

### Soggy Dry Lake Creosote Rings

**Description/Location:** Located in section 17 of township 4 North, Range 3 East, in San Bernardino County. Access is from State Highway 247 which travels south from Barstow.

**Nationally Significant Values:**

Ecological: This area was designated to protect an Unusual Plant Assemblage; the largest know creosote rings on public lands administered by the federal government are situated within the unit. The rings of creosote within the unit area have recently been identified as the world’s oldest living plant. The uniqueness, high research value, and susceptibility to damage from intensive recreation uses are the principle reasons for its designation.

Scientific: The creosote rings provide a unique opportunity for studying the worlds living organisms.

**Special Designations/Management Plan/Date:** Plan 47/1982

**Relevance and Importance Criteria:** Relevant biological resources. This area was designated to protect an Unusual Plant Assemblage, the largest know creosote rings on public lands administered by the federal government are situated within the ACEC. The rings of creosote within the ACEC area have recently been identified as the world’s oldest living plant. The uniqueness, high research value, and susceptibility to damage from intensive recreation uses are the principle reasons for its designation.

**Goals:** To provide high level protection to the creosote rings while providing compatible recreational opportunities.

**For NLCS Lands:** Where this ruleset differs from the plan-wide NLCS rulesets, the more restrictive rules will apply.

**Designation and Acreage by Alternative:**

Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	200	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	200	200	0	0.10%
1	0	400	0	0.5%
2	200	200	0	0.10%
3	0	500	0	0.5%
4	200	500	0	0.5%

\* Acreage values are for BLM managed lands

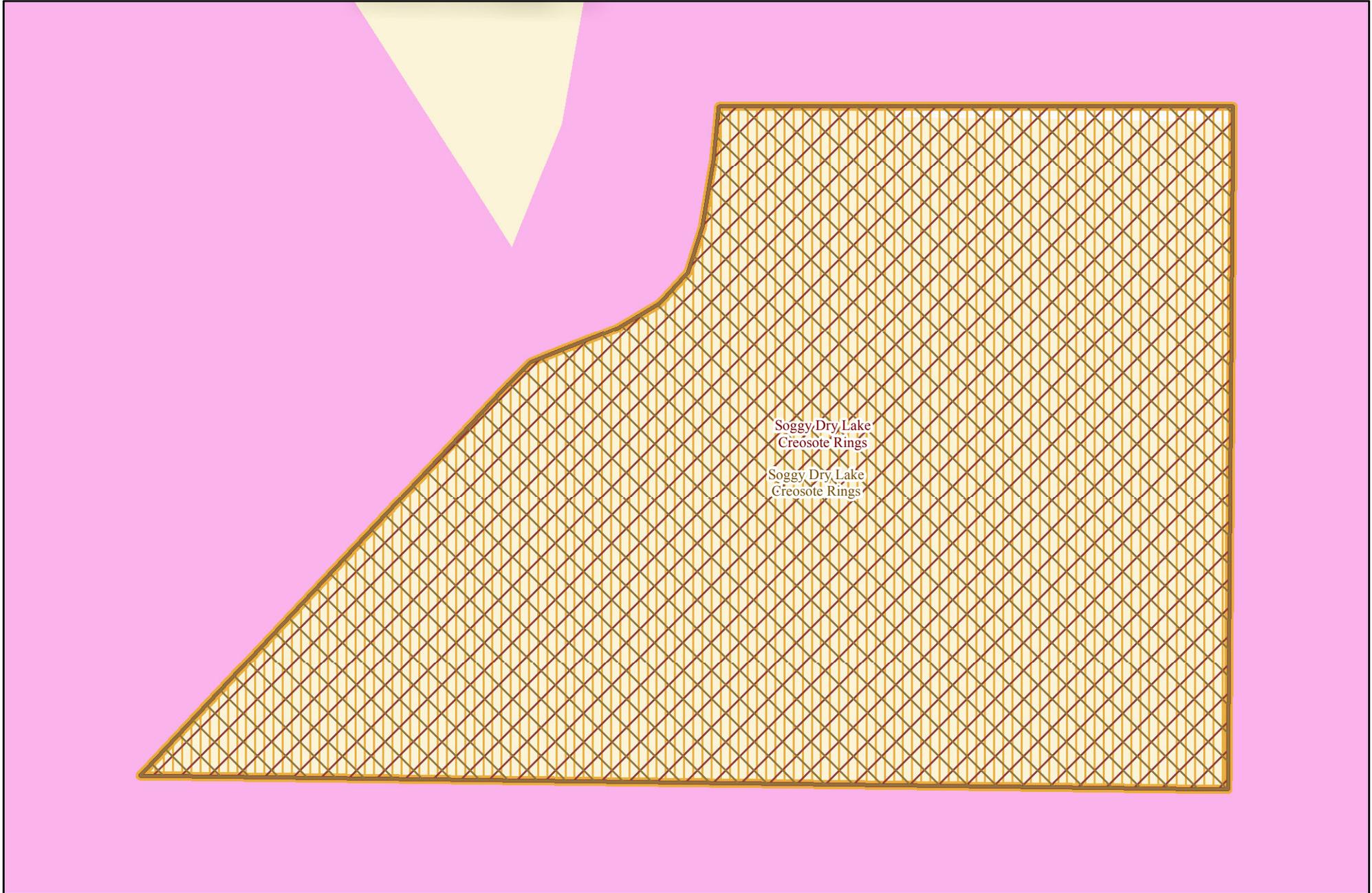
**Alternatives:**

All Action Alternatives – This area would be managed as it currently is. Some alternatives increase the size of this conservation area (see table above and maps to follow).

No Action: This area would be managed as it currently is.

Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
<p>Objective: Protect sensitive creosote rings from human disturbance</p> <p>Management Action 1: Fence a representative group of creosote rings covering about six acres</p> <p>Management Action 2: Prohibit harvest of vegetation</p> <p>Management Action 3: Post interpretive signs</p> <p>Management Action 4: Provide continued opportunities for research by BLM, scientific institutions, and individuals</p> <p>Management Action 5: Implement a monitoring program to evaluate protective measures</p>	Vegetation - Including special status species
<p>Objective: General management and protection of paleontological resources</p> <p>Management Action 1: Develop plans for the inventory, monitoring, and scientific and educational use of paleontological resources as needed</p>	Paleontology
<p>Objective: Protect creosote rings from impacts associated with vehicle traffic</p> <p>Allowable Uses: Closed to all vehicle use</p>	Trails and Travel Management
<p>For Alternatives 1, 3, and 4:</p> <p>Objective: Consolidate resource management</p> <p>Management Action: Acquire all inholdings from willing sellers</p>	Land Tenure
Right of Way Avoidance Area	Rights of Way (ROW)
<p>Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria</p> <p>Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development</p>	Renewable Energy
<p>Objective: Protect creosote rings from impacts associated with mining activities</p> <p>Allowable Uses: No mining claims; No locatable, leasable, or saleable minerals</p> <p>Management Action: Propose Withdrawal</p>	<p>Locatable Minerals</p> <p>Mineral Materials</p> <p>Non-Energy Leasables</p>

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## Preferred Alternative ACECs

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### ACEC Layers

- Existing ACEC
- Proposed ACEC
- Proposed NLCS
- Design Focus Areas
- Legislatively and Legally Protected

- Cities
- OHV Areas
- CDCA Boundary
- DRECP Boundary
- BLM Field Office

### Land Status

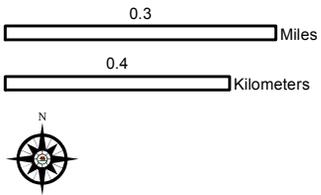
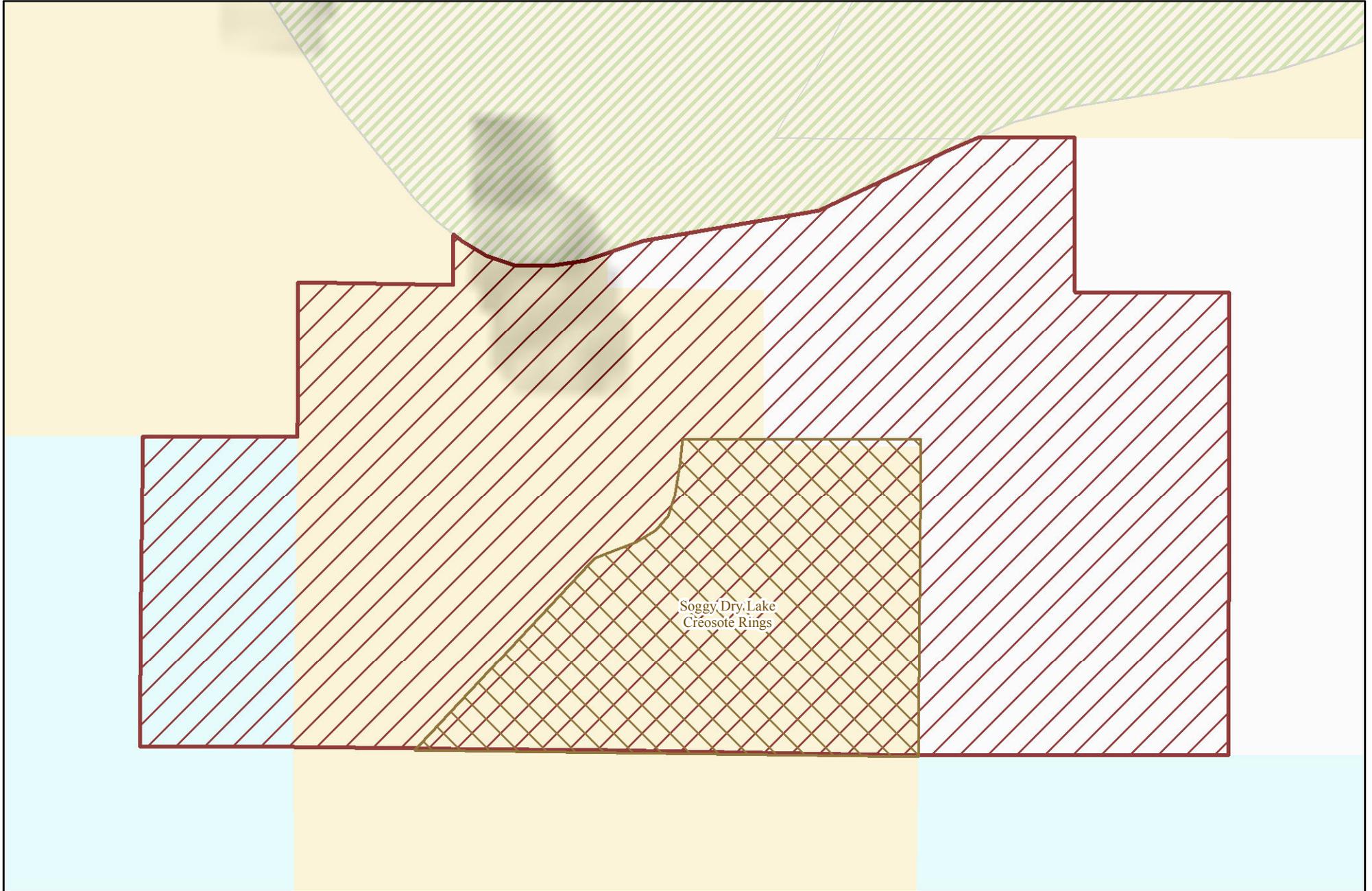
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- Private

### GTLF

- Interstate
- US Hwy
- CA Hwy
- County Hwy



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Alternative 1 ACECs  
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- DRECP Boundary
- BLM Field Office

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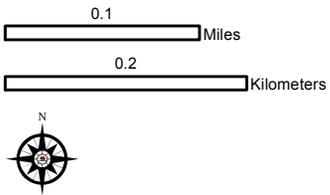
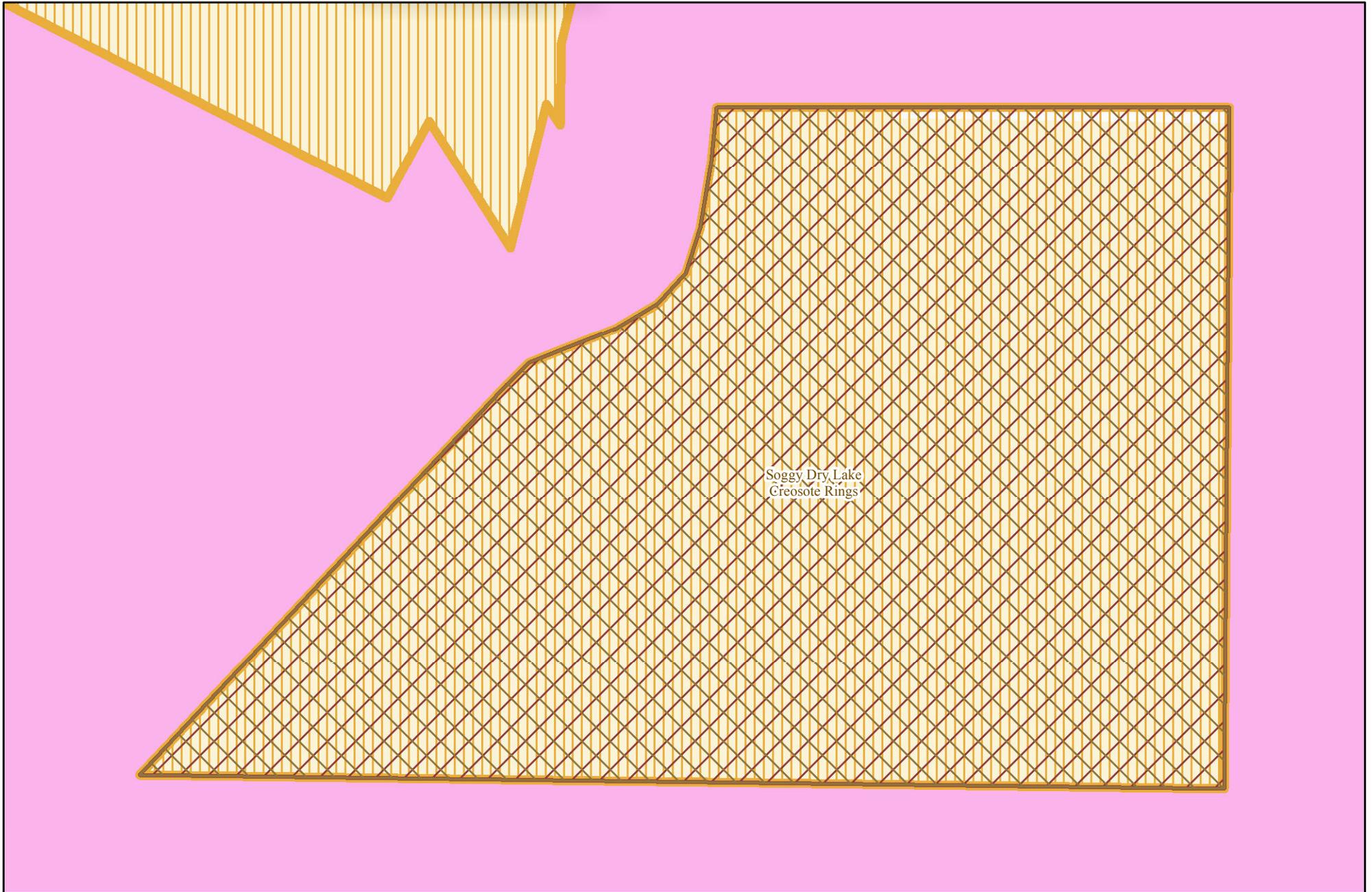
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Alternative 2 ACECs  
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## ACEC Layers

- Existing ACEC
- Proposed ACEC
- Proposed NLCS
- Design Focus Areas
- Legislatively and Legally Protected

- Cities
- OHV Areas
- CDCA Boundary
- DRECP Boundary
- BLM Field Office

## Land Status

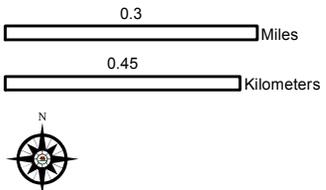
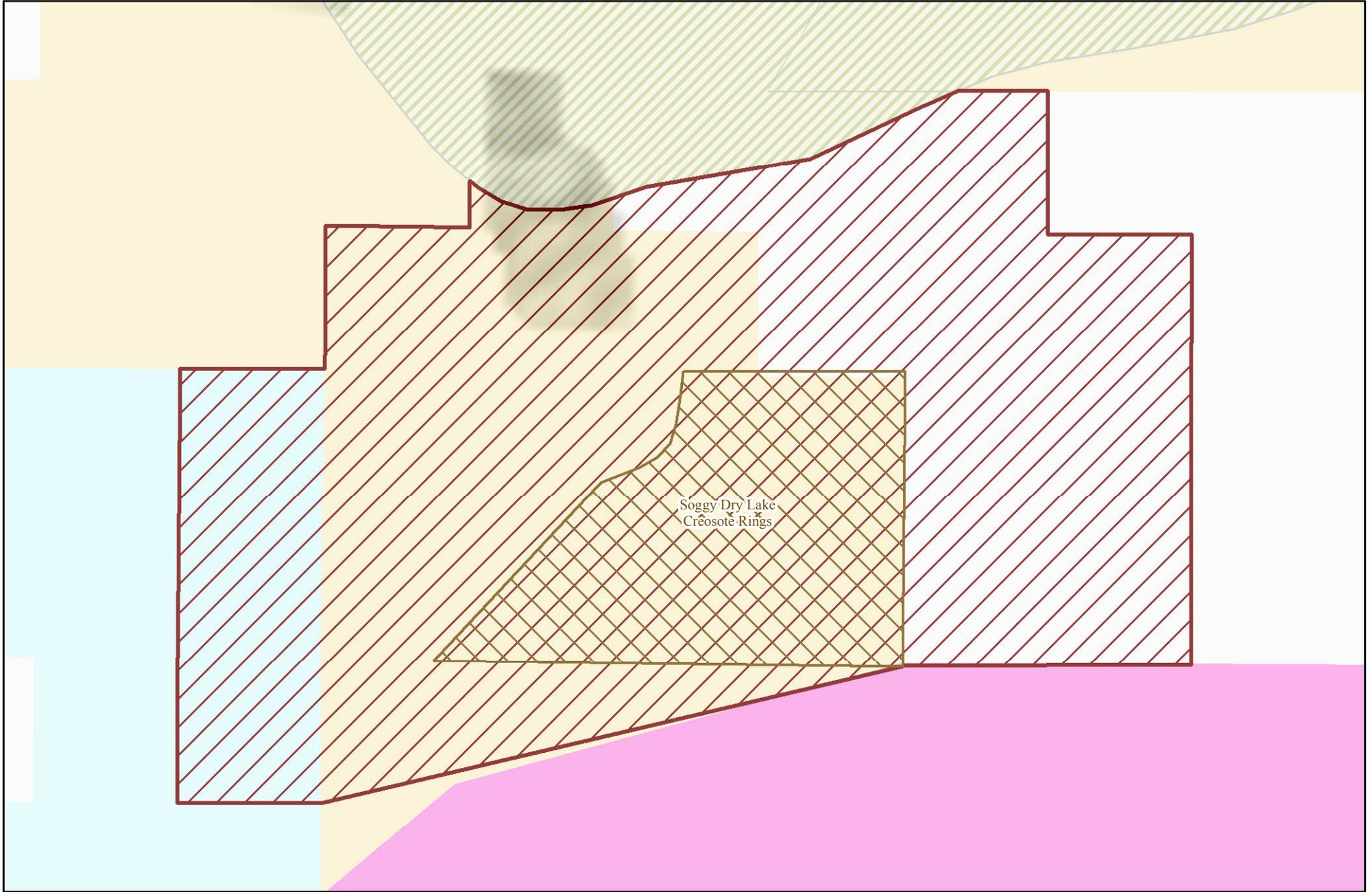
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- Proposed ACEC
- Proposed NLCS
- Design Focus Areas
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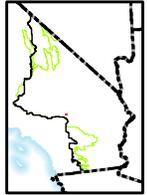
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- OHV Areas
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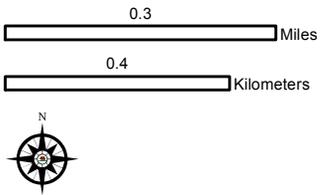
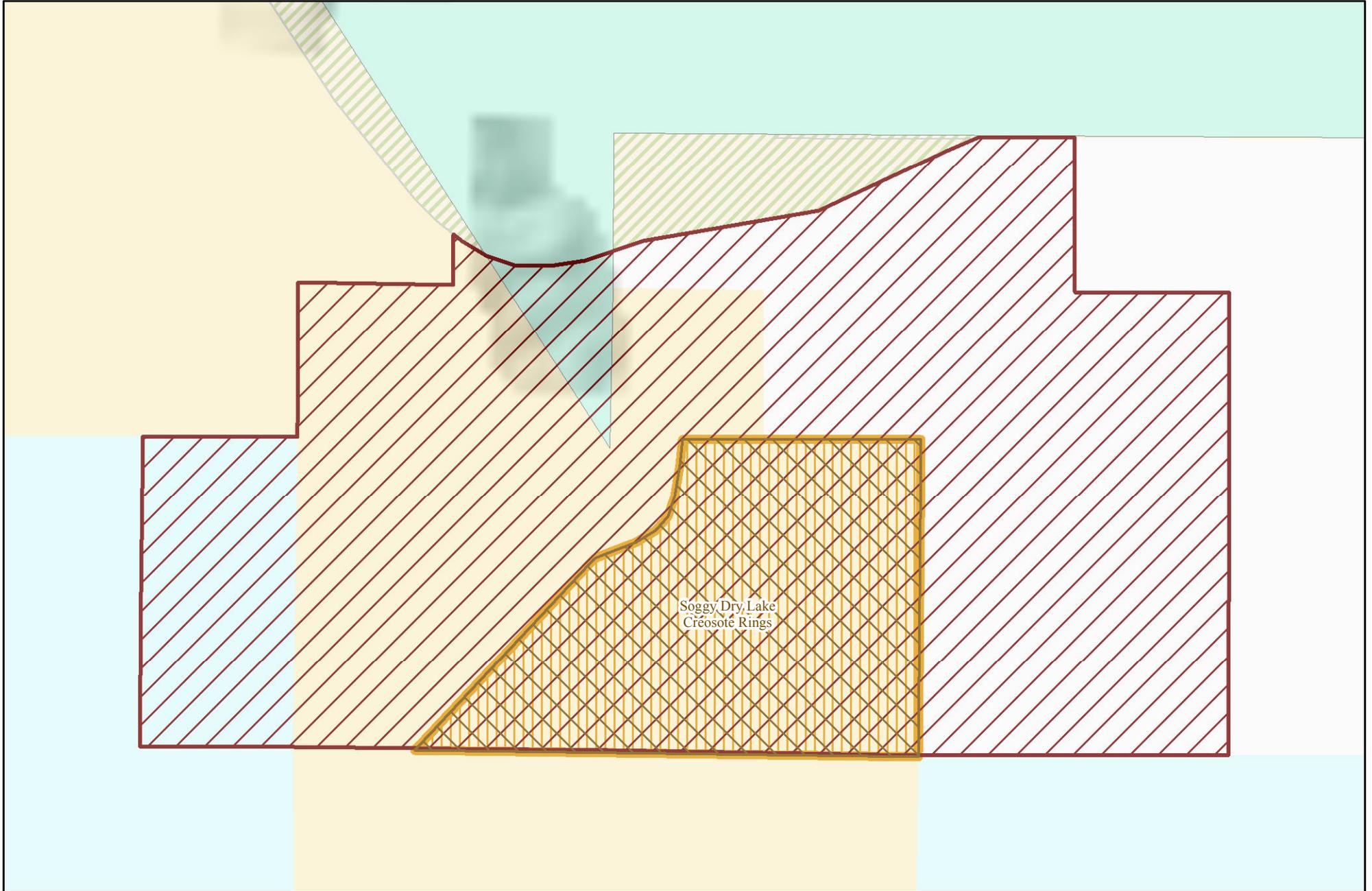
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Alternative 4 ACECs  
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### ACEC Layers

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- Proposed ACEC
- Proposed NLCS
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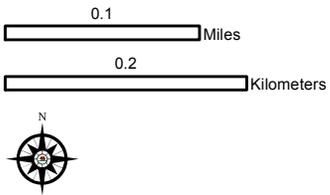
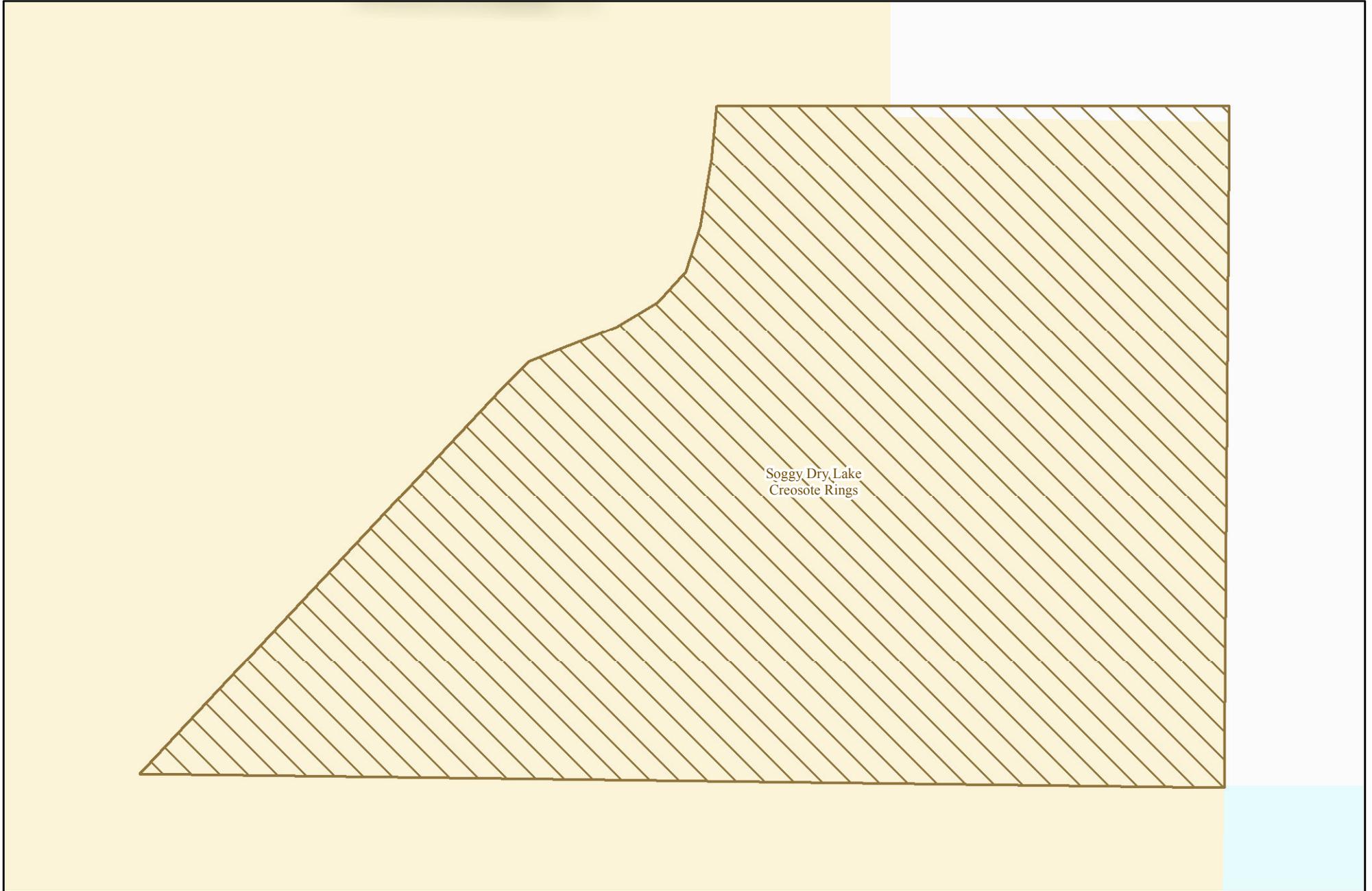
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**No Action ACECs**  
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