

Patton Camps

Description/Location: The Desert Training Center/California-Arizona Maneuver Area 1942-1944 is located within eastern California and western Arizona. The majority of the WWII training center is located in southeastern San Bernardino County, CA and eastern Riverside and Imperial Counties, CA.

Nationally Significant Values:

Cultural: The California-Arizona Maneuver Area (CAMA) was created in 1942 to train troops for the African, Pacific, and European campaigns. The harsh conditions of the American Deserts were considered similar in nature to North Africa where soldiers were being sent. Thousands of men and boys from across the United States were sent to the following locations throughout the California Desert to prepare for duty in Africa. Victory in the sands of North Africa would play an important role in cutting off supply routes between Japan and Germany and shortening the length of WWII.

Desert Camps: Clipper (Divisional Camp), Coxcomb, Desert Center, Essex (Divisional Camp), Granite, Ibis (Divisional Camp), Iron Mountain (Divisional Camp), Needles (Divisional Camp), Pilot Knob, Rice (Divisional Camp), Young plus additional isolated unit campsites throughout the California Desert.

Associated Airfields: Shaver's Summit Airport, Desert Center Army Airfield, Essex Airfield, Needles Airport, Rice Army Airfield, Thermal Army Airfield and other miscellaneous landing strips.

Hospitals: Desert Center, Needles, Pilot Knob, Camp Young, and Yuma

Quartermaster Depots: San Bernardino and Pomona, **Desert Sites:** Freda (Battalion Depot), Goffs (Regimental Depot), and Danby (Battalion Headquarters),

Railroad Sidings: Cadiz, Calipatria, Coachella, Colorado, Danby, Fenner, Freda, Glamis, Goffs, Ogilby, plus many additional transfer sites within western California and Central Arizona.

The heavy use of the California Desert for military maneuvers is evident in the extensive amount of tank tracks found on desert pavement surfaces.

The CAMA encompassed over 18,000 square miles of land from Pomona, CA to Phoenix, AZ south of the Mexican border, and as far north as Boulder City, NV. There were 10 divisional camps established within this area, Iron Mountain Division Camp being the most intact site today.

Resources remaining within the camp are acres of stone work lining the camp roads and walkways. Many rock designs of company symbols remain as well as special insignias. Many remnants from day-to-day camp life can be found such as communication wire, batteries, eating and cooking utensils, bottles, buckles and coins and most important the chapel and its altar.

Mgmt. Plan/Date of Designation- Plan 52/1985

Relevance and Importance Criteria : Relevant cultural resource values. Camp Iron Mountain is one of the most significant and best preserved remnants of the WWII historical period. It has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places. This area was designated in recognition of the cultural values.

Goals: To protect and interpret the historic resources and value of the site.

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	3,800	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	7,400	18,300	0	0.1%
1	0	26,000	0	0.1%
2	19,200	19,200	0	0.1%
3	7,500	18,300	0	0.1%
4	2,500	18,300	0	0.1%

* Acreage values are for BLM managed lands

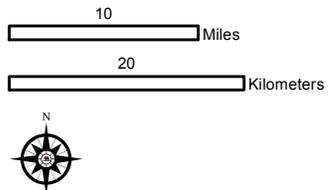
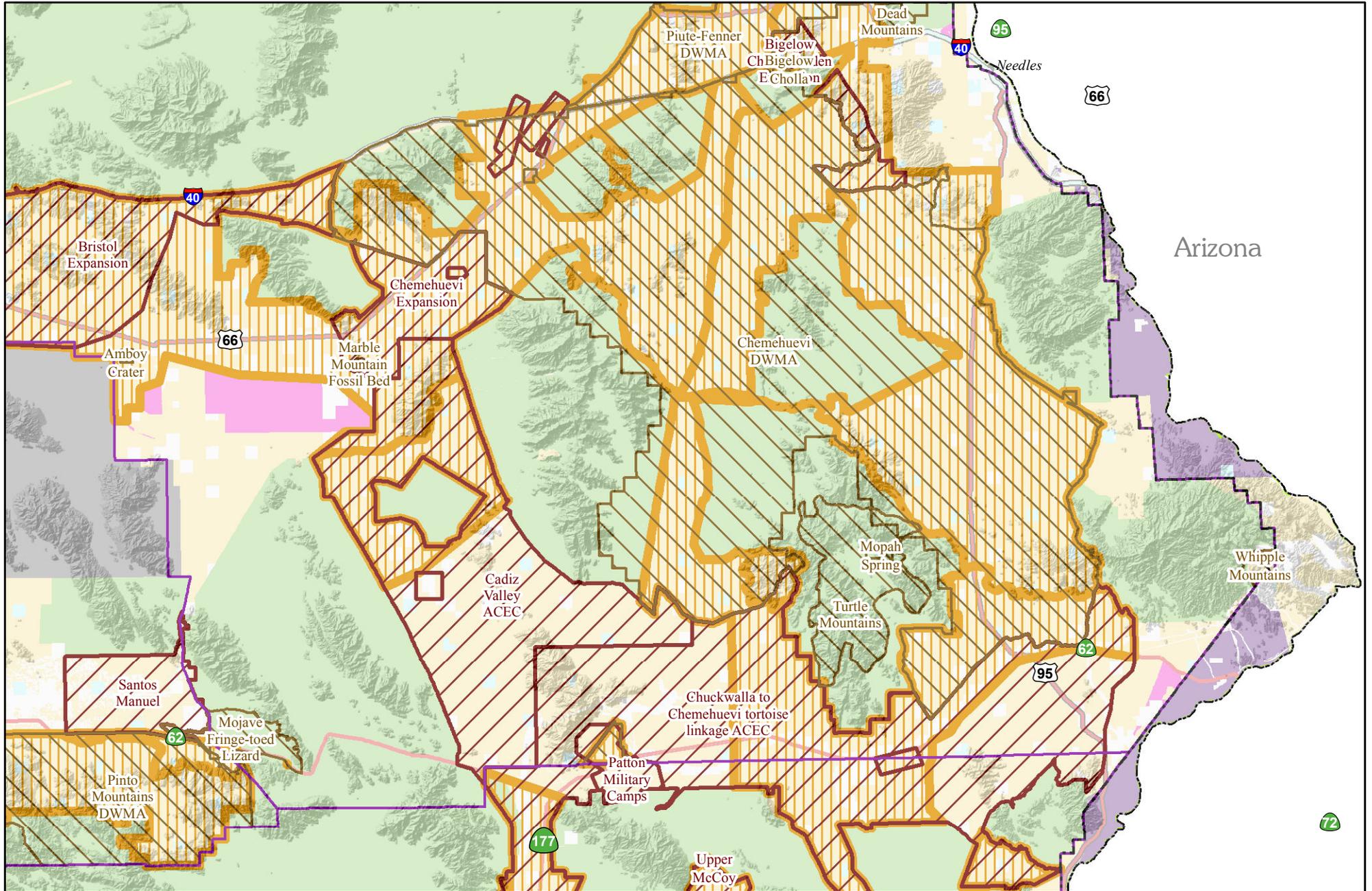
Alternatives –

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: Stabilize, protect, and maintain the historic resources in the condition of “arrested decay”</p> <p>Management Action 1: Extend vehicle enclosure fence to the entire length of the camp</p> <p>Management Action 2: Withdraw site from mining location and mineral entry</p> <p>Management Action 3: Provide additional information requested to complete nomination in the National Register of Historic Places</p> <p>Management Action 4: Re-grade and maintain existing berm on the northwest slope of the camp</p> <p>Management Action 5: Increase patrol</p> <p>See additional programmatic ACEC cultural resources objective and action items in general cultural resources rules.</p>	Cultural Resources
<p>Objective: Provide for the use of a designated system of roads and trails to ensure access to the public for appropriate uses.</p> <p>Management Action 1: All legal open roads and trails will be signed including road or trail number/name. All roads and trails identified as closed will be rehabilitated/restored.</p> <p>Management Action 2: Restore all undesignated roads or trails.</p> <p>Management Action 3: Provide routine maintenance of the designated roads and trails system including installation of routine signs, markers, culverts, ditches, water bars, barriers, gates, or cattle guards on/or adjacent to system roads and trails.</p>	Trails and Travel Management

<p>Objective: Manage recreation consistent with established conservation goals, while providing a broad range of recreation opportunities, and to ensure public health and safety;</p> <p>Management Action 1: Provide interpretive, directional, and regulatory signs and materials as necessary to provide public information and reduce impacts from recreational use.</p> <p>Management Action 2: Prohibit competitive special recreation events.</p>	Recreation
<p>Procedures will be completed to acquire an easement from the Metropolitan Water District across the transmission line corridor.</p>	Rights of Way
<p>No Renewable Energy Development</p> <p>Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development</p>	Renewable Energy
<p>Management Action: Propose for withdrawal from all forms of appropriation under public land laws and mining location and mineral entry under mining laws.</p>	Locatable Minerals Mineral Materials Non-energy Leasables

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Preferred Alternative ACECs

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ACEC Layers

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

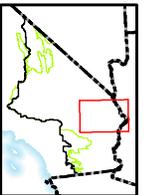
- Cities
- OHV Areas
- CDCA Boundary
- DRECP Boundary
- BLM Field Office

Land Status

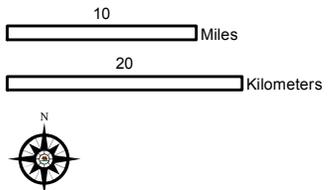
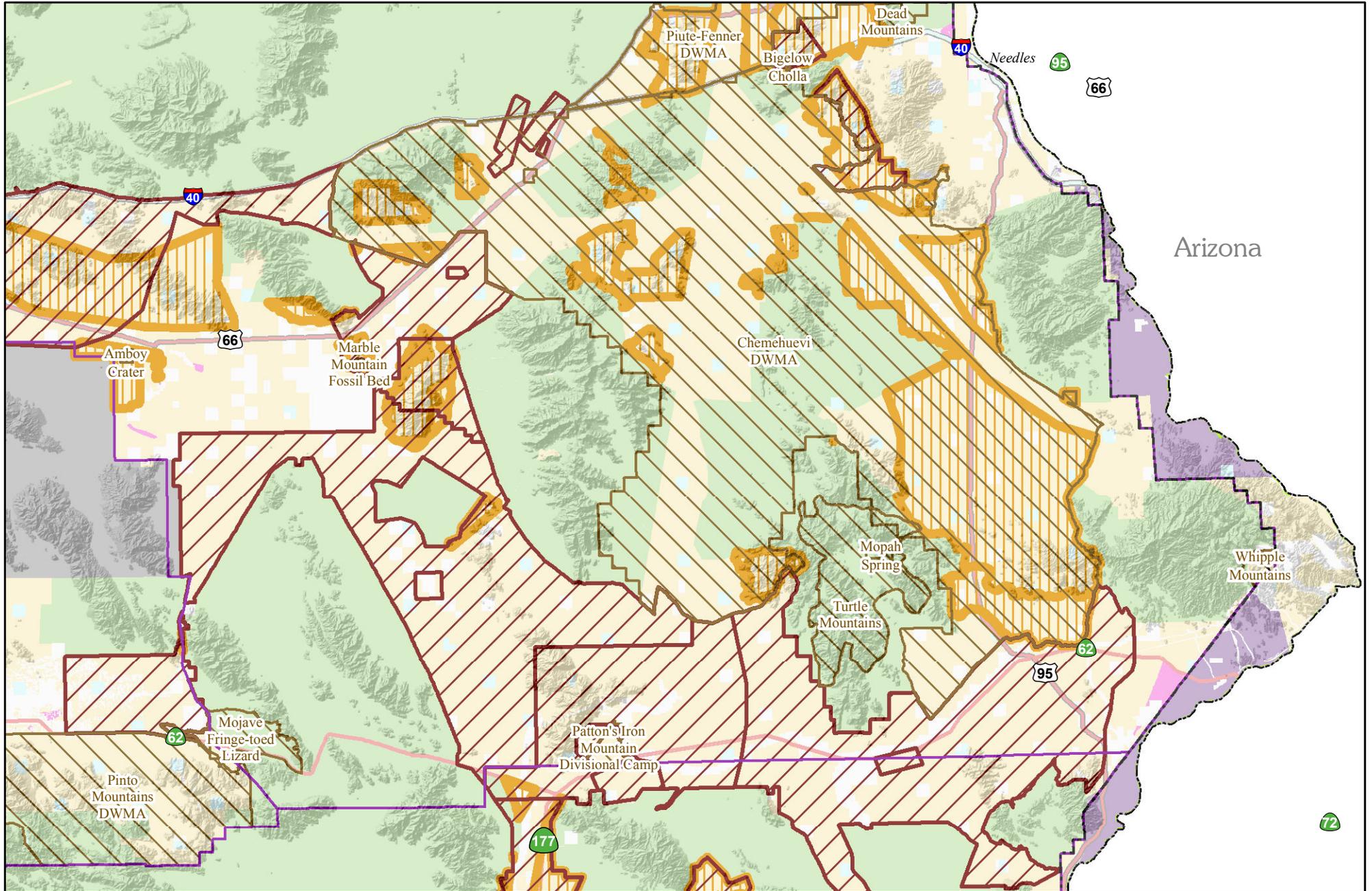
- Bureau of Land Management
- State
- Other Federal
- Military
- Private

GTLF

- Interstate
- US Hwy
- CA Hwy
- County Hwy



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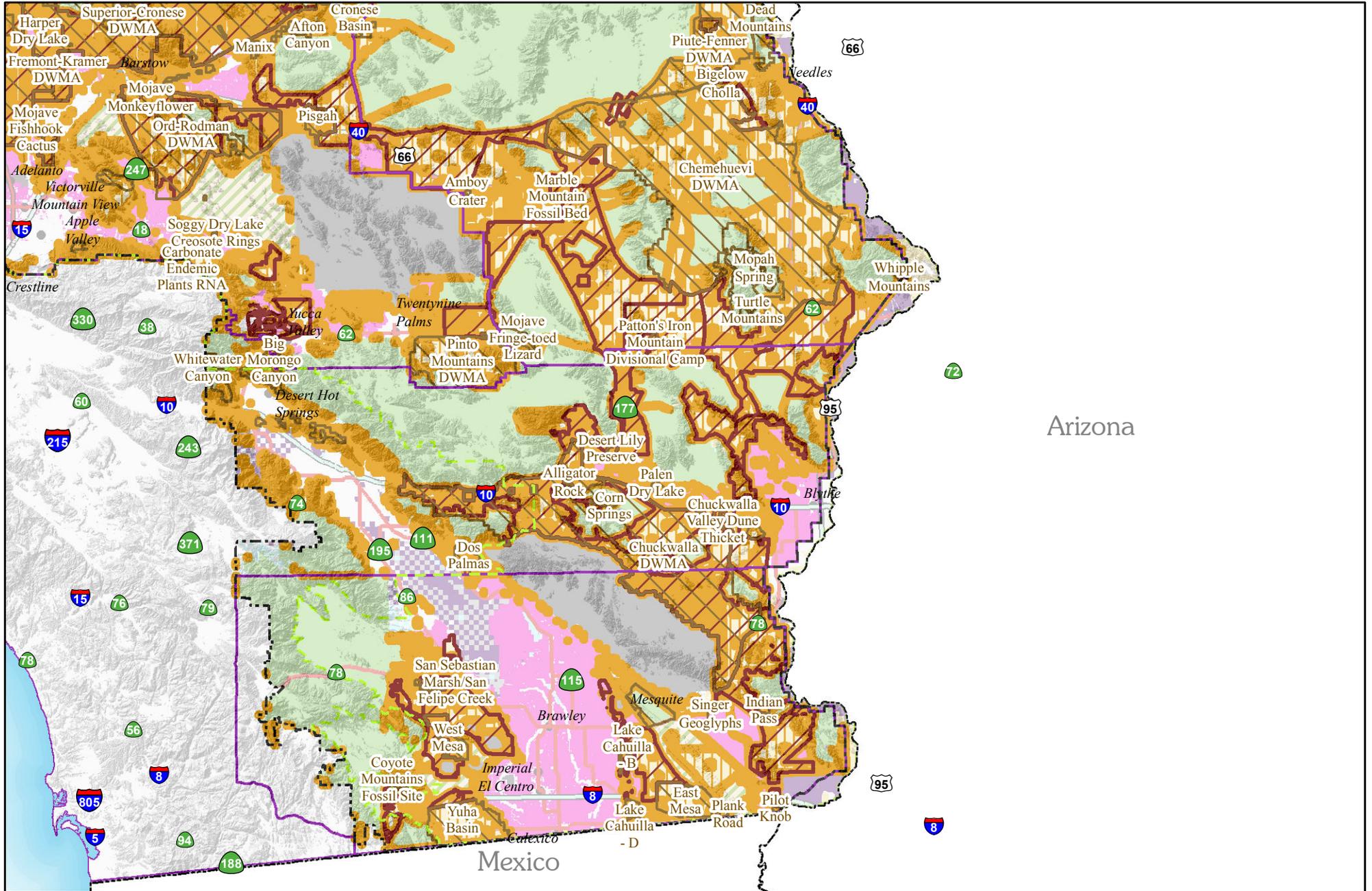
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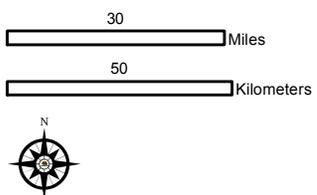


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Arizona

Mexico



Alternative 2 ACECs

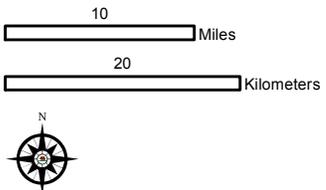
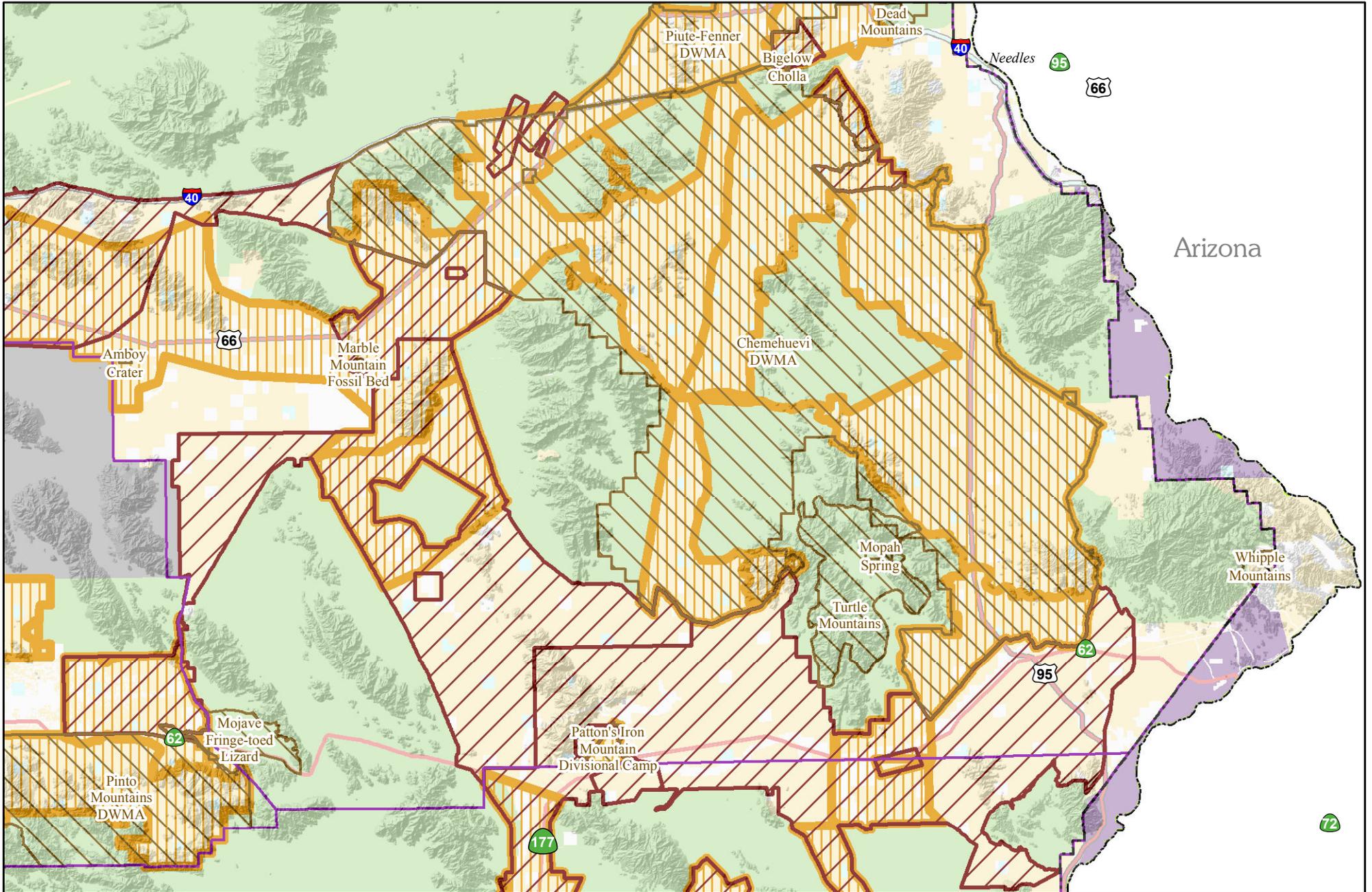
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	Existing ACEC		Bureau of Land Management		Interstate
	Proposed ACEC		State		US Hwy
	Proposed NLCS		Other Federal		CA Hwy
	Design Focus Areas		Military		County Hwy
	Legislatively and Legally Protected		Private		
	OHV Areas				
	CDCA Boundary				
	DRECP Boundary				
	BLM Field Office				



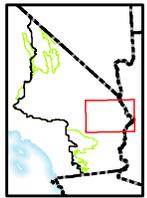
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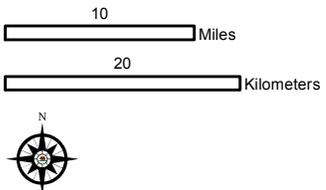
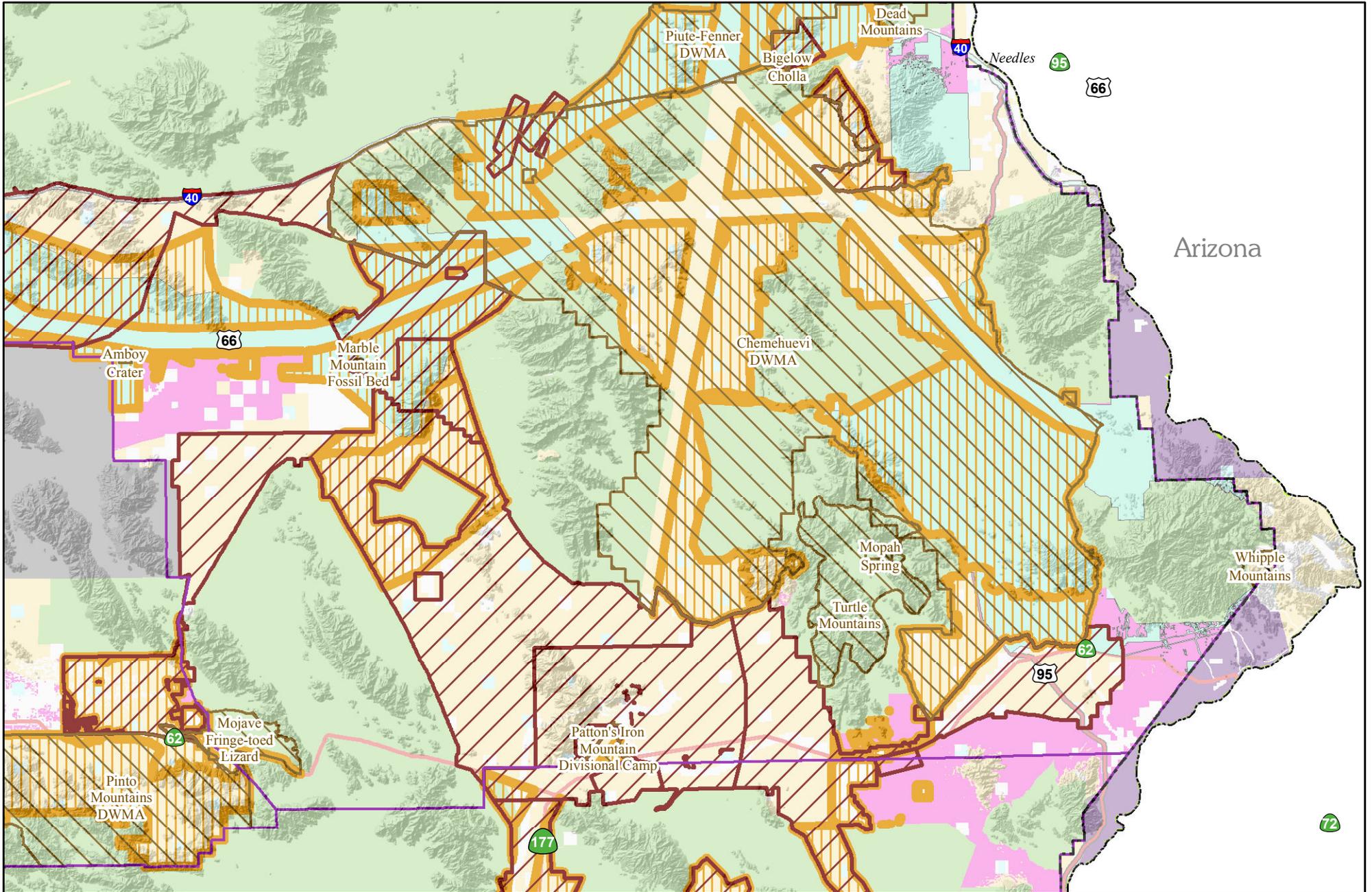
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Proposed ACEC	OHV Areas	State	Other Federal	Military	Private
Proposed NLCS	CDCA Boundary	Other Federal	Military	Private	
Design Focus Areas	DRECP Boundary	Military	Private		
Legislatively and Legally Protected	BLM Field Office	Private			



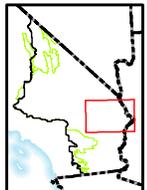
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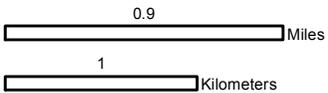
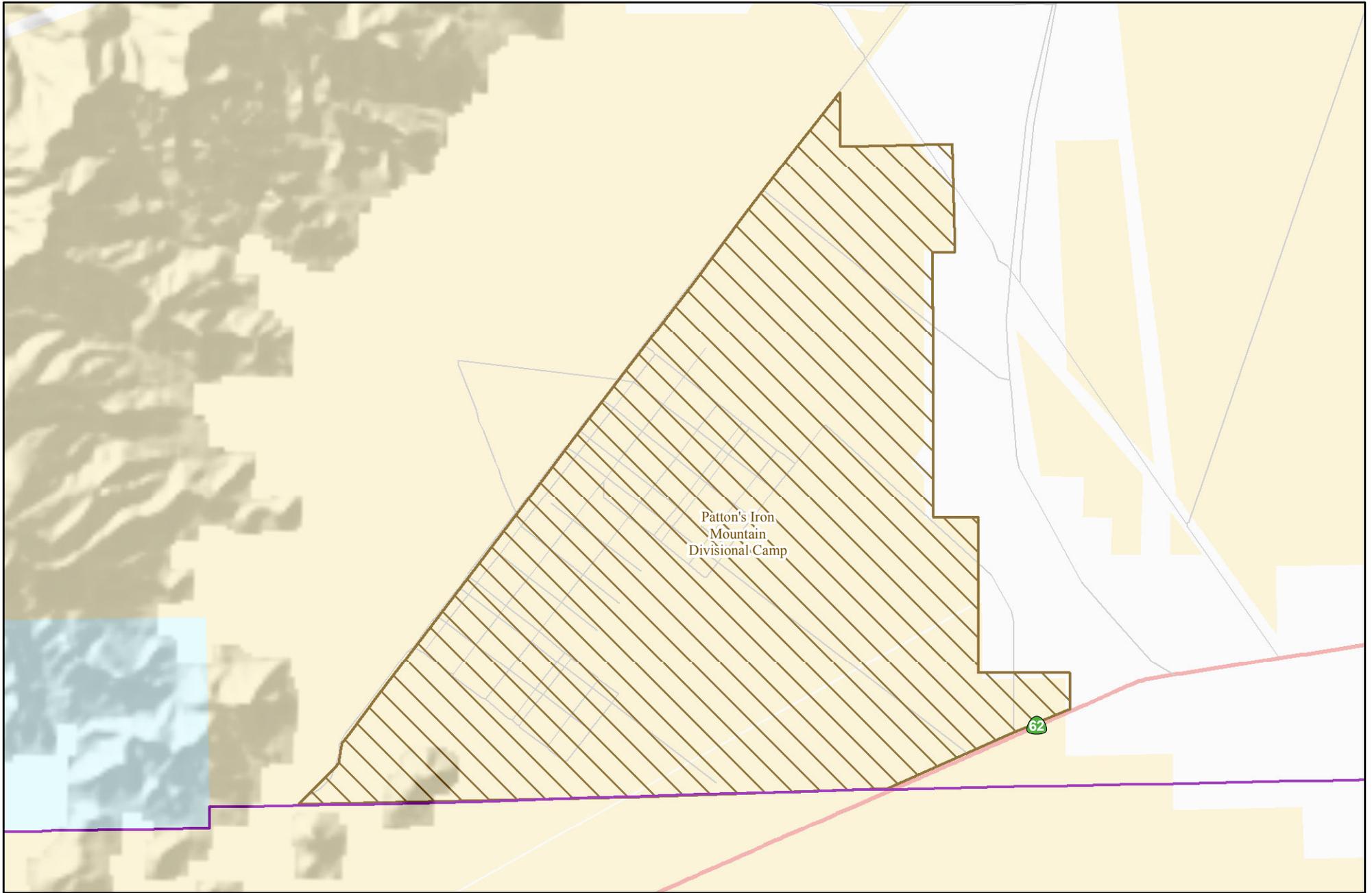
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Existing ACEC	Proposed ACEC	Bureau of Land Management	State	Interstate	US Hwy
Proposed NLCS	Design Focus Areas	Other Federal	Military	CA Hwy	County Hwy
Legislatively and Legally Protected	OHV Areas	Private	CDCA Boundary	DRECP Boundary	
	BLM Field Office				



Patton's Iron Mountain Divisional Camp



No Action ACECs

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