

**Kingston Range**

**Description/Location:** Located in northeast San Bernardino County and southeast Inyo County in a broad zone of transition between the Mojave and Great Basin deserts.

**Nationally Significant Values:**

Ecological: Provides important connectivity between large habitat blocks surrounding the unit. Maintains intact landscape by connecting several large wilderness areas.

**Special Designations/Management Plan/Date:** ACEC Plan No. 14, January 1991

**Relevance and Importance Criteria:** Relevant scenic, wildlife and botanical resource values. Encompasses habitat for many sensitive plant and wildlife species.

**Goals:** Continue multiple use management while recognizing that the Natural Area was designated in the CDCA Plan as an ACEC for the preservation and enhancement of habitat for unusual plants and bighorn sheep and two areas within the ACEC were also designated as Unique Plant Assemblages(UPA).

**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	18,900	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	11,300	18,900	0	1%
1	9,800	18,900	0	1%
2	11,300	18,900	0	1%
3	11,300	18,900	0	1%
4	11,300	18,900	0	1%

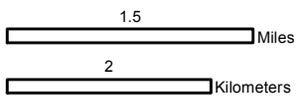
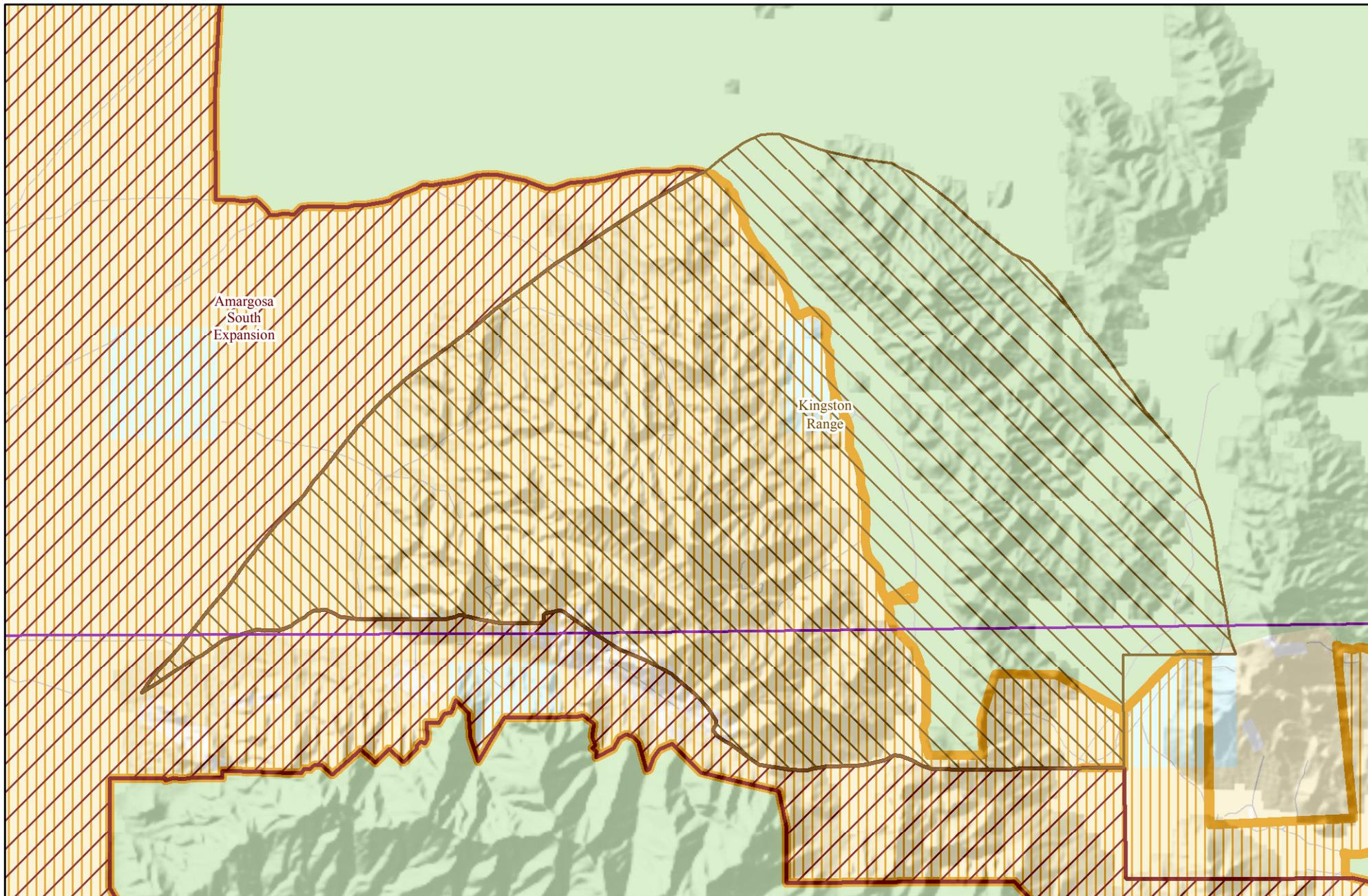
\* Acreage values are for BLM managed lands

**Alternatives:**

All Alternatives – this existing ACEC would continue to be managed as it currently is.

Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
<p>Objective: Manage for the protection of sensitive plant species</p> <p>Special Status Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Forked buckwheat</li> <li>- Death Valley beard-tongue</li> <li>- Stephen’s beard-tongue (<i>Penstemon stephensii</i>)</li> <li>- Scaly sand plant</li> <li>- Kingston Mtn. cinquefoil</li> <li>- Giant Nolina</li> <li>- Mormon Needlegrass (<i>Stipa arida</i>)</li> <li>- Kingston Mountains bedstraw <i>alium hilendiae ssp. kingstonense</i>)</li> <li>- Hairy Erioneuron (<i>Erioneuron pilosum</i>)</li> </ul> <p>Management Action #1: Survey for BLM special status plant species, identify current occupied and potential habitat, identify and implement actions to conserve and improve habitat conditions</p> <p>Management Action#2: Protect natural communities listed by the state as rare.</p>	<p>Vegetation - Including special status species</p>
<p>Objective: Manage for the protection of sensitive wildlife species</p> <p>Special Status Species:</p> <p>Desert bighorn sheep (<i>Ovis canadensis nelsonii</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Desert tortoise</li> <li>- Banded gila monster</li> <li>- Golden eagle</li> <li>- Kingston Mountain chipmunk (<i>Tamias panamintinus acrus</i>)</li> <li>- Mountain Lion</li> </ul> <p>Management Action: Survey for BLM sensitive species, identify current occupied and potential habitat, identify and implement actions to conserve and improve habitat conditions</p> <p>Objective: Expand year-long desert bighorn sheep range into the Natural Area through positive management</p> <p>Management Action: Build guzzler and protect from livestock</p>	<p>Fish and Wildlife - Including special status species</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

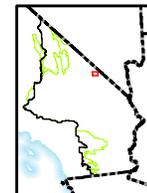
- Cities
- OHV Areas
- CDCA Boundary
- DRECP Boundary
- BLM Field Office

### Land Status

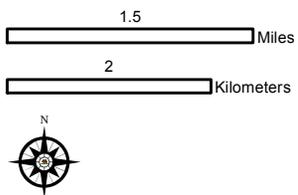
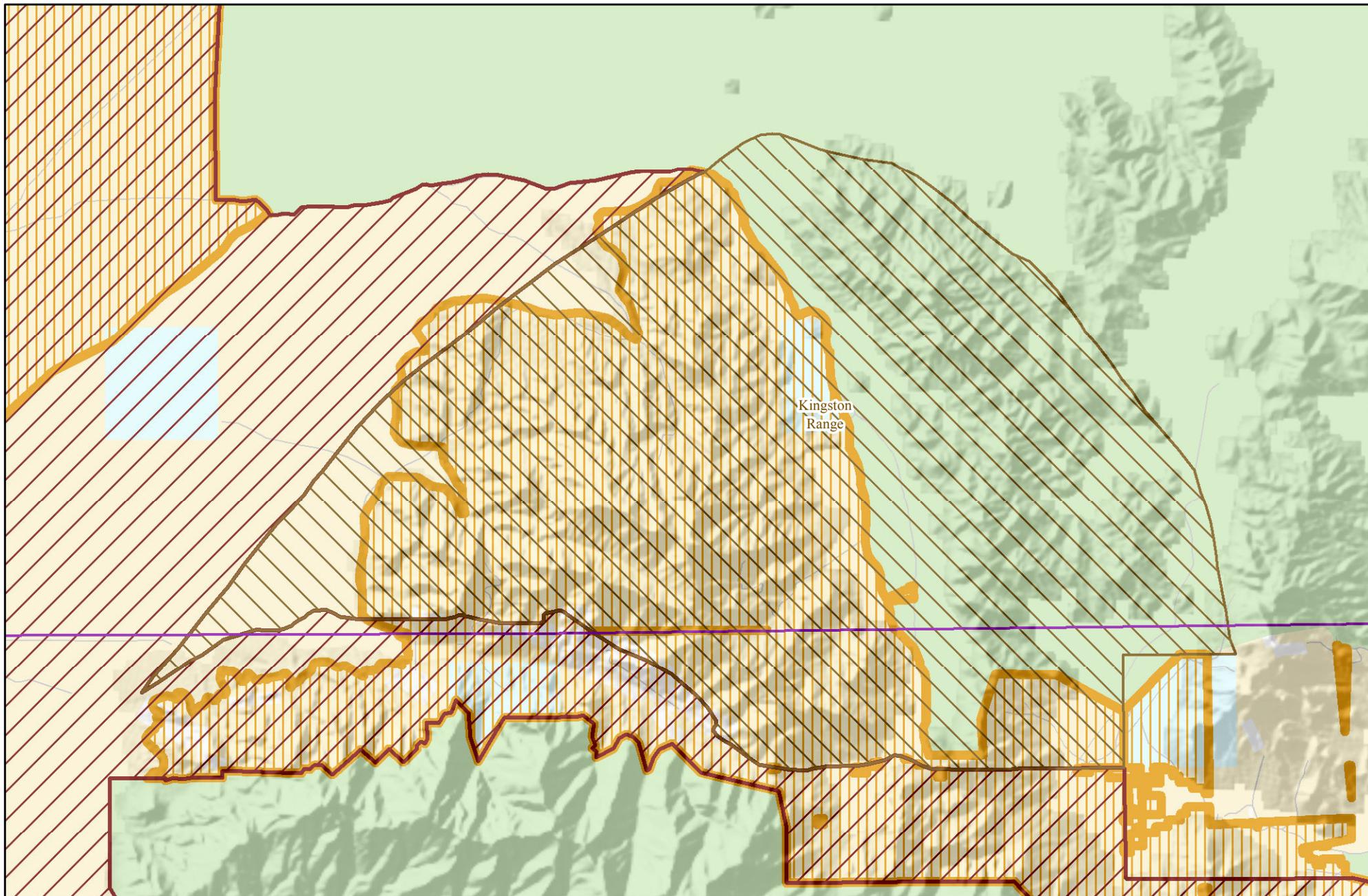
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- State
- Other Federal
- Military
- Private

### GTLF

- Interstate
- US Hwy
- CA Hwy
- County Hwy



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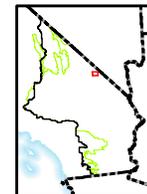
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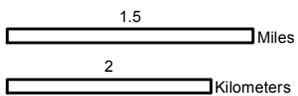
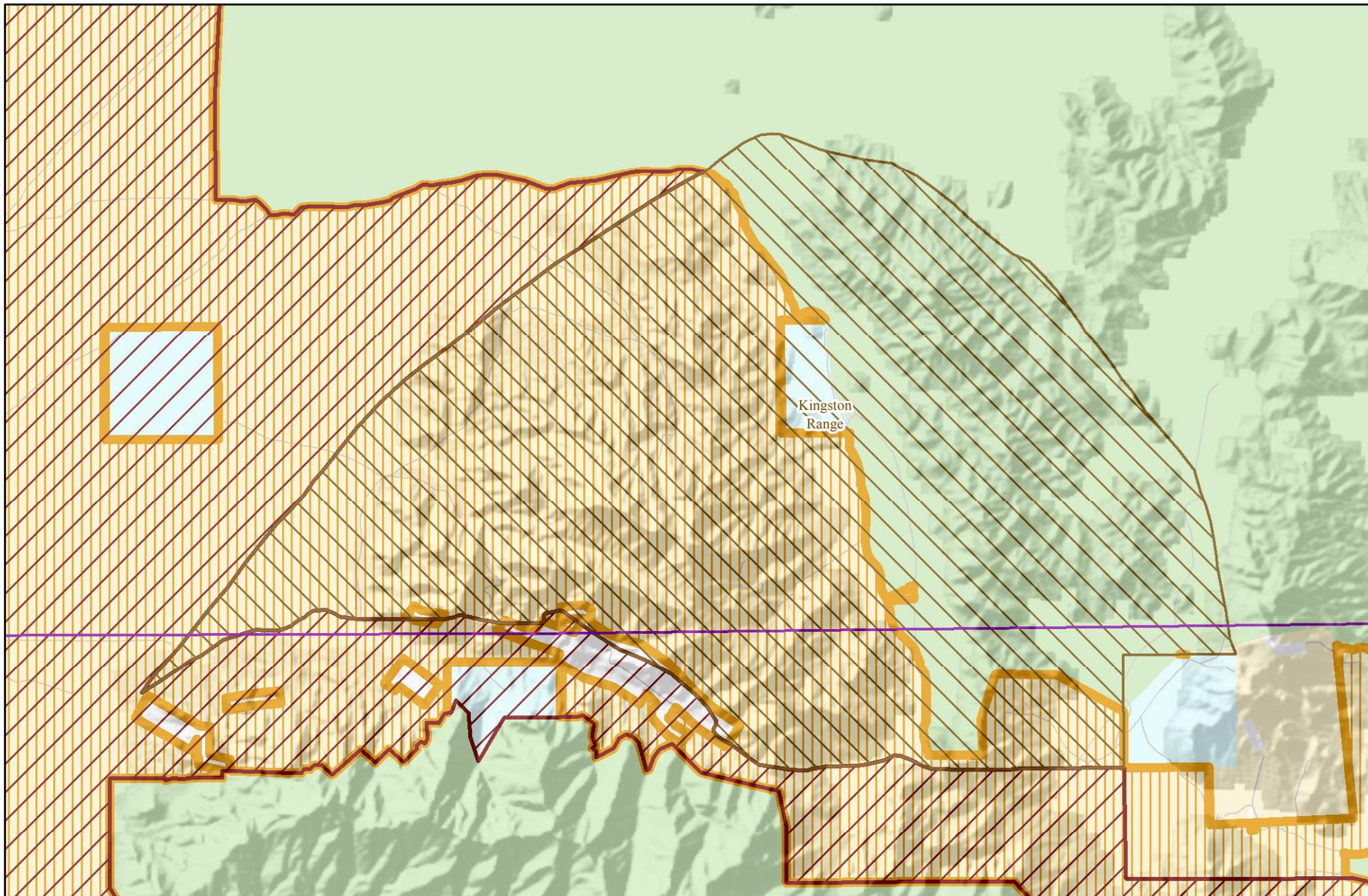
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- Proposed ACEC
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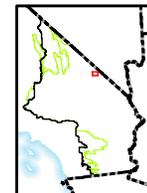
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### Land Status

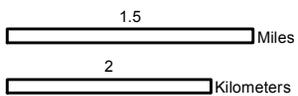
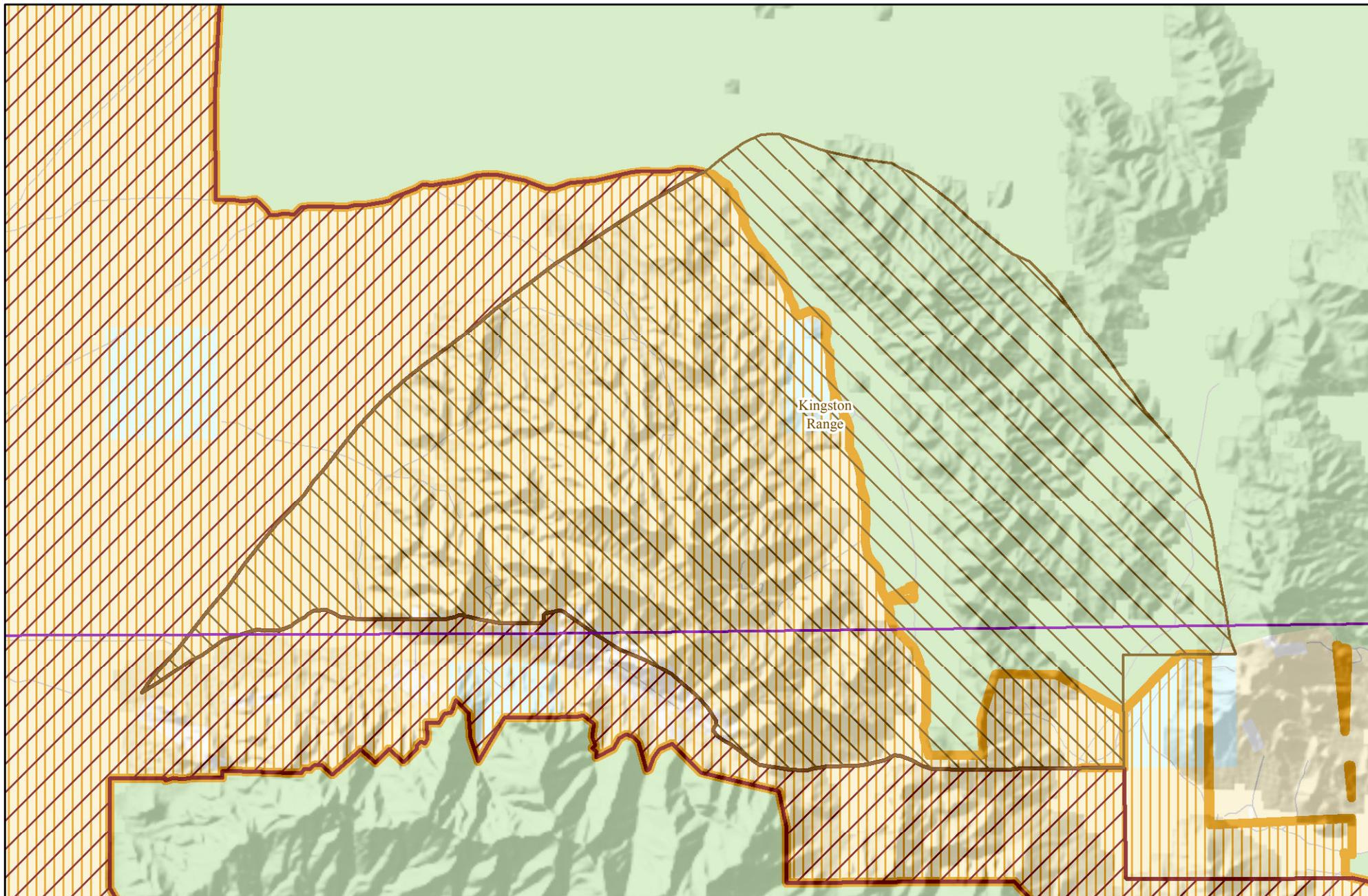
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## Alternative 3 ACECs

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- Proposed ACEC
- Proposed NLCS
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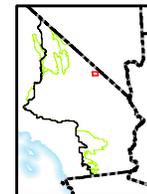
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- DRECP Boundary
- BLM Field Office

### Land Status

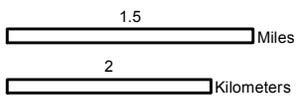
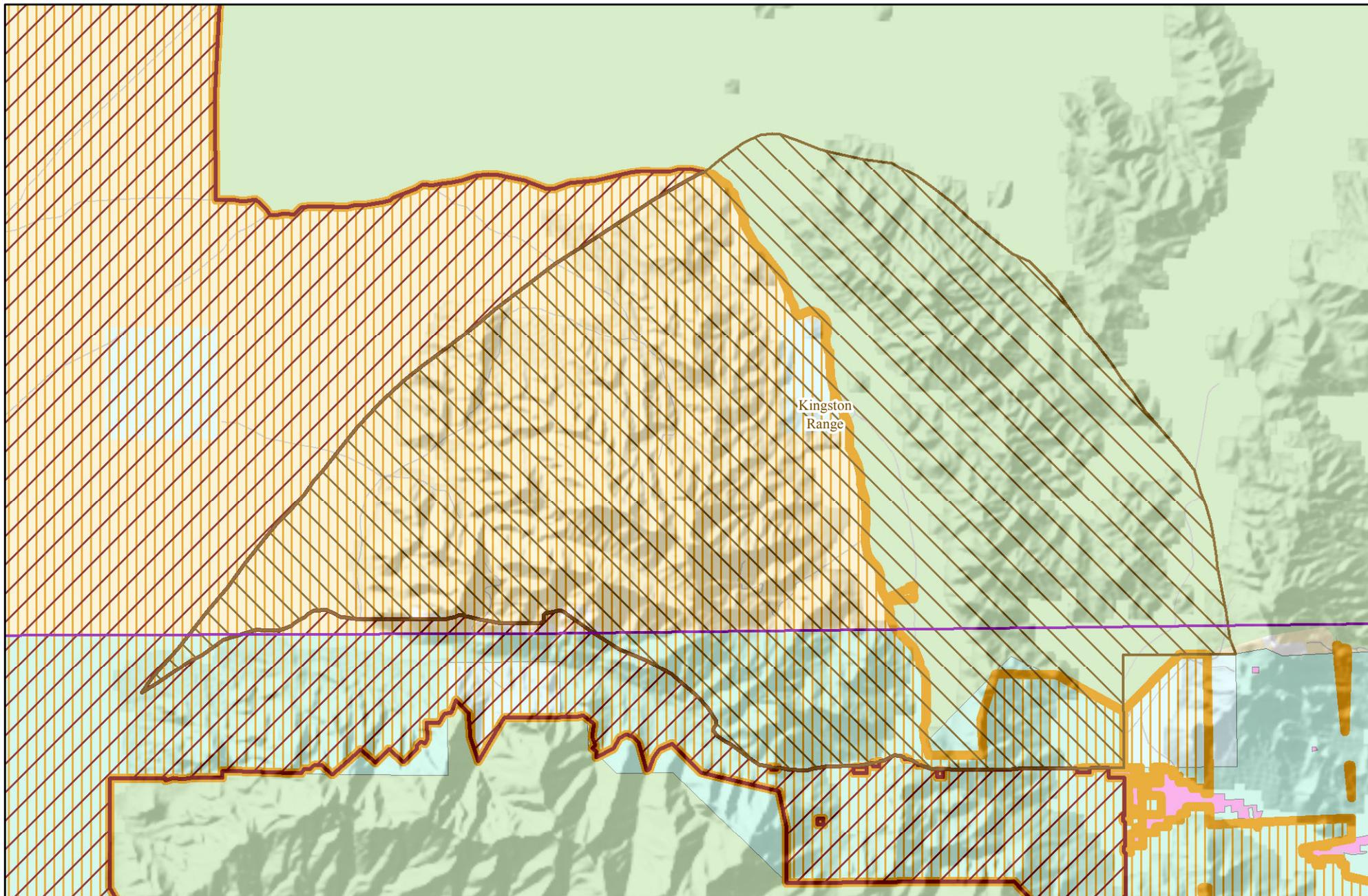
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## Alternative 4 ACECs

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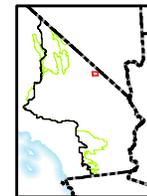
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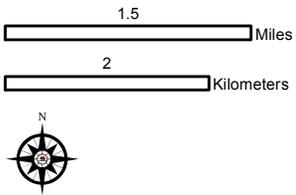
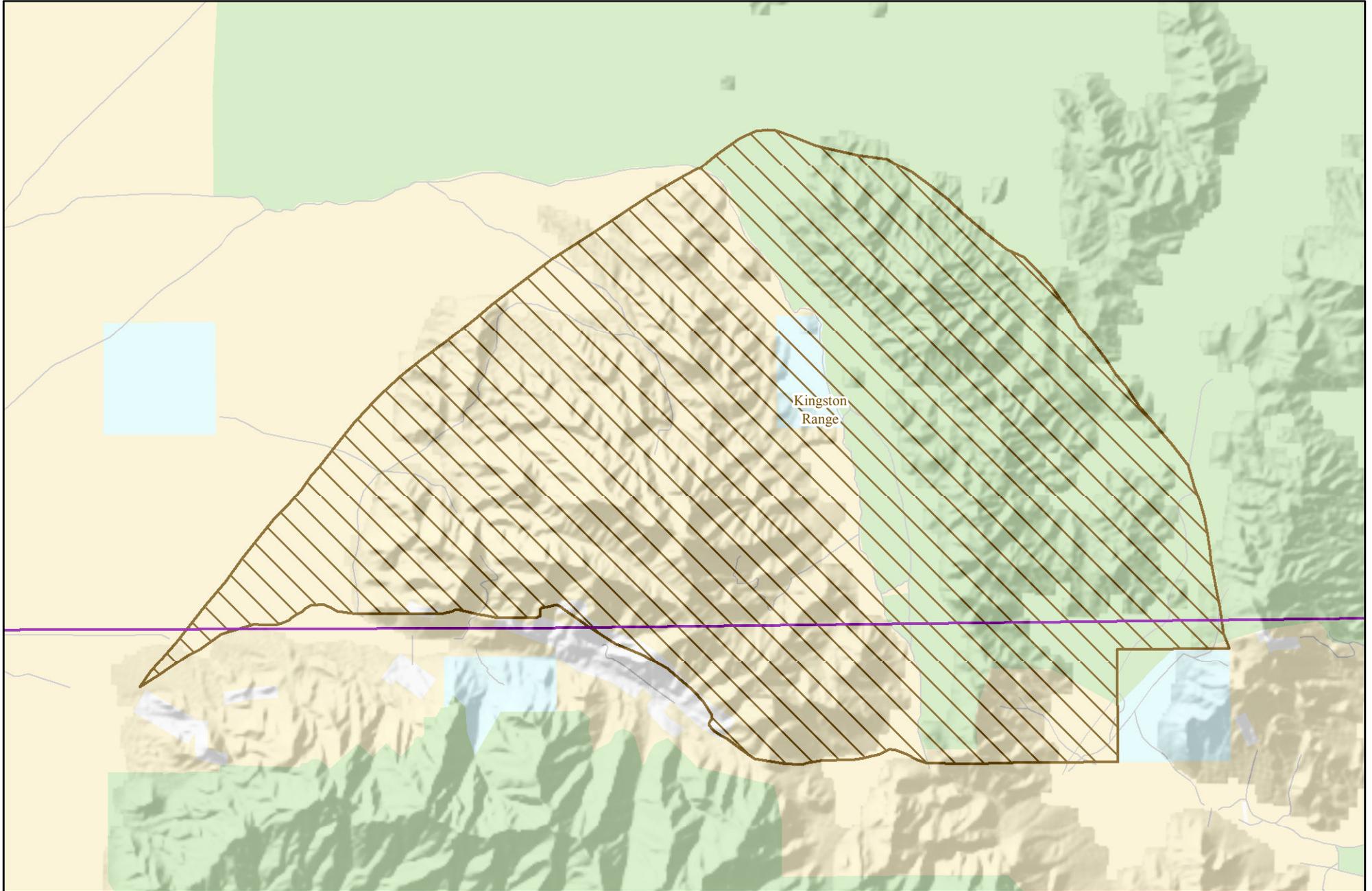
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**No Action ACECs**  
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### ACEC Layers

-  Existing ACEC
-  OHV Areas
-  Legislatively and Legally Protected

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

### Land Status

-  Bureau of Land Management
-  State
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-  Interstate
-  US Hwy
-  CA Hwy
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