



ARIZONA'S CONSERVATION  
DISTRICTS



## How to Find Information About Ecological Sites

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#ConserveAZ

# Ecological Sites

- Classification of land based on:
  - Similar capability to produce certain types and amounts of vegetation
  - Similar soil, climate, topography
  - Similar response to management
  - Basis for much of our planning, assessment, and monitoring of natural resources on range and forest lands



ECOLOGICAL SITES ON THE LANDSCAPE

Granitic Hills

Limy Upland/Limy Slopes

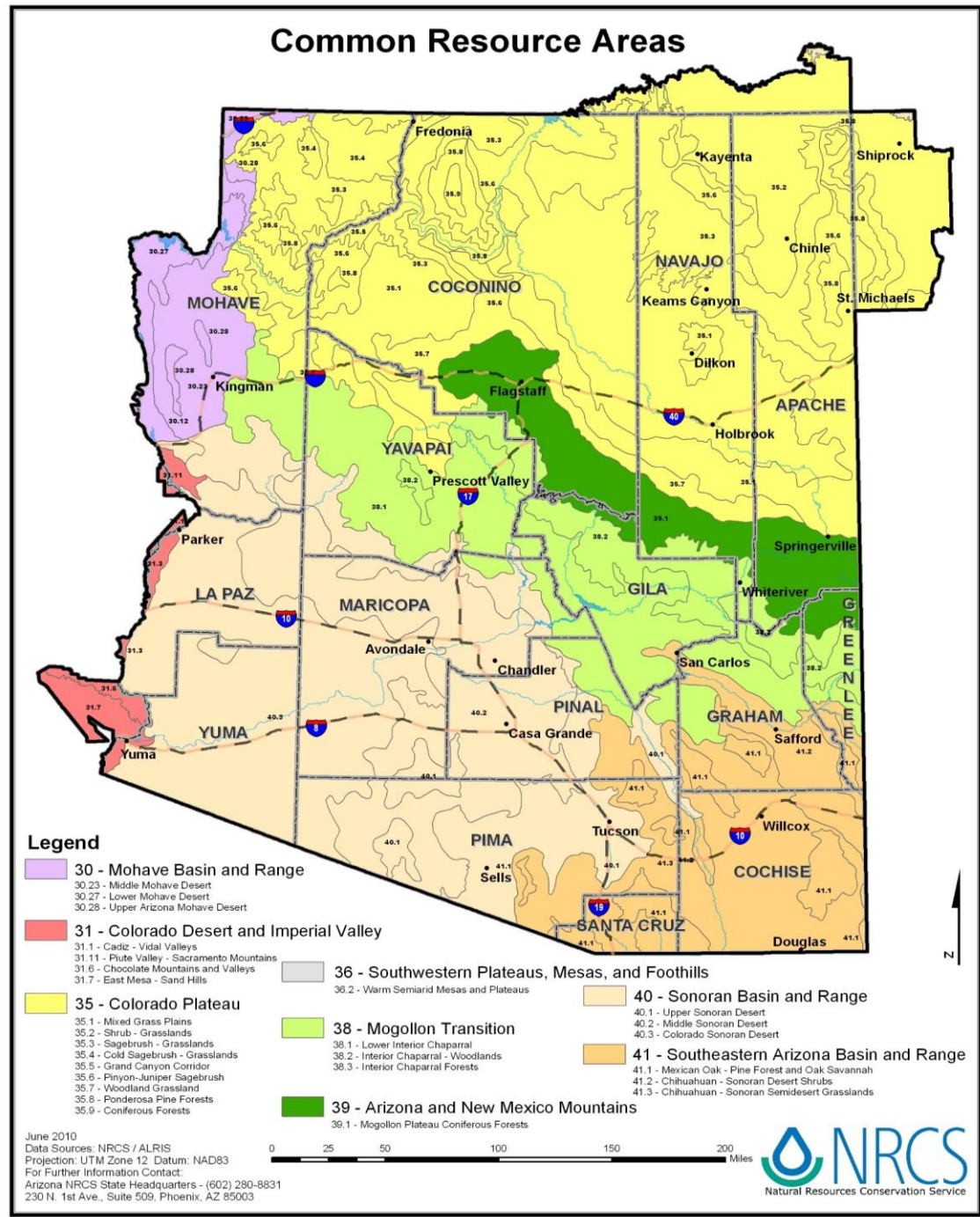
Sandy Loam Upland/Limy Slopes

Sandy Loam Deep

Loamy Bottom



# Common Resource Areas



## Legend

- 30 - Mohave Basin and Range**
  - 30.23 - Middle Mohave Desert
  - 30.27 - Lower Mohave Desert
  - 30.28 - Upper Arizona Mohave Desert
- 31 - Colorado Desert and Imperial Valley**
  - 31.1 - Cadiz - Vidal Valleys
  - 31.11 - Plute Valley - Sacramento Mountains
  - 31.6 - Chocolate Mountains and Valleys
  - 31.7 - East Mesa - Sand Hills
- 35 - Colorado Plateau**
  - 35.1 - Mixed Grass Plains
  - 35.2 - Shrub - Grasslands
  - 35.3 - Sagebrush - Grasslands
  - 35.4 - Cold Sagebrush - Grasslands
  - 35.5 - Grand Canyon Corridor
  - 35.6 - Pinyon-Juniper Sagebrush
  - 35.7 - Woodland Grassland
  - 35.8 - Ponderosa Pine Forests
  - 35.9 - Coniferous Forests
- 36 - Southwestern Plateaus, Mesas, and Foothills**
  - 36.2 - Warm Semiarid Mesas and Plateaus
- 38 - Mogollon Transition**
  - 38.1 - Lower Interior Chaparral
  - 38.2 - Interior Chaparral - Woodlands
  - 38.3 - Interior Chaparral Forests
- 39 - Arizona and New Mexico Mountains**
  - 39.1 - Mogollon Plateau Coniferous Forests
- 40 - Sonoran Basin and Range**
  - 40.1 - Upper Sonoran Desert
  - 40.2 - Middle Sonoran Desert
  - 40.3 - Colorado Sonoran Desert
- 41 - Southeastern Arizona Basin and Range**
  - 41.1 - Mexican Oak - Pine Forest and Oak Savannah
  - 41.2 - Chihuahuan - Sonoran Desert Shrubs
  - 41.3 - Chihuahuan - Sonoran Semidesert Grasslands

June 2010  
 Data Sources: NRCS / ALRIS  
 Projection: UTM Zone 12 Datum: NAD83  
 For Further Information Contact:  
 Arizona NRCS State Headquarters - (602) 280-8831  
 230 N. 1st Ave., Suite 509, Phoenix, AZ 85003





**Ecological sites have a unique identifier.**

**Example:**

**Site ID: R030XA101AZ**

**R = range; 030 = MLRA 30; 101 = Site Number; AZ = Arizona**

**Each ecological site also has a name and precipitation zone attached. The names may be used in other environmental zones or Major Land Resource Areas, i.e., they are not unique.**

**Example:**

**Site Name: Basalt Hills 3-6 p.z.**

**p.z. = precipitation zone which corresponds to CRA 30-1**

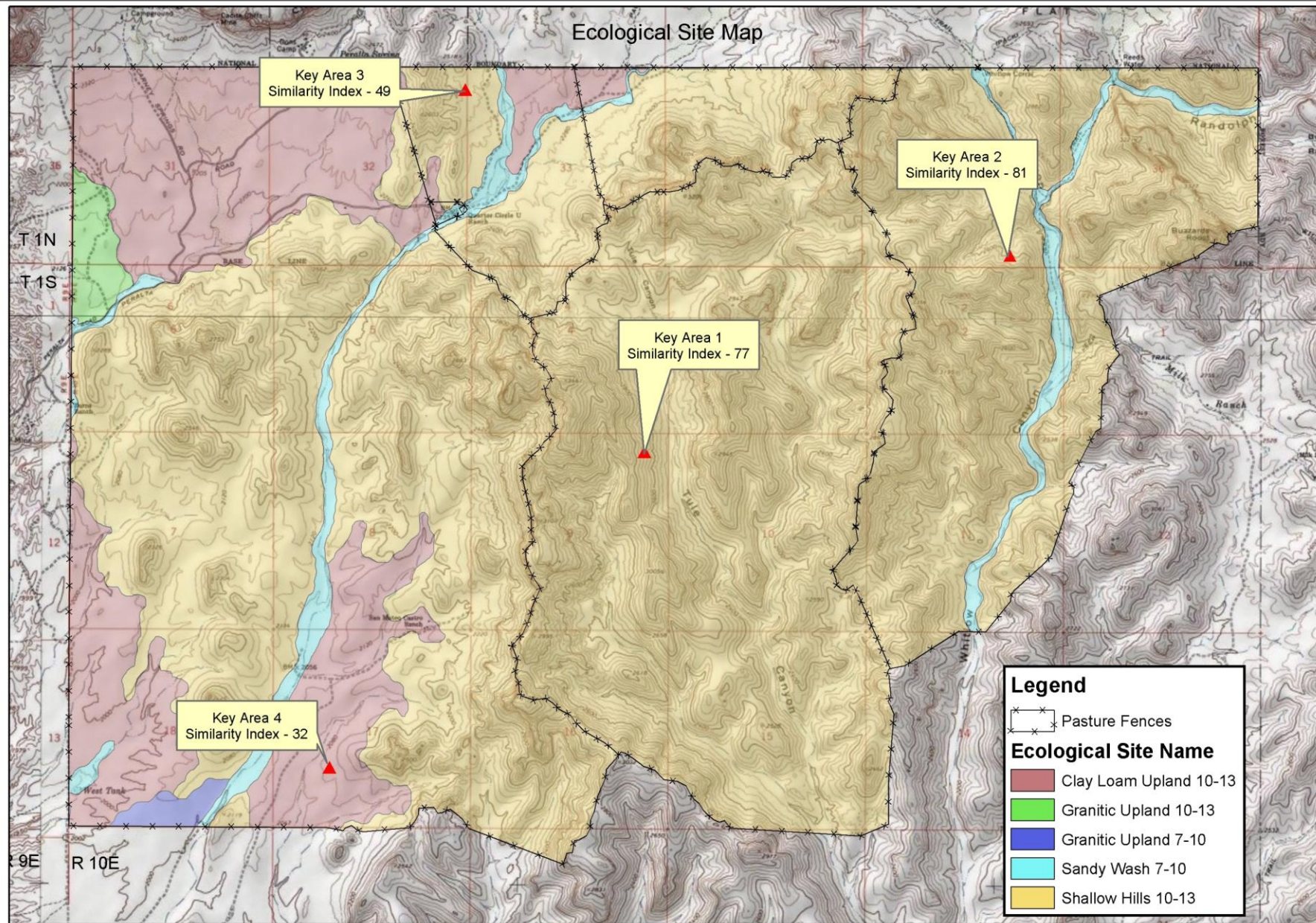


# EDIT

Ecosystem Dynamics Interpretive Tool

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# Ecological Site Map



Key Area 3  
Similarity Index - 49

Key Area 2  
Similarity Index - 81

Key Area 1  
Similarity Index - 77

Key Area 4  
Similarity Index - 32

**Legend**

—x—x—x— Pasture Fences

**Ecological Site Name**

- Clay Loam Upland 10-13
- Granitic Upland 10-13
- Granitic Upland 7-10
- Sandy Wash 7-10
- Shallow Hills 10-13

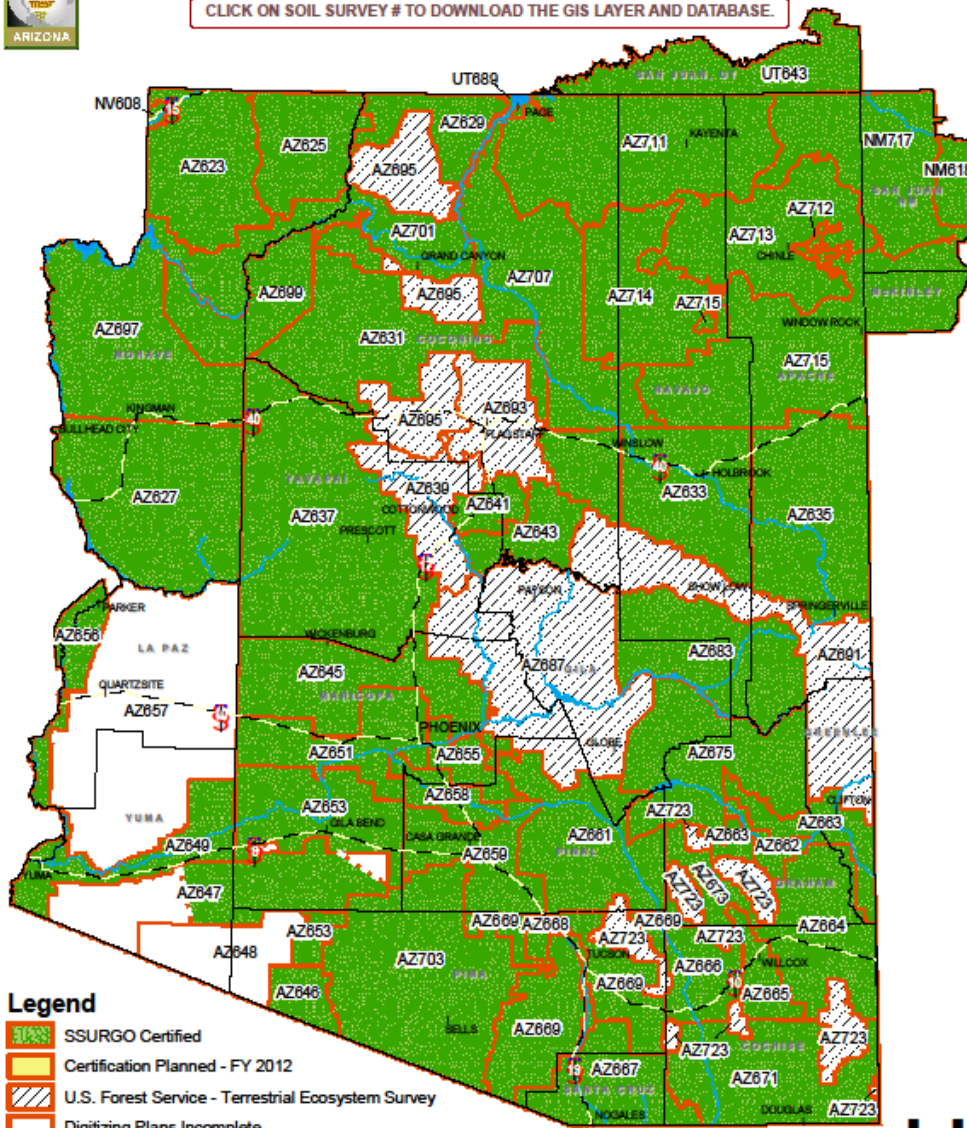




# STATUS OF SSURGO CERTIFIED SOIL SURVEYS

## SOIL SURVEY PROGRAM - ARIZONA

CLICK ON SOIL SURVEY # TO DOWNLOAD THE GIS LAYER AND DATABASE.



### Legend

- SSURGO Certified
- Certification Planned - FY 2012
- U.S. Forest Service - Terrestrial Ecosystem Survey
- Digitizing Plans Incomplete
- County Boundary

0 20 40 80 120 160 Miles

October 2011

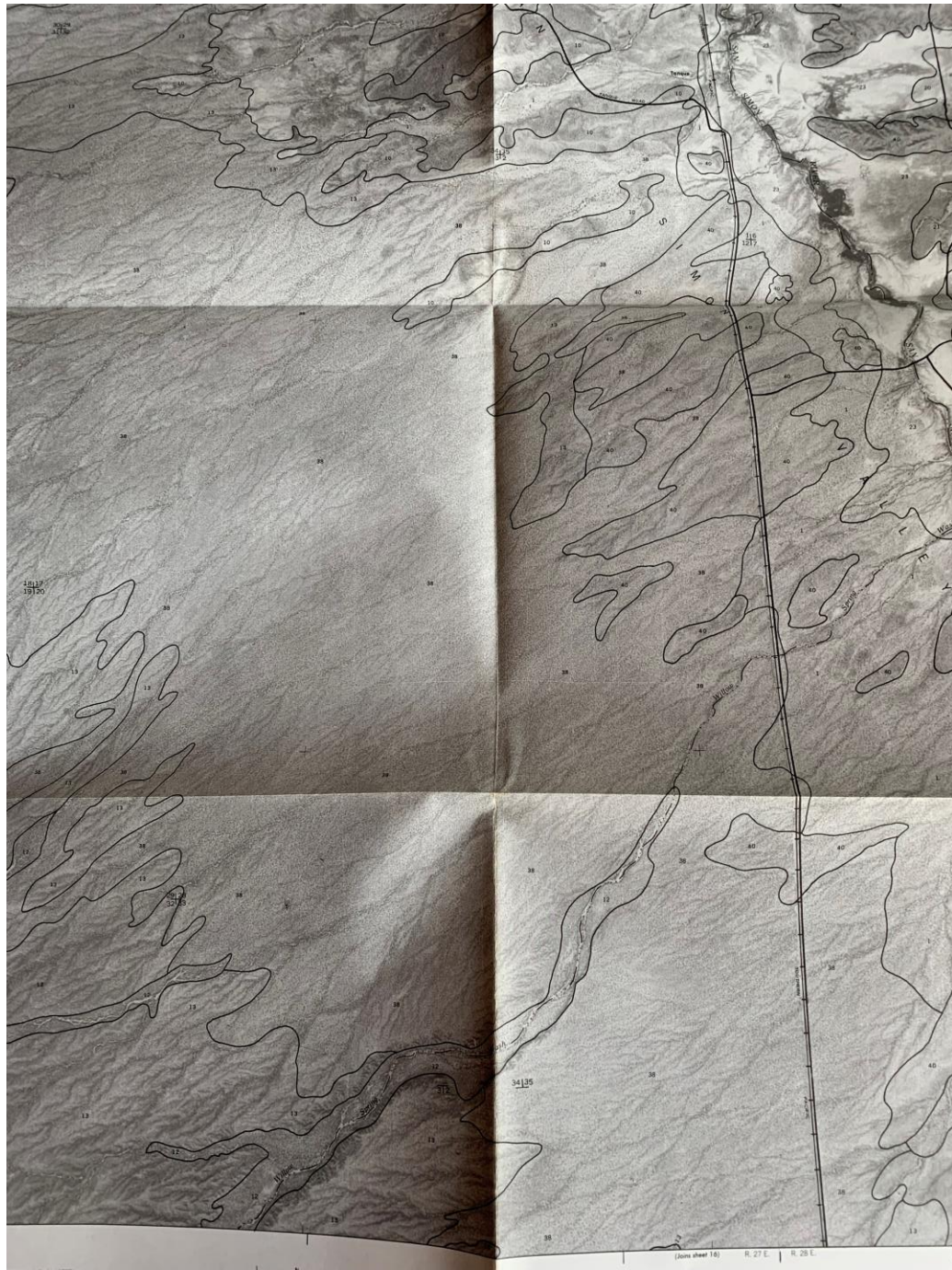




**SOIL SURVEY OF  
SAN SIMON AREA, ARIZONA  
PARTS OF COCHISE, GRAHAM,  
AND GREENLEE COUNTIES**



**United States Department of Agriculture  
Soil Conservation Service  
in cooperation with  
Arizona Agricultural Experiment Station**



Places

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    - [Sightseeing Tour](#)  
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layer is checked
  - Big Sandy
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      - Brush Projects
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        - Wagon Bow Ranch 4 - Jun...
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        - Wagon Bow Ranch 2 - Oa...
        - Wagon Bow Ranch 1 - Oa...



Layers

- Primary Database
  - Announcements
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  - 3D Buildings
  - Weather
  - Gallery
  - More
  - Borders and Labels (Outdated)
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  - Roads (Outdated)
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 Image U.S. Geological Survey

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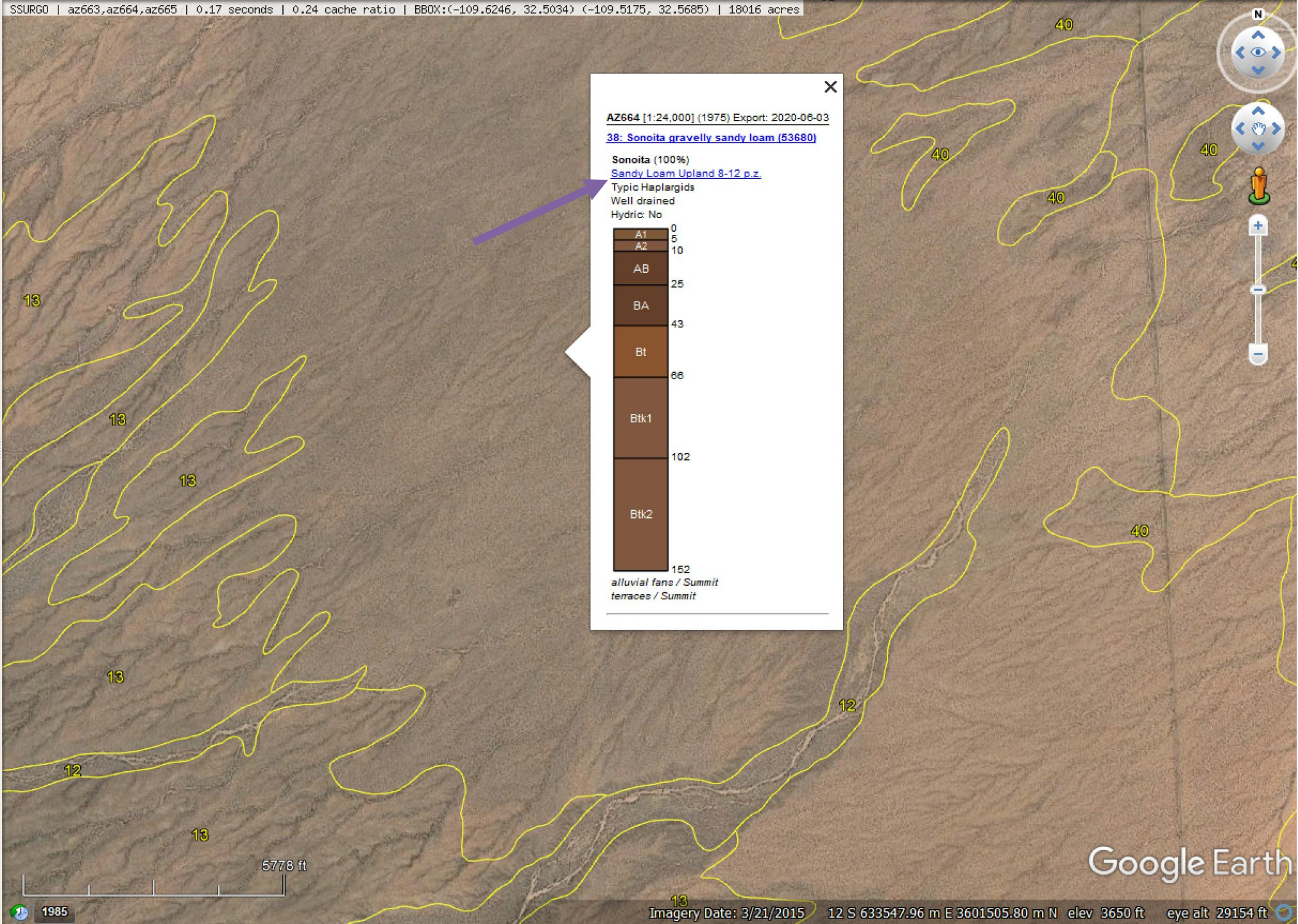
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        - Cedar Canyon - Creosote...
        - Middle Water - Creosoteb...
        - ASGFD Grassland/Browse ...
        - Northern Arizona Cattle - ...
        - Hibernia Peak 1 - Oakbrus...
        - Diamond Bar Unit A - Juni...
        - Stockton Hill - Oakbrush
        - Valentine - Juniper/Cotto...



Layers



# Sandy Loam Upland 8-12" p.z.

HOME / ESD CATALOG / MLRA 041X / ECOLOGICAL SITE R041XB215AZ

USC METRIC

- General information
- Physiographic features
- Climatic features
- Water features
- Soil features

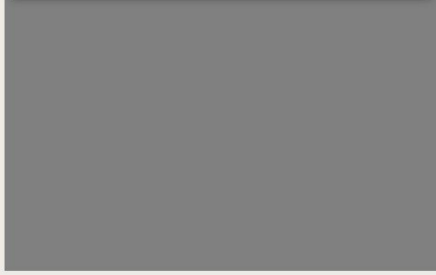
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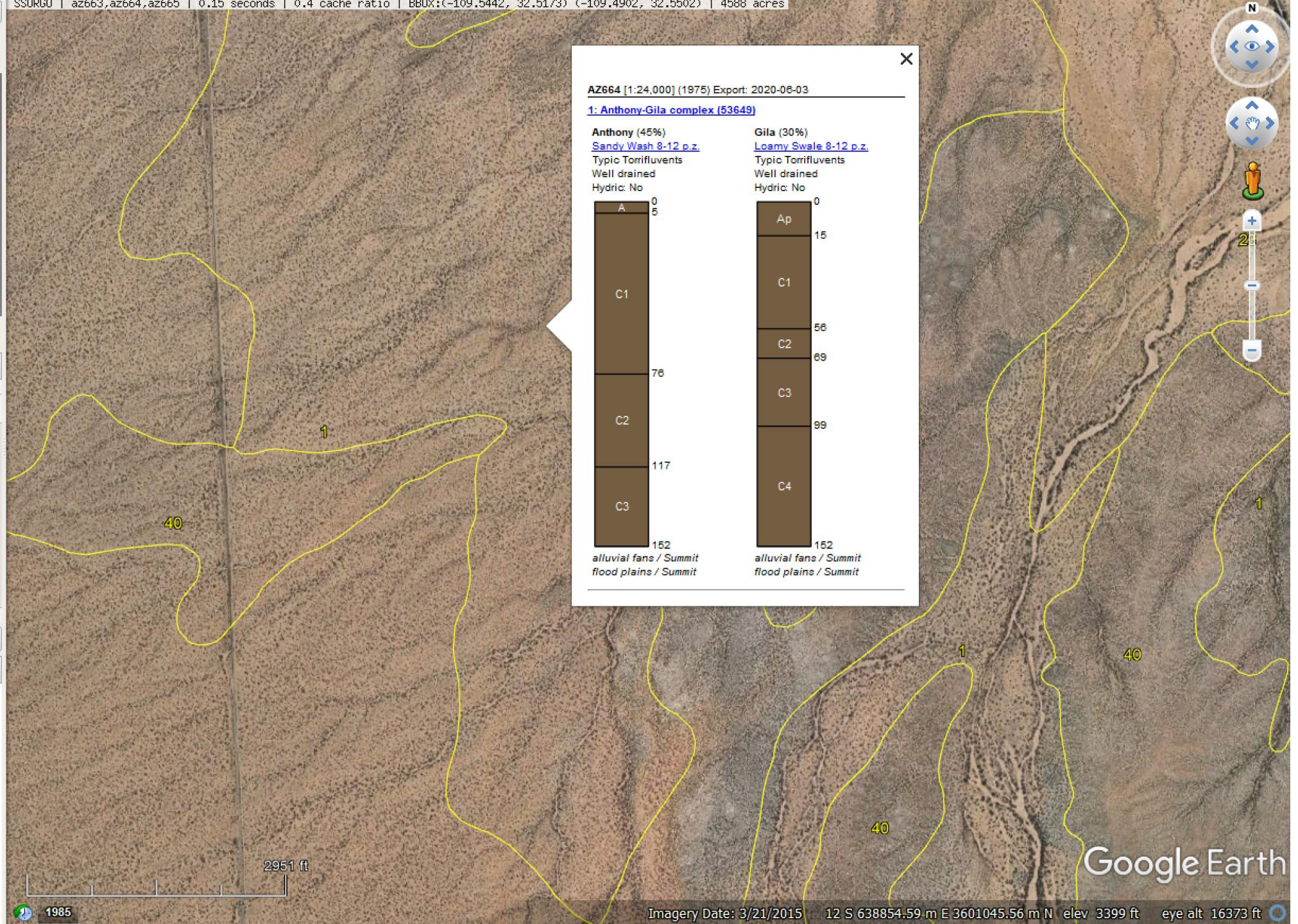
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Rio Sandy

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**1: Anthony-Gila complex (53649)**

Anthony (45%)	Gila (30%)
<a href="#">Sandy Wash 8-12 p.z.</a>	<a href="#">Loamy Swale 8-12 p.z.</a>
Typic Torrifluvents	Typic Torrifluvents
Well drained	Well drained
Hydric: No	Hydric: No

Anthony (45%)	Gila (30%)
0	0
5	15
76	56
117	69
152	99
152	152

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flood plains / Summit

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All NRCS Sites

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The simple yet powerful way to access and use soil data.



**Welcome to Web Soil Survey (WSS)**



Web Soil Survey (WSS) provides soil data and information produced by the National Cooperative Soil Survey. It is operated by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and provides access to the largest natural resource information system in the world. NRCS has soil maps and data available online for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties and anticipates having 100 percent in the near future. The site is updated and maintained online as the single authoritative source of soil survey information.

Soil surveys can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning. Onsite investigation is needed in some cases, such as soil quality assessments and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center at the following link: [USDA Service Center](#) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist at the following link: [NRCS State Soil Scientist](#).

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- ◊ [Start Web Soil Survey \(WSS\)](#)
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- ◊ [Web Soil Survey 3.4.0 has been released! View Web Soil Survey release history](#)
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Area of Interest Interactive Map

Map navigation toolbar with icons for zoom, pan, and other functions. Includes a 'View Extent' dropdown menu set to 'Contiguous U.S.' and a 'Scale' dropdown menu set to '(not to scale)'.





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View ?

State: Arizona

County (optional): Cochise

View

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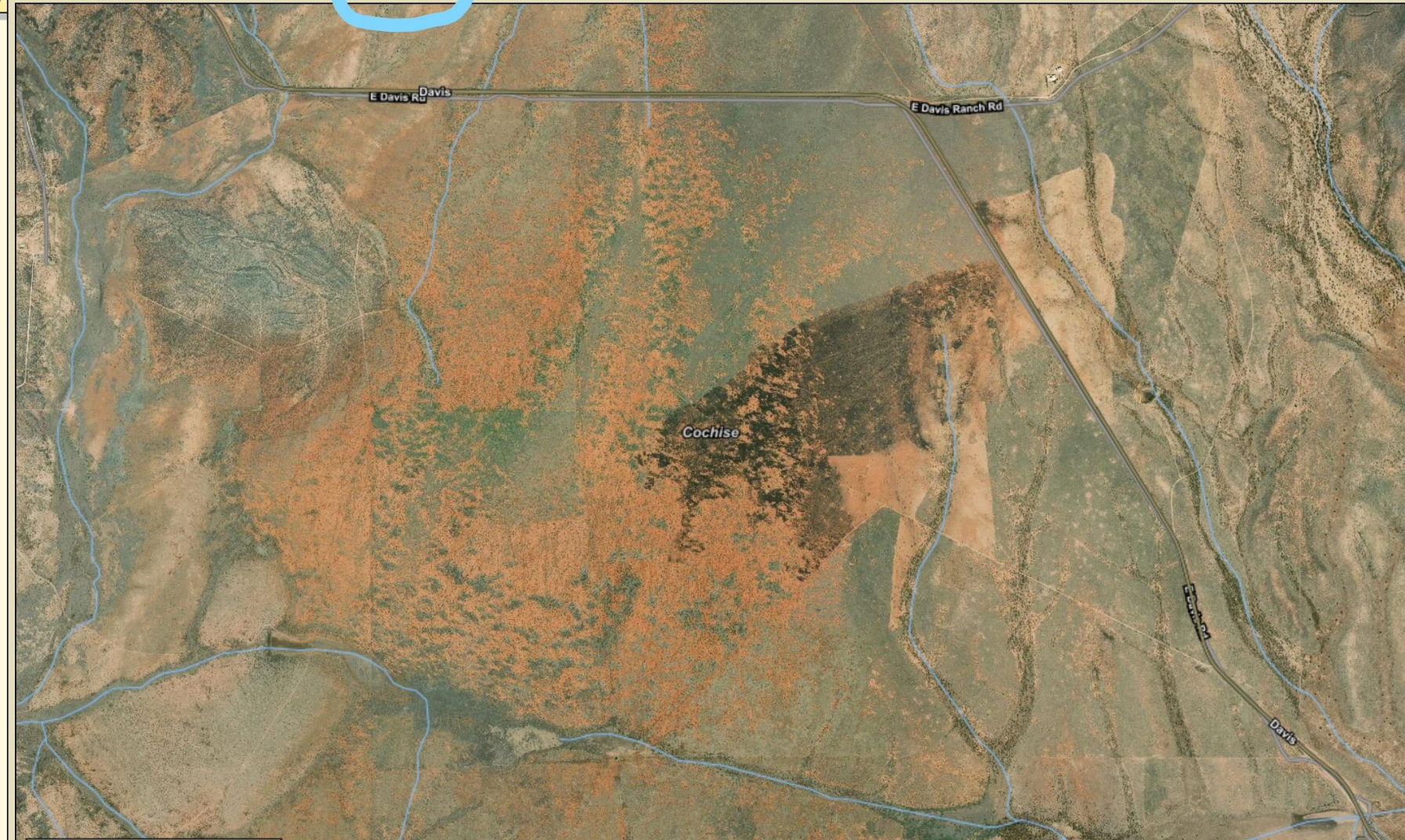
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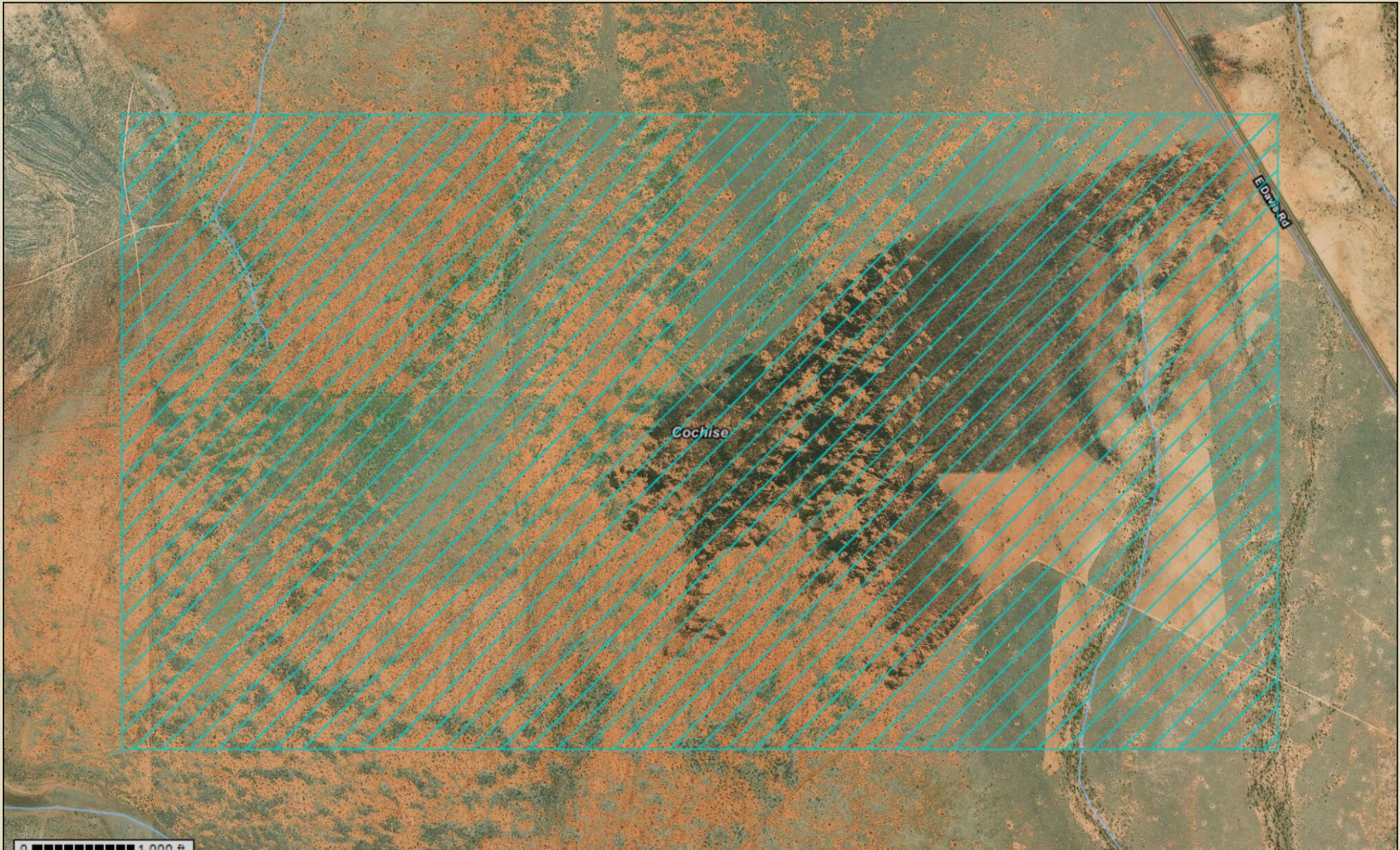
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Map Unit Symbols  
 Use Soil Survey Area Map Unit Symbols  
 Use National Map Unit Symbols

Area (acres) 1,886

Soil Data Available from Web Soil Survey

Cochise County, Arizona, Douglas-Tombstone Part (AZ671)

Data Availability Tabular and Spatial, complete  
Tabular Data Version 13, Jun 3, 2020  
Spatial Data Version 3, Sep 16, 2019

Import AOI

Create AOI from Shapefile

Create AOI from Zipped Shapefile

Export AOI

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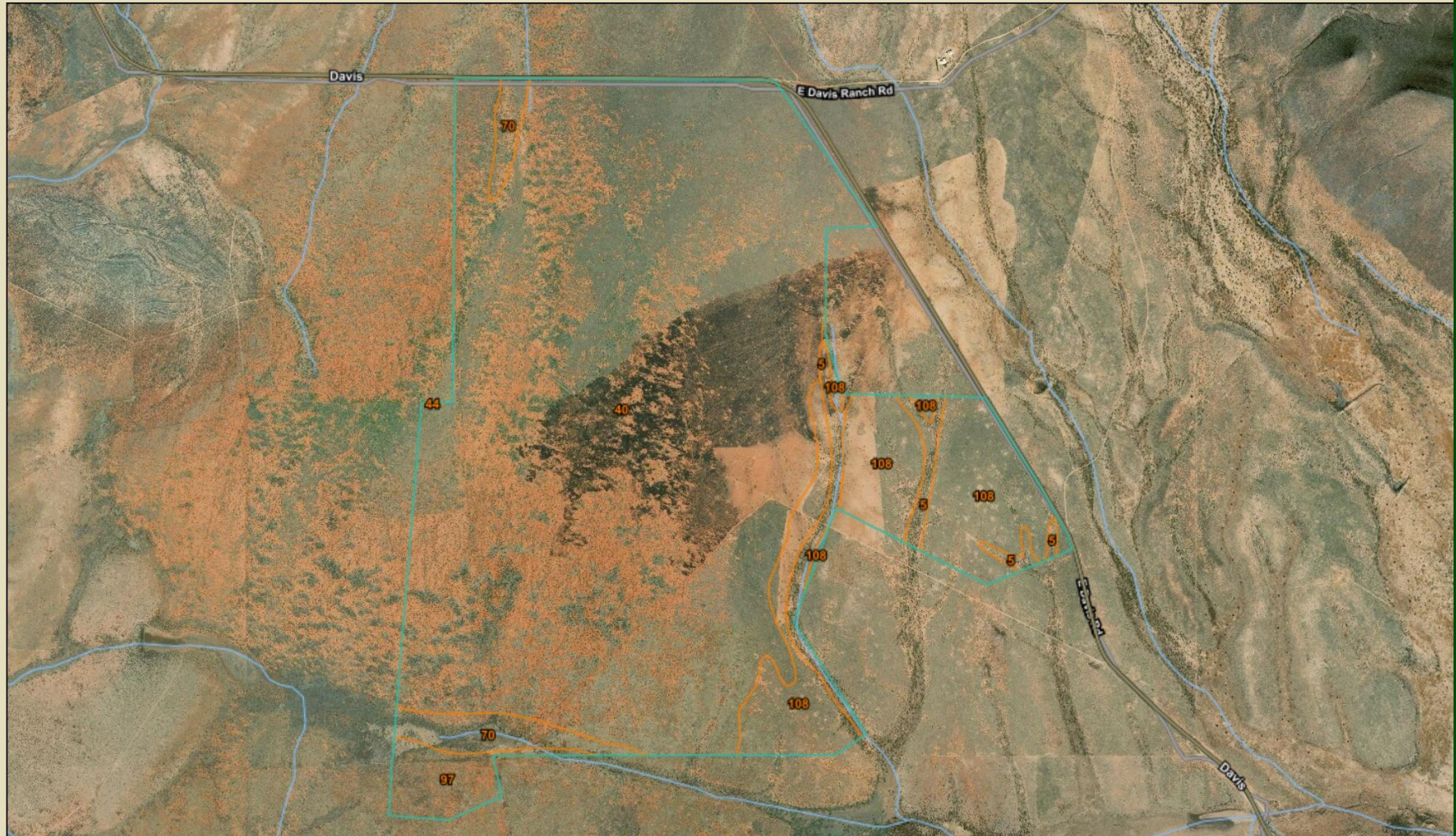
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  - Land Classifications
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  - Soil Chemical Properties
  - Soil Erosion
  - Soil Health
  - Soil Physical Properties
  - Soil Qualities and Features**
  - Vegetative Productivity
  - Waste Management
  - Water Features
  - Water Management

Soil Map

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**Link to Ecological Site Descriptions in EDIT**

[View Description](#) [View Soil Report](#)

**Options**

This report has no options.

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Nonirrigated Yields by Map Unit

Nonirrigated Yields by Map Unit Component

Rangeland and Forest Vegetation Classification, Productivity, and Plant Composition

Rangeland Productivity

Rangeland Productivity and Plant Composition

Waste Management

Water Features

Water Management



**Report — Link to Ecological Site Descriptions in EDIT**

This report links the soils in the Area of Interest to the ecological sites in the EDIT website.

**Cochise County, Arizona, Douglas-Tombstone Part**

Map symbol and map unit name	Component	Percent of map unit	Ecological Site ID	Ecological Site Name	Hyperlink to Ecological Site Description in EDIT
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	Diaspar	20	R041XC319AZ	Sandy	<a href="https://edit.jornada.nmsu.edu/catalogs/esd/041X/R041XC319AZ">https://edit.jornada.nmsu.edu/catalogs/esd/041X/R041XC319AZ</a>



# Loamy Upland 12"-16" p.z.

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Arizona's Conservation Districts

## About This App

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The maps and data in the Portal are drawn from existing data available online from state and federal agencies and entities. This Portal makes them more readily available to the NRCDs and NRCS. The data in the Portal may be accessed for specific areas of interest ranging from statewide to specific project areas (e.g., NRCD boundaries, counties, watersheds, individual ranches or farms, or land treatment projects). Some of the data are more useful at a broader level of analysis and planning, and some will be more useful for smaller areas, where more detailed information is needed.

AACD has used data from numerous sources in compiling this Portal and cannot guarantee the accuracy or current status of the information. Users of the Portal are invited to identify where errors may exist or to submit suggestions on additional data or improved presentation of data that would increase the usefulness of the Portal.

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**RETURN TO EXTENT**

**Conservation District Code:**

702

**District Name:**

GILA VALLEY

**ZOOM TO**

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**District Name:**

WINKELMAN

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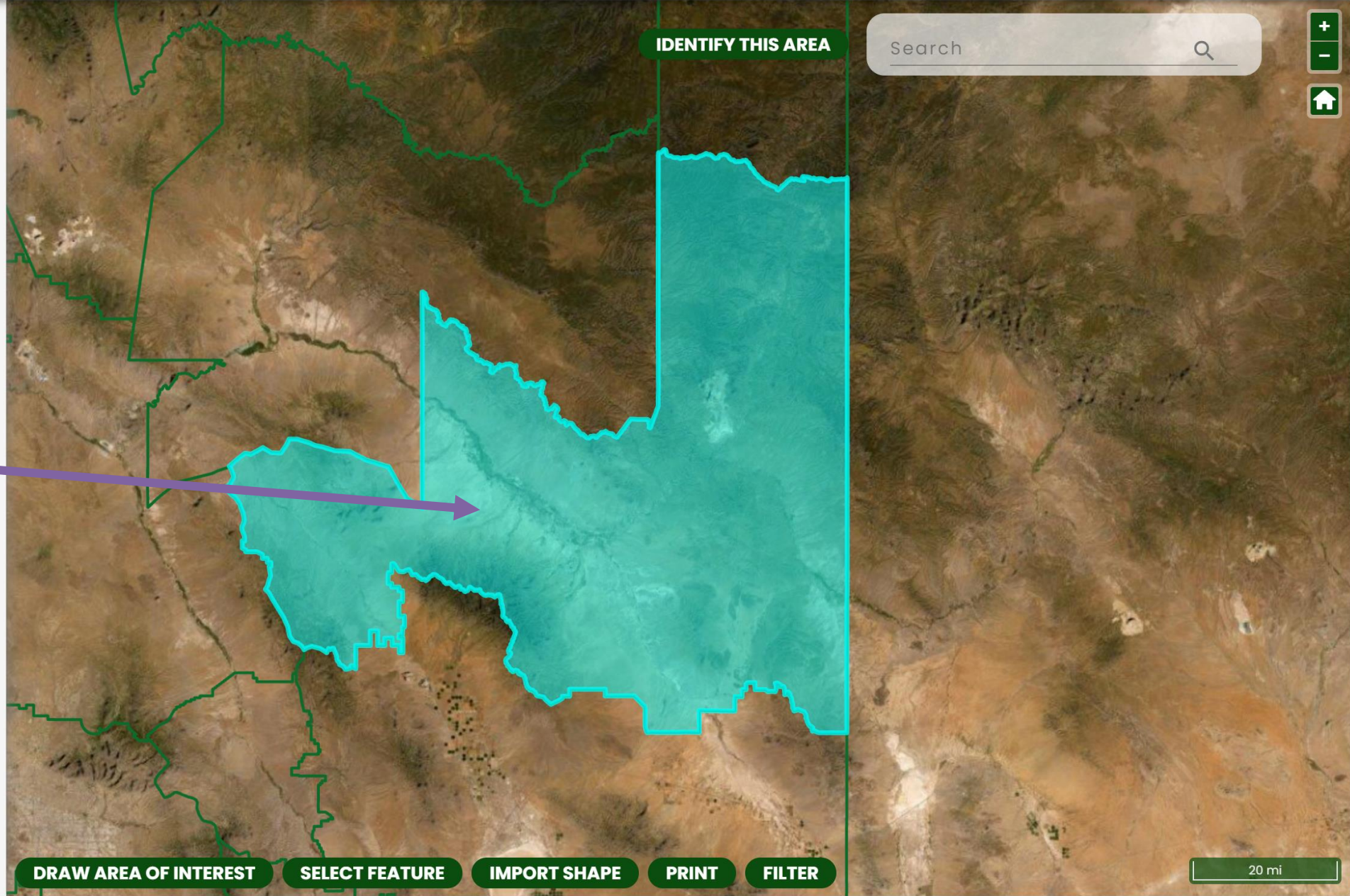
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**District Name:**

FLORENCE - COOLIDGE

**ZOOM TO**



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General Description

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Soils

Vegetation - Ecological Sites

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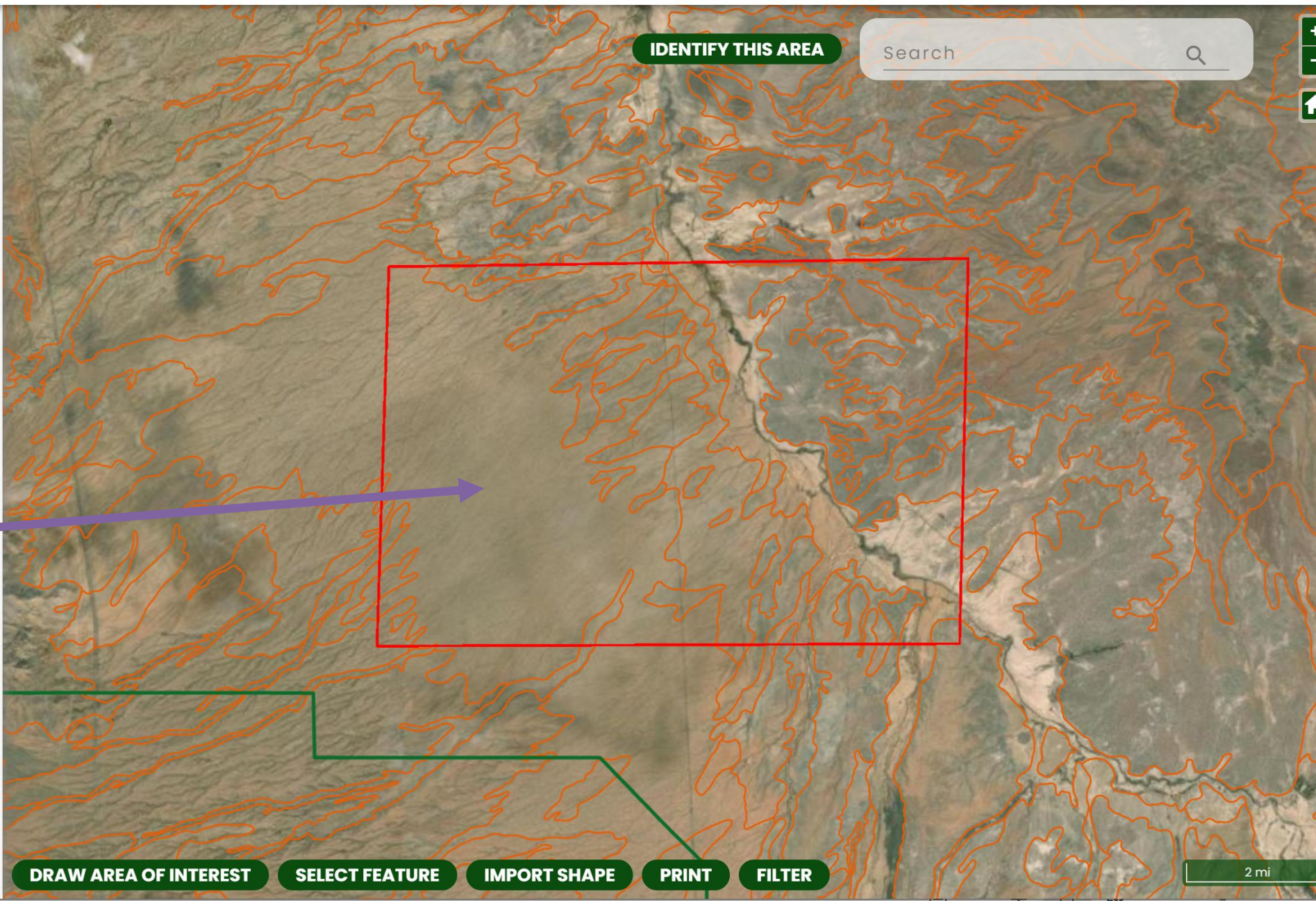
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- Ecological Sites
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- Historic Vegetation Formations
- Existing Vegetation Formations
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**Ecological Site Name:**

Sandy Loam Upland 8-12" p.z.

**Source:**

Ecological Site ID DCD, NRCS Rangeland Site

**Soil Mapping Unit:**

AZ664-38

**ZOOM TO**

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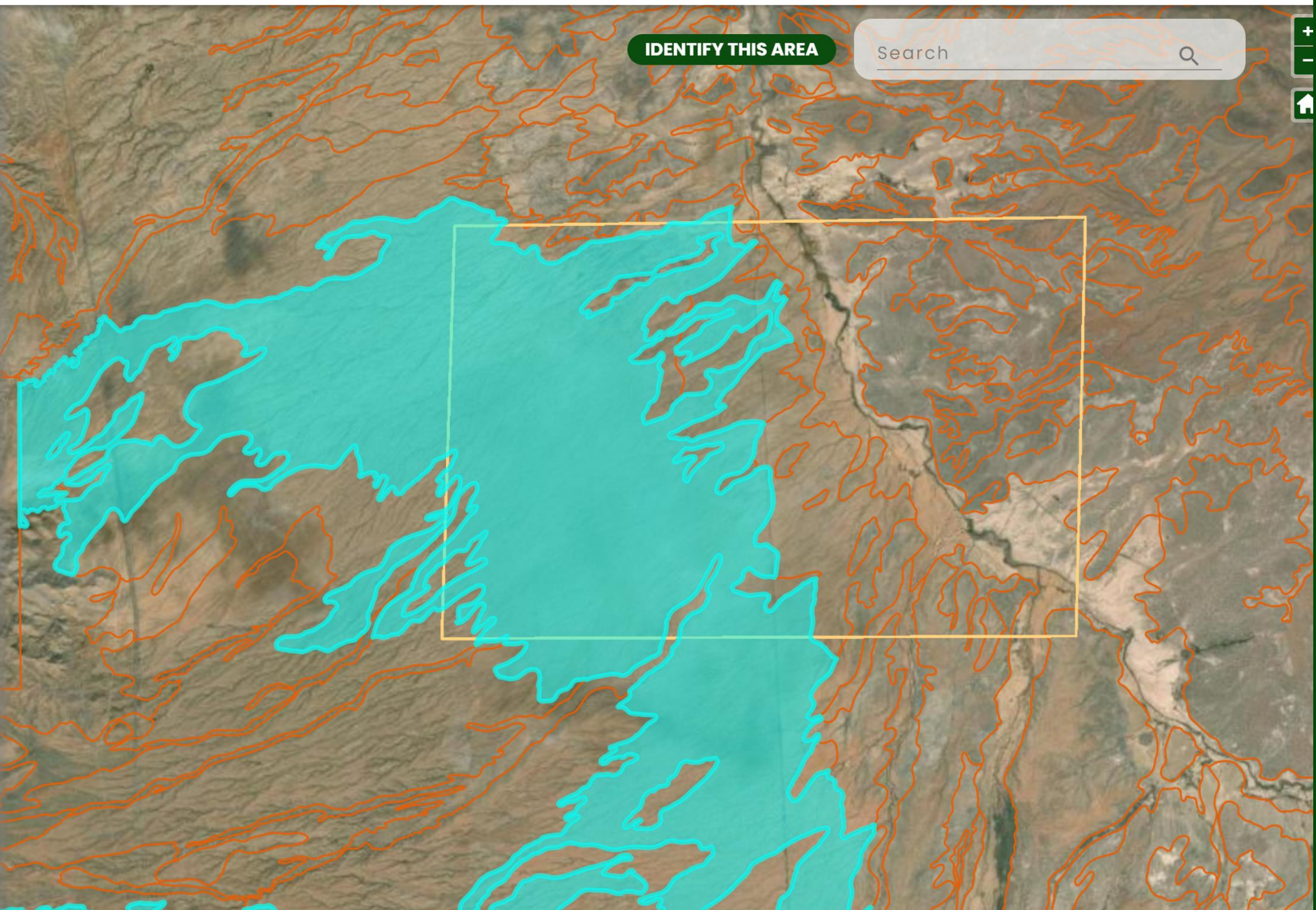
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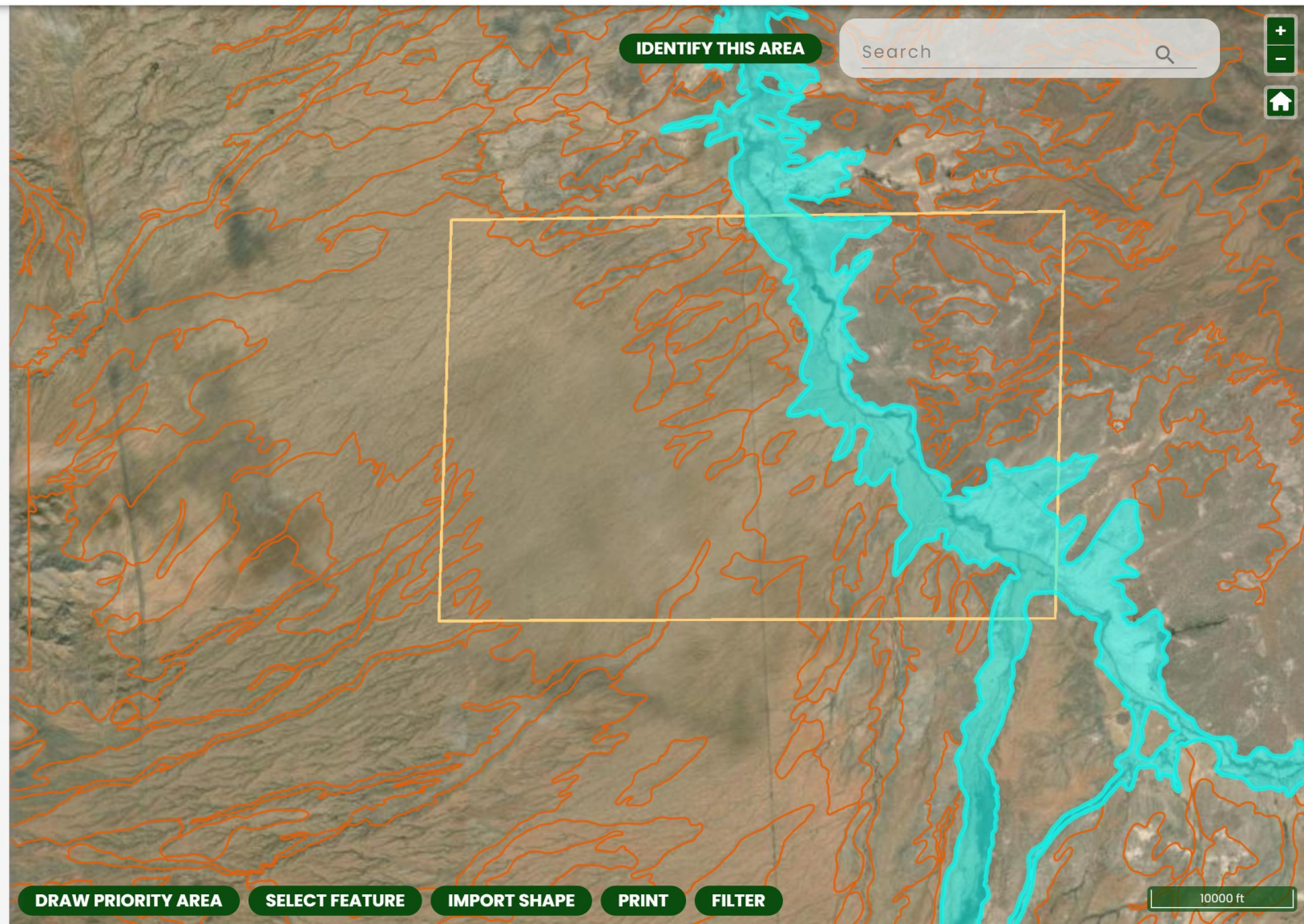
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**ZOOM TO**

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**Ecological Site Name:**  
Clay Loam Upland 8-12" p.z.  
**Source:**  
Ecological Site ID DCD, NRCS Rangeland Site  
**Soil Mapping Unit:**  
AZ664-23

**ZOOM TO**

**Ecological Site ID:**  
R041XB206AZ  
**Ecological Site Name:**  
Limy Fan 8-12" p.z.  
**Source:**



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Sonoita gravelly sandy loam

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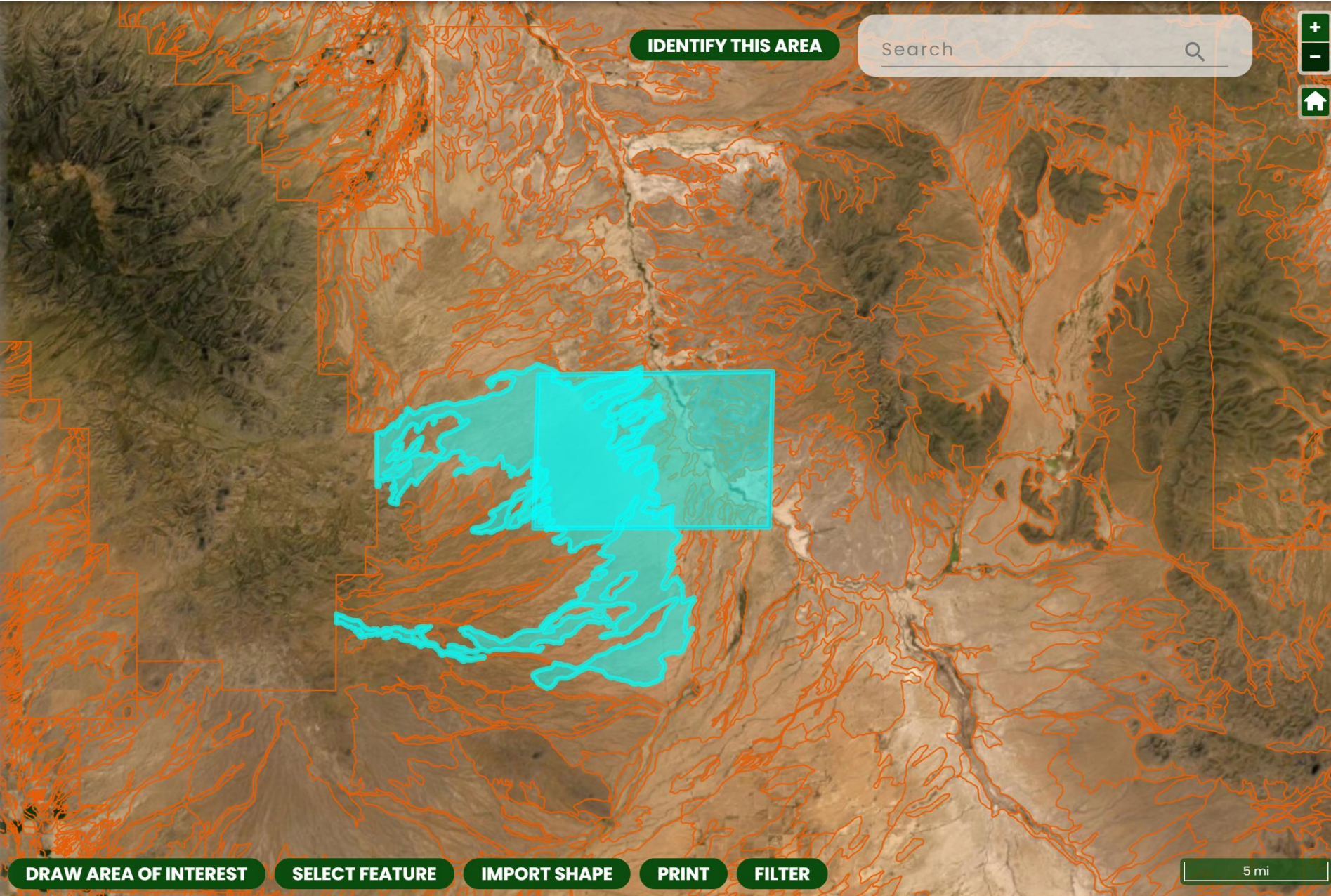
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**Ecological Site Name:**  
Continental-Tubac complex

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## Select a data catalog

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### Ecological Site Descriptions

Ecological sites are the basic component of a land-type classification system that describes ecological potential and ecosystem dynamics of land areas. All land/land use types are identified within the ecological site system, including rangeland, pasture, and forest land. An ecological



### U.S. Ecological Site Groups

This catalog features ecosystem dynamics of the United States by ecoregion. Ecoregions are subdivided into classes known as ecological site groups, and separate models of ecosystem dynamics are developed for each class. Models are used to characterize ecosystem

# Ecological site descriptions

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Ecological sites are the basic component of a land-type classification system that describes ecological potential and ecosystem dynamics of land areas. All land/land use types are identified within the ecological site system, including rangeland, pasture, and forest land.

An ecological site is defined as a distinctive kind of land with specific soil and physical characteristics that differ from other kinds of land in its ability to produce a distinctive kind and amount of vegetation and its ability to respond similarly to management actions and natural disturbances. Lands are classified considering discrete physical and biotic factors. Physical factors include soils, climate, hydrology, geology, and physiographic features. Biotic factors include plant species occurrence, plant community compositions, annual biomass production, wildlife-vegetation interactions, and other factors. Ecological dynamics, primarily disturbance regimes such as grazing, fire, drought, management actions and all resulting interactions, are also a primary factor in the development of ecological sites.

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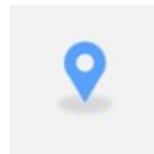
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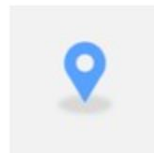
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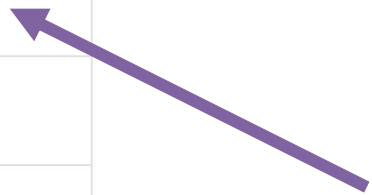
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- [Land Resource Regions and Major Land Resource Areas of the United States, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Basin](#)





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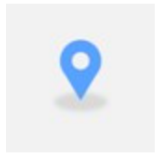
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# Sandy Loam Upland 8-12" p.z.

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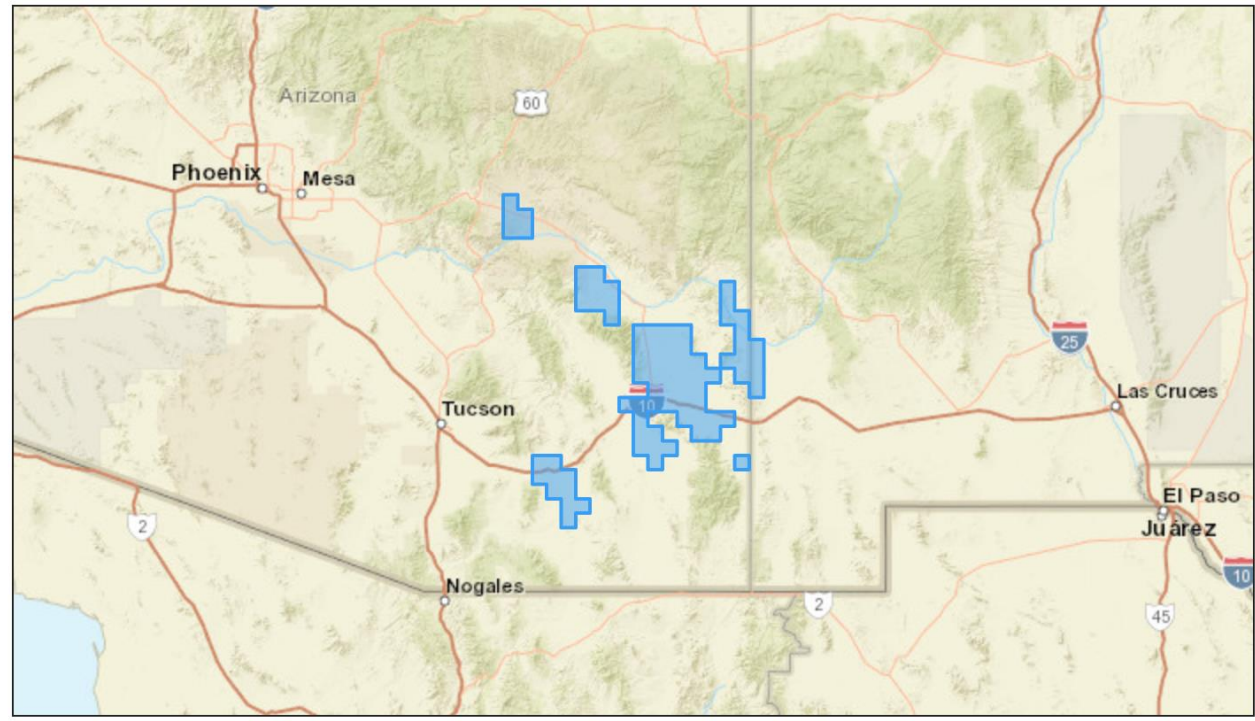


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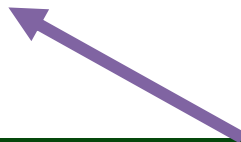
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Table 1. Dominant plant species

Tree	(1) <i>Prosopis glandulosa</i> var. <i>torreyana</i>
Shrub	(1) <i>yucca elata</i> (2) <i>ephedra fasciculata</i>
Herbaceous	(1) <i>muhlenbergia porteri</i> (2) <i>bouteloua eriopoda</i>



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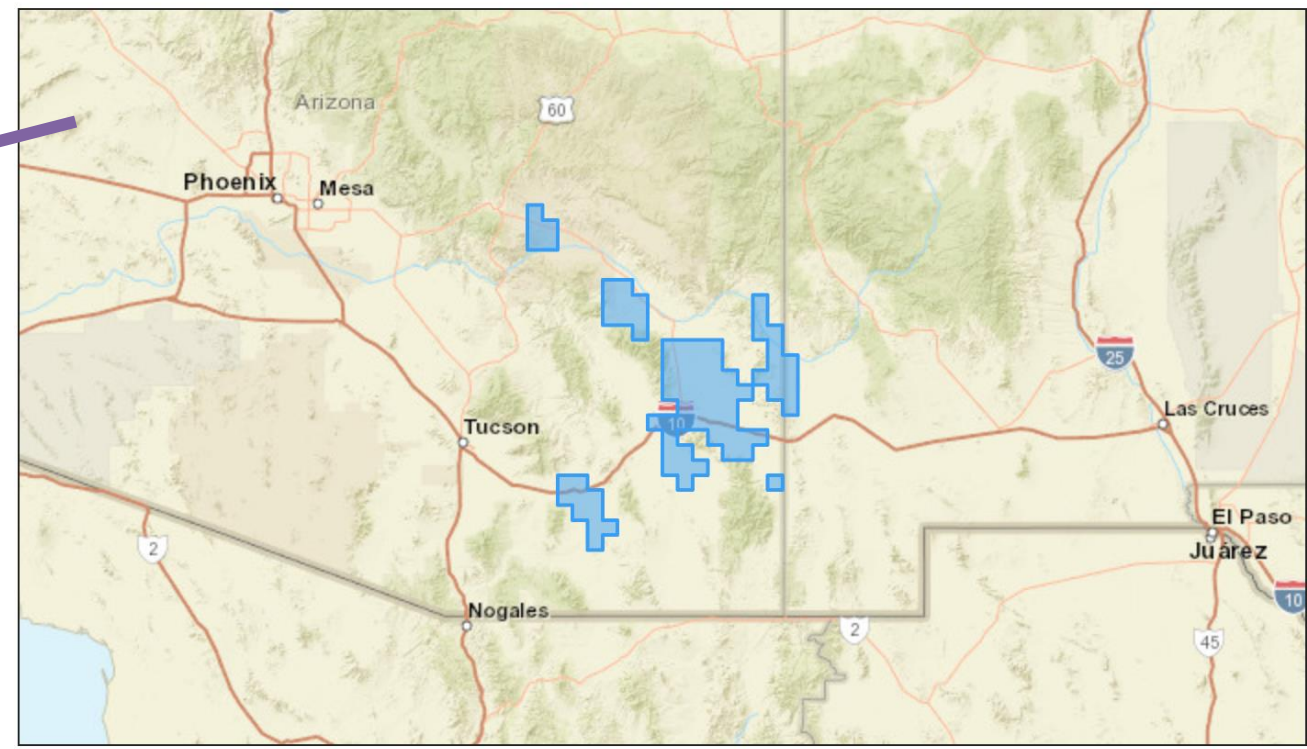


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# State and transition model

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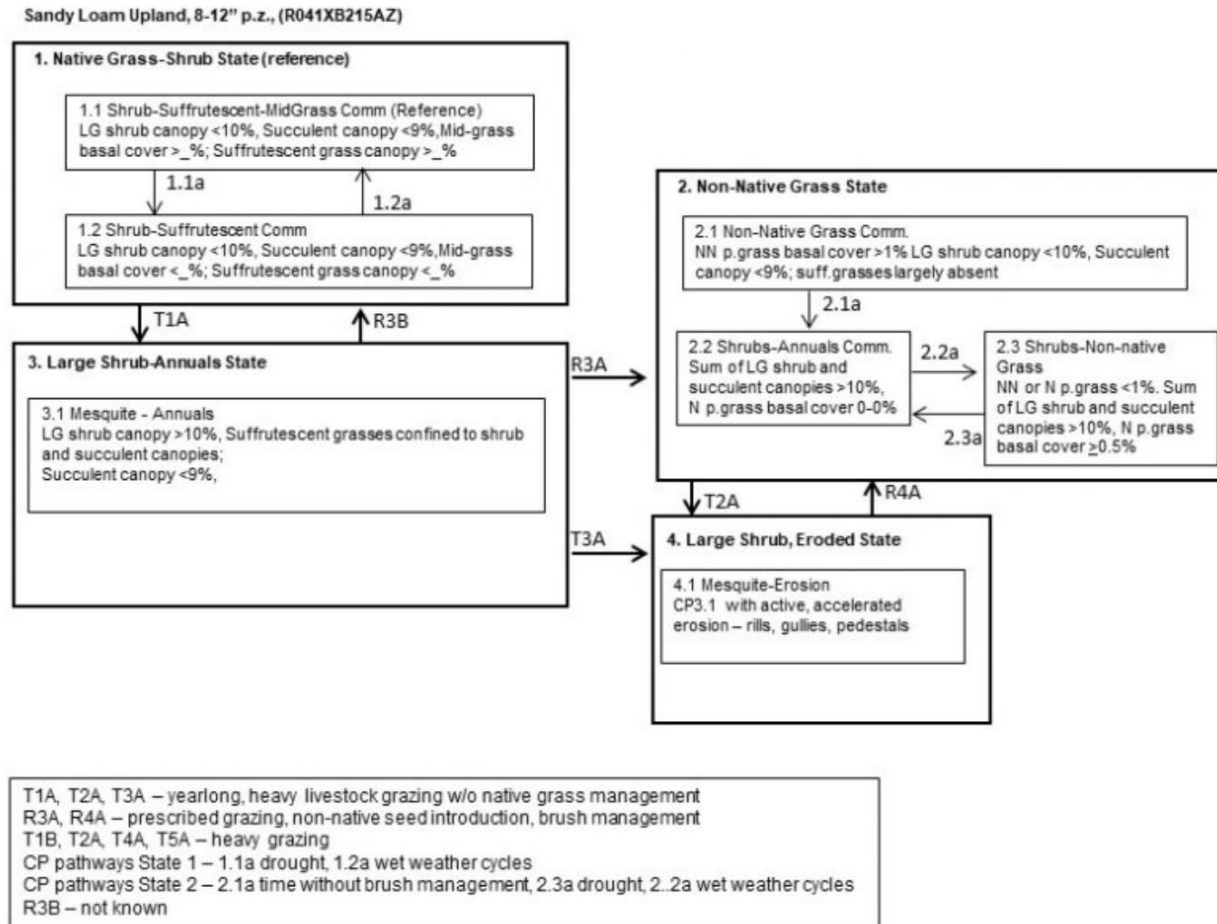
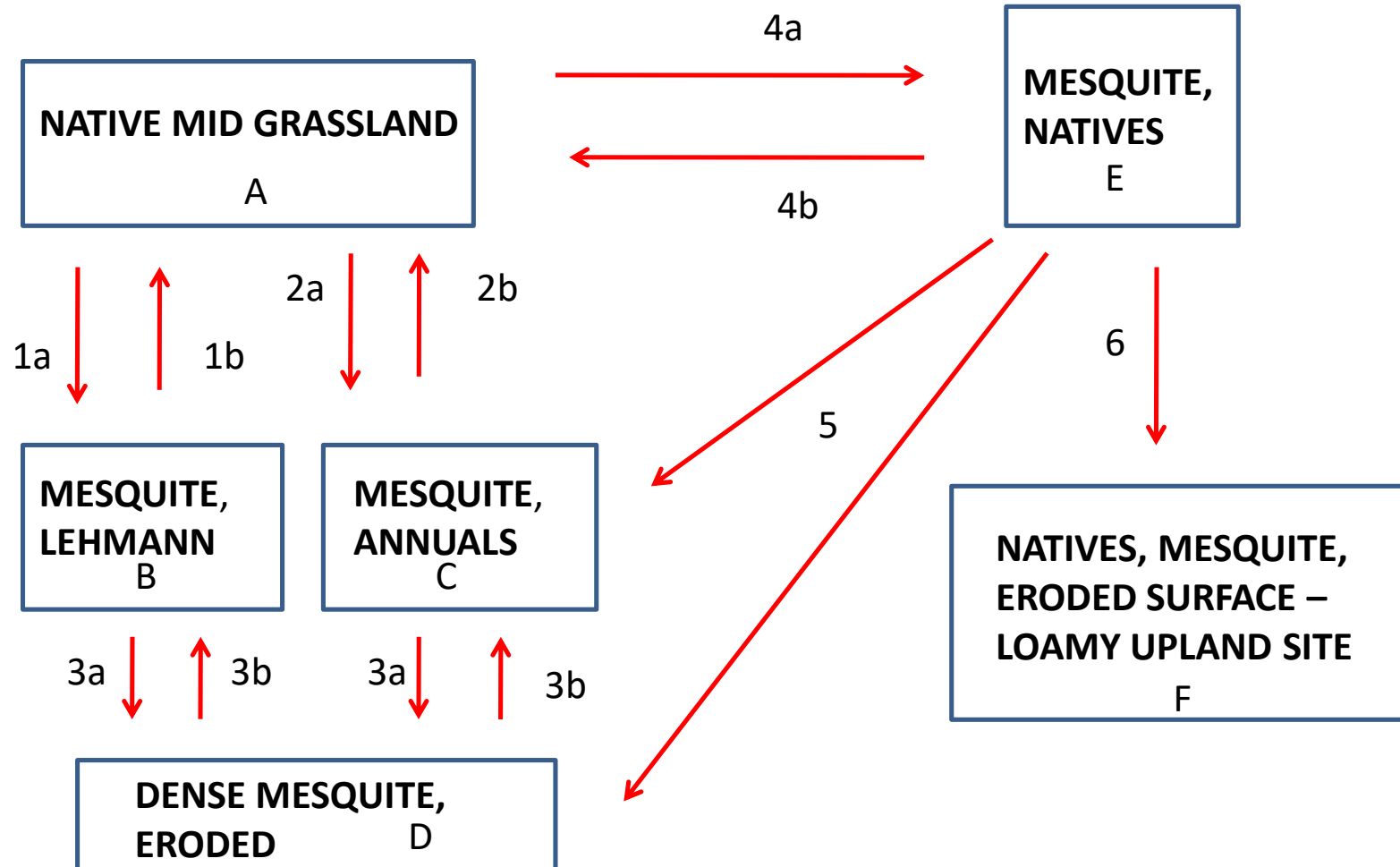


Figure 8. State and Transition Model, Sandy Loam Upland, 8"-12" p.z.

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**STATE AND TRANSITION MODEL  
SANDY LOAM UPLAND – MLRA 41-3**



# Community 1.1

## Historic Climax Plant Community

The native potential plant community on this site is a mixture of perennial grasses and desert shrubs and cacti. Annual forbs and grasses, of both the winter and summer seasons, are very important in the plant community in their respective (wet) seasons. Black grama and bush muhly are the dominant perennial grasses, with lesser amounts of threeawns. The cover of shallow rooted grass species, like Rothrock grama fluctuate widely from wet to dry years. Lehmann lovegrass can invade and persist in this plant community, but will fluctuate (in amounts) with climate and not become dominant.

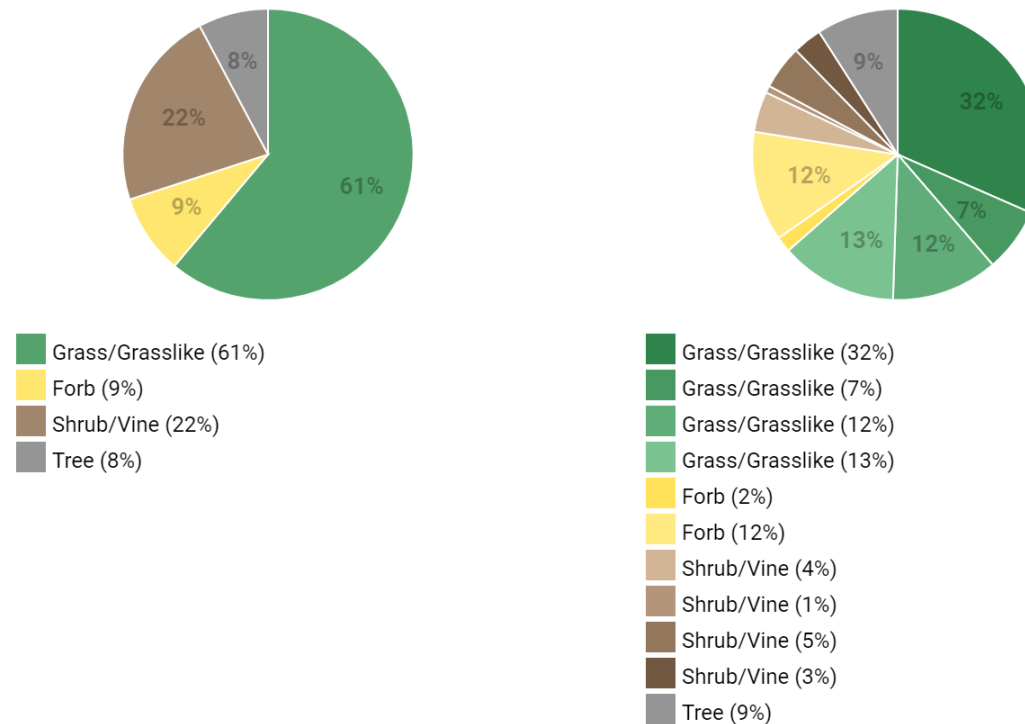


Figure 9. Annual production by plant type (representative values) or group (midpoint values)

Plant Type	Low (Lb/Acre)	Representative Value (Lb/Acre)	High (Lb/Acre)
Grass/Grasslike	150	275	655
Forb	7	40	170
Shrub/Vine	45	100	140
Tree	15	35	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1065</b>



**Table 6. Soil surface cover**

Tree basal cover	1%
Shrub/vine/liana basal cover	1-2%
Grass/grasslike basal cover	1-2%
Forb basal cover	1-2%
Non-vascular plants	0%
Biological crusts	1-5%
Litter	15-65%
Surface fragments >0.25" and <=3"	5-35%
Surface fragments >3"	0-5%

## Additional community tables

Table 8. Community 1.1 plant community composition

Group	Common Name	Symbol	Scientific Name	Annual Production (Lb/Acre)	Foliar Cover (%)
<b>Grass/Grasslike</b>					
1	<b>Dominant Perennial Grasses</b>			100–300	
	bush muhly	MUPO2	<i>Muhlenbergia porteri</i>	25–125	–
	black grama	BOER4	<i>Bouteloua eriopoda</i>	25–100	–
	Arizona cottontop	DICA8	<i>Digitaria californica</i>	1–50	–
	plains bristlegrass	SEVU2	<i>Setaria vulpiseta</i>	1–25	–
2	<b>Miscellaneous Perennial Grasses</b>			15–75	
	whiplash pappusgrass	PAVA2	<i>Pappophorum vaginatum</i>	0–25	–
	sideoats grama	BOCU	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	1–20	–
	spike dropseed	SPCO4	<i>Sporobolus contractus</i>	1–15	–
	sand dropseed	SPCR	<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i>	1–15	–
	cane bluestem	BOBA3	<i>Bothriochloa barbinodis</i>	1–15	–
	mesa dropseed	SPFL2	<i>Sporobolus flexuosus</i>	0–10	–

<b>Site ID:</b>	R30XA101AZ			<b>Site Name:</b>	Basalt Hills 3-6 p.z.					
<b>Major Land Resource Area:</b>	30—Mojave Desert									
<b>Ecozone (CRA):</b>	30-1 Lower Mojave Desert									
<b>Landform:</b>	Hills/Mountains			<b>Elevation:</b>	800-1700		<b>Slope:</b>	15-70%		
<b>Topographic Position:</b>	Hill			<b>Parent Material:</b>	Basalt					
<b>Soil Temperature/ Moisture Regime:</b>	Hyperthermic/ Typic Aridic									
<b>Soil Depth Class:</b>	7-20"			<b>Available Water Capacity:</b>	Low					
<b>Soil Surface Texture:</b>	Very gravelly loam/clay loam			<b>Soil Surface Gravel:</b>	0-60%					
<b>Soil Subsurface Texture:</b>	Clay loam			<b>Subsurface Gravel:</b>	35-80%					
<b>Soil Erosion Hazard by Water:</b>	High		<b>Effervescence:</b>	slight at surface, strong near surface						
<b>Historic Vegetation Formation:</b>	Desertscrub			<b>Biome:</b>	Creosotebush-Bursage					
<b>Vegetation Aspect:</b>	Shrubs/scattered grasses									
<b>Major Dominant(s):</b>	Brittlebush – White bursage									
<b>Associated Trees:</b>	None									
<b>Associated Shrubs:</b>	Creosotebush – ratany – barrel cactus									
<b>Associated Grasses:</b>	big galleta-tobosa-bush muhly - annuals									
<b>Annual Production by Plant Type – Pounds/Acre- Representative (dry weight)</b>										
<b>Shrub/Vine:</b>	160	<b>Grass/Grass-like:</b>	20	<b>Forbs:</b>	20	<b>Tree:</b>	0	<b>Total:</b>	200	
<b>State and Transition model?</b>	No			<b>Reference Sheet?</b>	No					
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