

# Introduction to Candidate Site Nominations

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# Evaluating Candidate Sites for Implementing Mitigation Actions

- Candidate Site Requirements
  - appropriately located (e.g., within ecoregion or watershed of SEZ)
  - support **regional mitigation goals and objectives**
- Screen and evaluate candidate sites using BLM-developed matrix
- Matrix supports systematic and objective comparison and ranking of mitigation sites/actions, stakeholder communication, and informing future BLM decisions
- Matrix (originally developed for the Dry Lake SEZ pilot) has been modified based on stakeholder feedback – additional comments welcome

# Revisions to the Candidate Site Matrix based on Stakeholder Feedback:

- Revisions to the candidate site matrix have been added in red text.
  - Added land ownership acres of the candidate site
  - Added dominant vegetation community with mod-high integrity in acres
  - Deleted Qualifying Criteria concept for initial screening since not all are applicable for all resource types
  - Moved feasibility of action up in the matrix
  - Added linkage of two or more protected areas
  - Added whether the site and actions meet regional conservation/mitigation goals and objectives
  - Added level of documentation that is available to demonstrate effectiveness of mitigation action
  - Added cumulative benefit for resources

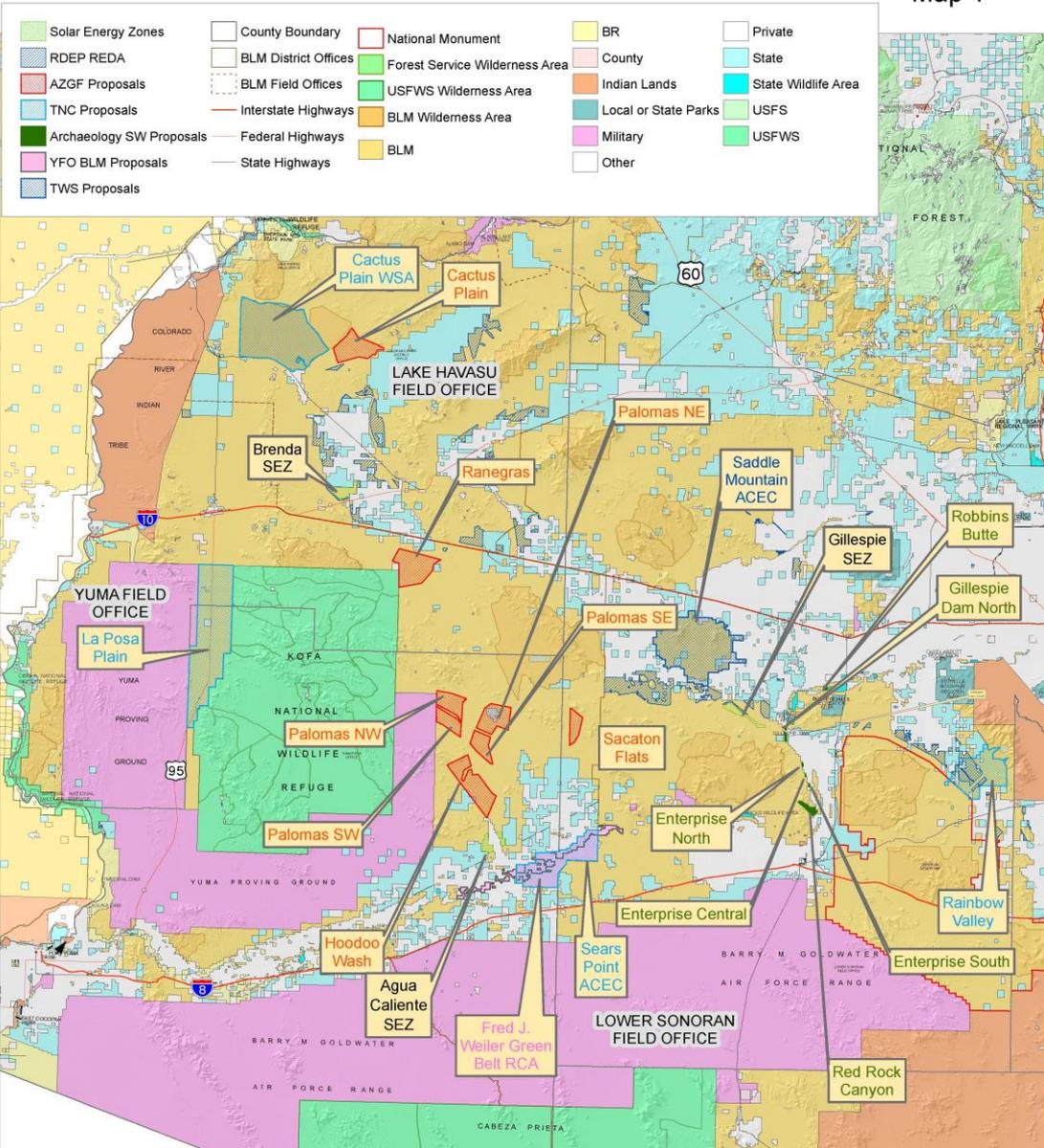
# How Stakeholders Can Help BLM Identify Candidate Site Locations

- Include the following information
  - GIS shape file of location
  - Number of acres proposed
  - HUC 4 watershed
  - Likely mitigation tool/action
  - Whether location meets the Mitigation Site Qualifying Criteria
  - List of the unique/valuable resources/features present at site
  - List of the resources that could be mitigated for at that location
  - Reference material/data sources
  - Any additional information that would assist BLM in scoring the site for additionality, feasibility, durability, and risk

# Submissions of 26 Recommended Candidate Sites

Source	Candidate Sites	
<b>AZ Game and Fish Dept</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cactus Plain</li> <li>• Hoodoo Wash</li> <li>• Palomas Plain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ranegras Plain</li> <li>• Sacaron Flats</li> </ul>
<b>The Nature Conservancy (with letters of support from TWS, Sonoran Inst., and DoW)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cactus Plain</li> <li>• La Posa Plain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rainbow Valley</li> <li>• Sears Point ACEC</li> </ul>
<b>The Wilderness Society</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saddle Mountain ACEC</li> </ul>	
<b>Archaeology Southwest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enterprise Central</li> <li>• Enterprise North</li> <li>• Enterprise South</li> <li>• Gillespie Dam North</li> <li>• Gillespie Dam South</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red Rock Canyon</li> <li>• Robbins Butte</li> <li>• Quail's Point</li> <li>• Sears Point</li> </ul>
<b>Pima County, AZ</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boa Sorte</li> <li>• Cocoraque Butte</li> <li>• La Osa Ranch</li> <li>• Marana Mound</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Los Robles Archaeological/Historic District</li> </ul>
<b>BLM Yuma Field Office</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fred J. Weiler Vegetation Habitat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sears Point ACEC</li> </ul>

# Arizona BLM Regional Mitigation Strategies Workshop: Proposed Mitigation Sites Map 1



# Arizona BLM Regional Mitigation Strategies Workshop: Proposed Mitigation Sites

Map 2

