

● Existing
 ■ Proposed
 DRECP Subareas

Pinto Lucerne Valley and Eastern Slopes

ACECs within the Pinto Lucerne Valley and Eastern Slopes Subarea

#	Proposed ACECs
7	Bighorn East (covered in Old Woman Springs Wildlife Linkage)
8	Bighorn West (covered in Old Woman Springs Wildlife Linkage)
15	Carbonate Plant Expansion (covered in Carbonate Plants, see below)
28	Granite Mountain Corridor
39	Northern Lucerne Wildlife Linkage
41	Old Woman Springs Wildlife Linkage
49	Pipes Canyon

#	Existing ACECs (within DRECP boundary)
8	Big Morongo Canyon
12	Carbonate Endemic Plants RNA
38	Juniper Flats
53	Mojave Monkeyflower (the Daggett Ridge Unit)
58	Ord-Rodman
63	Pinto Mountains
69	Rodman Mountains Cultural Area
77	Soggy Dry Lake Creosote Rings
82	Upper Johnson Valley Yucca Rings

Granite Mountain Wildlife Linkage

Description/Location: Bounded on the south by San Bernardino National Forest and on the north by the Bendire’s Thrasher ACEC, this wildlife corridor linkage area is sandwiched between Lucerne Valley and Apple Valley and includes Granite Mountain.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: new proposal

Relevance and Importance Criteria: Relevant biological resources including wildlife and plant assemblages. The area is critical for bighorn sheep, golden eagles, desert tortoise, prairie falcons and several other species. Additionally, numerous rare and sensitive plants have major populations here, making the area regionally significant. The area provides critical links for wildlife populations to the north and south of this linkage area. Without this corridor the towns of Lucerne Valley and Apple Valley will merge and create a block for wildlife movement.

Goals: Protect biological values, including habitat quality, populations of sensitive species, and landscape connectivity while providing for compatible public uses.

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	0	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	3,100	39,400	0	0.25%
1	0	39,400	0	0.25%
2	0	0	0	NA
3	0	39,400	0	0.10%
4	0	37,200	0	0.25%

* Acreage values are for BLM managed lands

Alternatives:

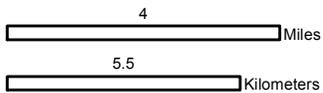
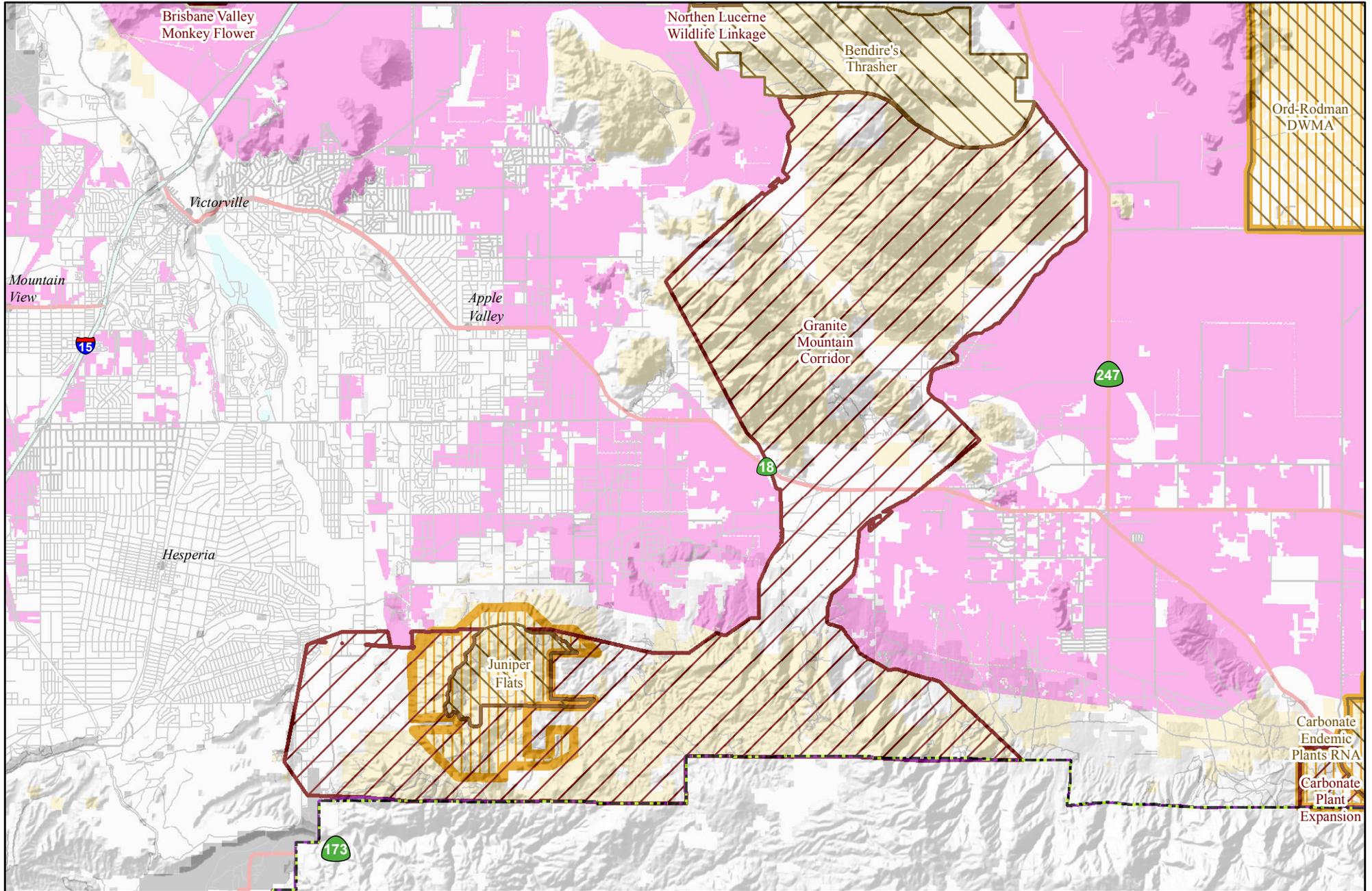
Under All Alternatives, except Alternative 2—This area would be identified as an ACEC and would be managed to support and maintain wildlife connectivity.

Under Alternative 2- This conservation area would not be designated, as most of the corridor would be designated as a Development Focus Area. The remaining portion was determined to be too narrow to provide meaningful connectivity.

No Action – this conservation area would not exist, as it does not exist currently.

Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
<p>Objective: Maintain or Improve condition of vegetation Management Action1: Remove invasive plants, rehabilitate/revegetated disturbed areas Management Action 2: Protect populations of special status plants Known rare plants: <i>Cymopterus multinervatus</i> <i>Eriogonum ovalifolium var vineum</i> <i>Acanthoscyphus parishii var goodmaniana</i> <i>Saltugilia latimeri</i> Management Action 3: Protect rare natural communities from impacts.</p>	<p>Vegetation – Including special status species</p>
<p>Objective: Protect Golden Eagle nesting sites Management Action: Protect nesting habitat, ensure productive nesting</p> <p>Objective: Protect and enhance sensitive wildlife habitat Desert tortoise LeContes thrasher San diego pocket mouse Prairie falcon Golden eagles Mohave ground squirrel Management Action: Maintain viable populations and connections between other ACECs and critical habitat</p>	<p>Fish and Wildlife Including special status species</p>
<p>Objective: Reduce habitat impacts associated with vehicle use Management Action: All legal open routes will be signed, all routes identified as closed will be rehabilitated/restored, restore all undesignated OHV routes</p>	<p>Trails and Travel Management</p>
<p>Objective: Consolidate management Management Action: Acquire all inholdings from willing sellers</p>	<p>Land Tenure</p>
<p>Objective: Maintain habitat connectivity Management Action: New ROW proposals must not interfere with or inhibit wildlife crossing and movement through the area</p>	<p>Rights of Way (ROW)</p>
<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>	<p>Renewable Energy</p>

Granite Mountain Corridor



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

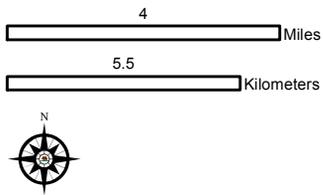
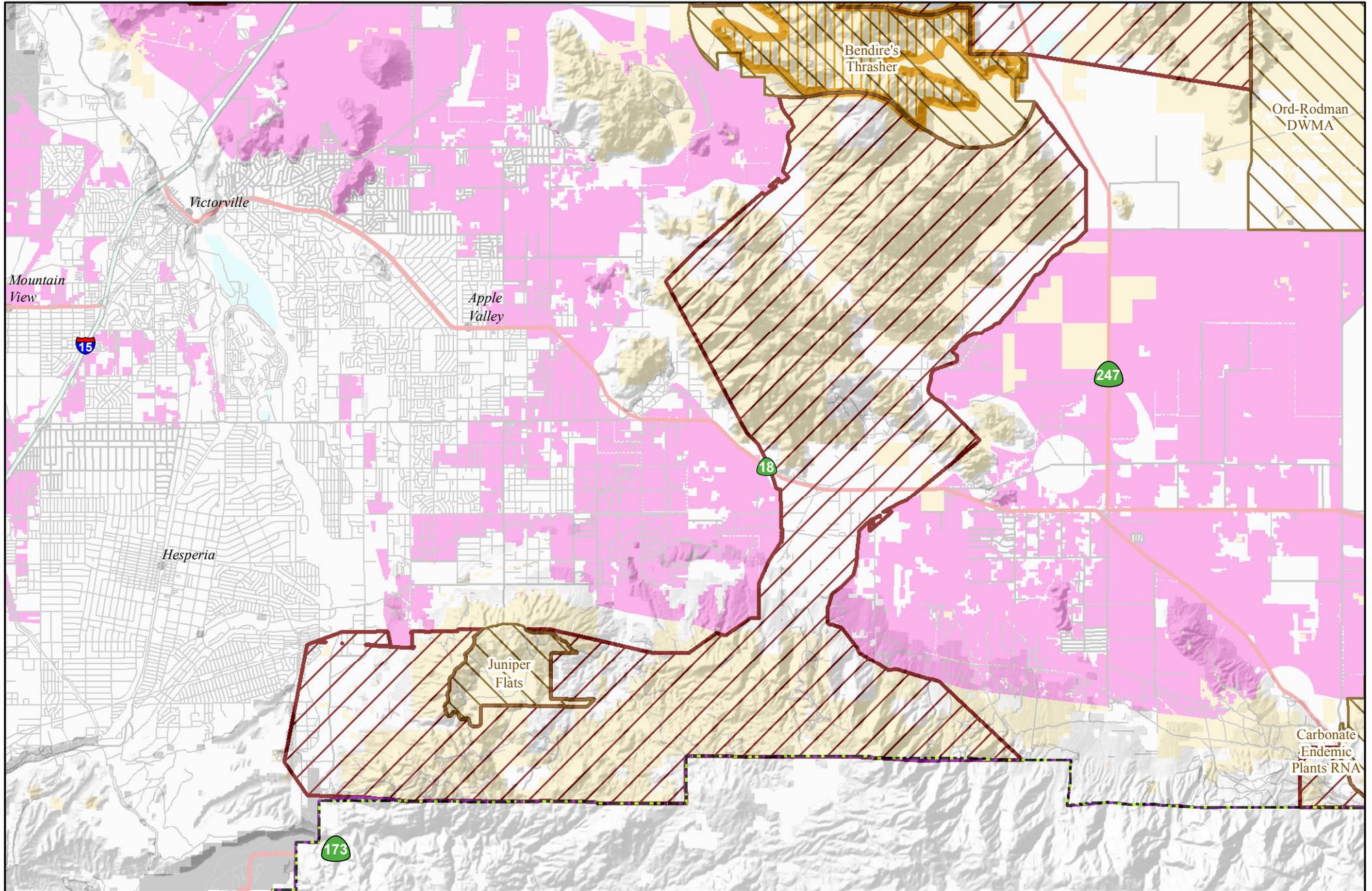
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- Other Federal
- Military
- Private

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- Interstate
- US Hwy
- CA Hwy
- County Hwy



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Alternative 1 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
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Land Status

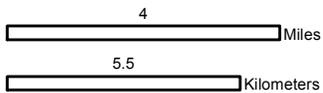
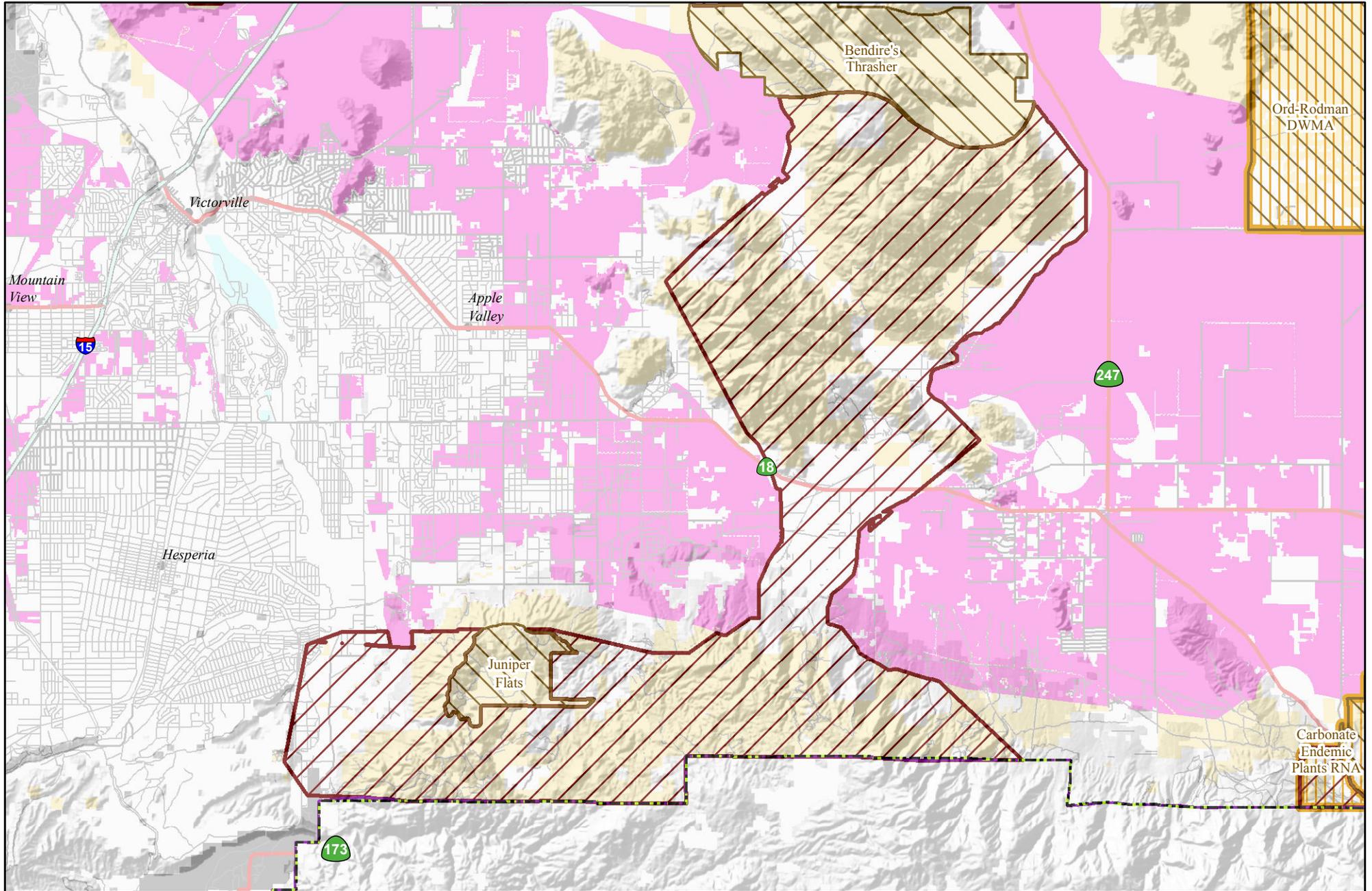
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- Military
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GTLF

- Interstate
- US Hwy
- CA Hwy
- County Hwy



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Alternative 3 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

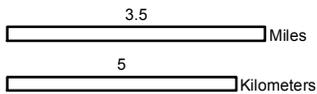
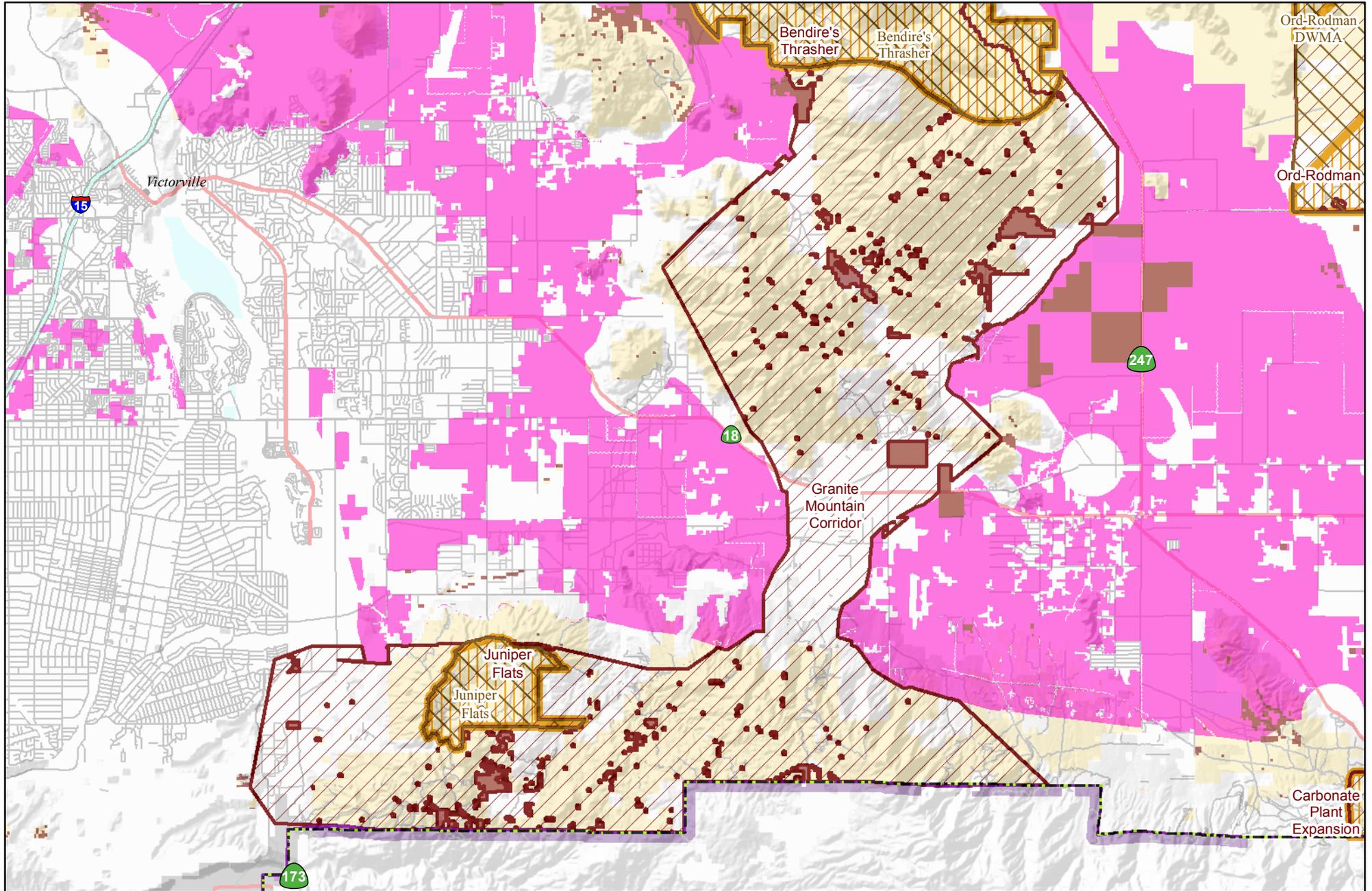
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- State
- Other Federal
- Military
- Private

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- Interstate
- US Hwy
- CA Hwy
- County Hwy



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Alternative 4 ACECs
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ACEC Layers

- Existing ACEC
- Proposed NLCS
- Proposed ACEC
- Proposed Wildlife Allocation
- Legislatively and Legally Protected

Design Focus Areas

- Design Focus Areas
- Variance Lands
- OHV Areas
- CDCA Boundary
- DRECP Boundary
- BLM Field Office

Land Status

- Bureau of Land Management
- State
- Other Federal
- Military
- Private

GTLF

- Interstate
- US Hwy
- CA Hwy
- County Hwy

