487.862 meter  
 County: GRAHAM  
 USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle ID: 1572  
 Quadrangle Name: MOUNT GRAHAM  
 Project locality is not anticipated to change

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Search ID:  
Project Name:  
Date:

**Project Location and/or Species Recommendations:  
(Link to abstracts)**

Heritage Data Management System records indicate that one or more listed (Threatened, Endangered, Proposed, or Candidate) species or Critical Habitats (Designated or Proposed) have been documented within the vicinity of your project area (refer to the species list on page 1 of the receipt). Please contact:

**Project Type:   Transportation & Infrastructure  
                  Road Maintenance (including staging areas)  
                  ROW Maintenance**

Indian Tribal Lands are within the vicinity of your project area (refer to page 1 of the receipt) and may require further coordination. Please contact:

**Project Type Recommendations (these are examples):**

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. See Guidelines for Incorporating Wildlife Permeability into Project Design.

Heritage Data Management System 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 (refer to page 1 of the receipt). Please contact:

Heritage Data Management System records indicate that Sonoran Desert Tortoise have been documented within the vicinity of your project area (refer to the species list on page 1 of the receipt). Please review the Tortoise Handling Guidelines found on the the web page for Arizona's On-line Environmental Review Tool. (add PDF link to guidelines)

Heritage Data Management System records indicate that Western Burrowing Owl have been documented within the vicinity of your project area (refer to the species list on page 1 of the receipt). Please review the relocation procedures recommended for burrowing owls found on the web page for Arizona's On-line Environmental Review Tool. (add PDF link to guidelines)

Hydrological considerations: 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. Aquatic wildlife considerations: reduce/minimize barriers to migration of amphibians or fish (e.g., eliminate falls). 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. See detailed recommendations in Guidelines for Incorporating Wildlife Permeability into Project Design.

# Anticipated Outcomes

- ✦ Standardized response
- ✦ Assessing potential cumulative effects for early development of mitigation or project modification measures
- ✦ Improved customer service – from 30 days to 30 minutes
- ✦ Allow more staff time for review of EA, BA, EIS documents and large area project (e.g. pipelines)
- ✦ Ties to the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS)
- ✦ Process improvement – cost and time savings

# Anticipated Outcomes (Cont.)

- 🌵 Data driven decision making
- 🌵 Conservation groups looking to prioritize areas of biodiversity
- 🌵 Providing recommendations or guidelines early in the process for minimizing impacts to wildlife and habitats
- 🌵 *Consolidation of hardware/software within the Agency*
  - Reduction of software license costs
  - Reduction of hardware costs
  - Easier to maintain when all in same place