

# Cochise Planning Area Background Information

Cochise Planning Area  
Stakeholders Meeting

October 18, 2016

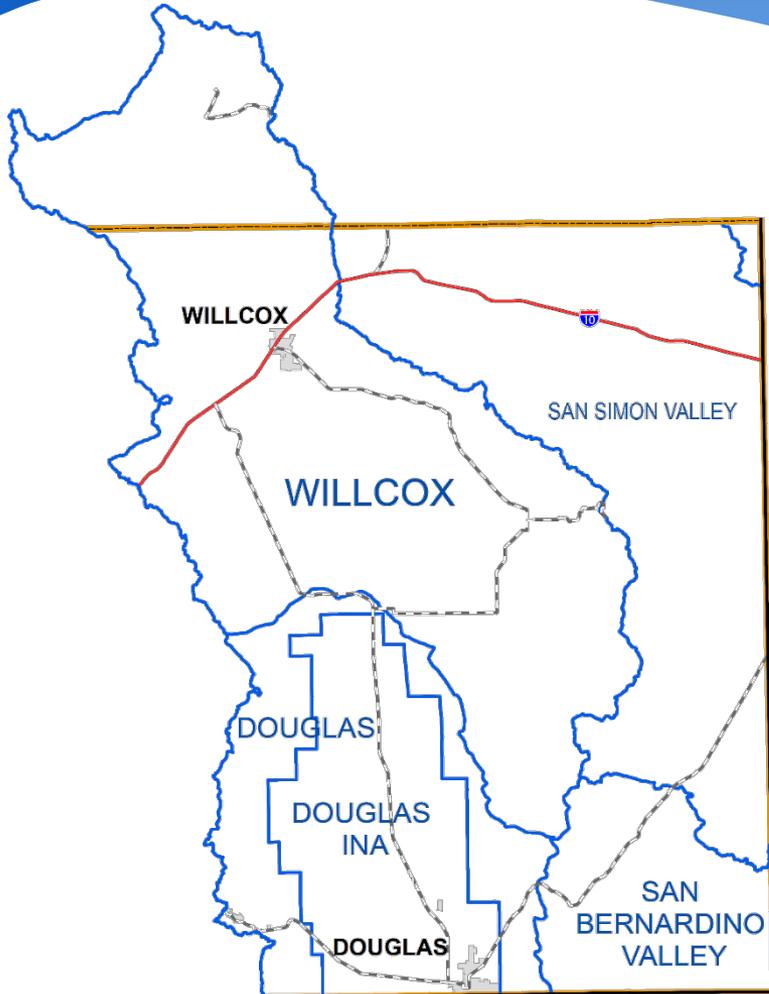
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# Previous Meeting

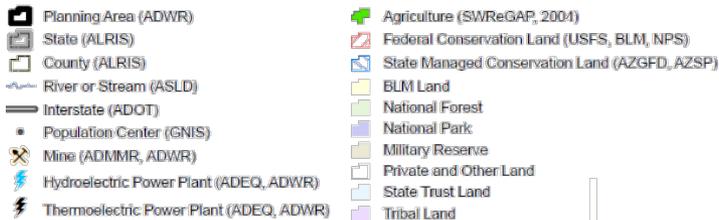
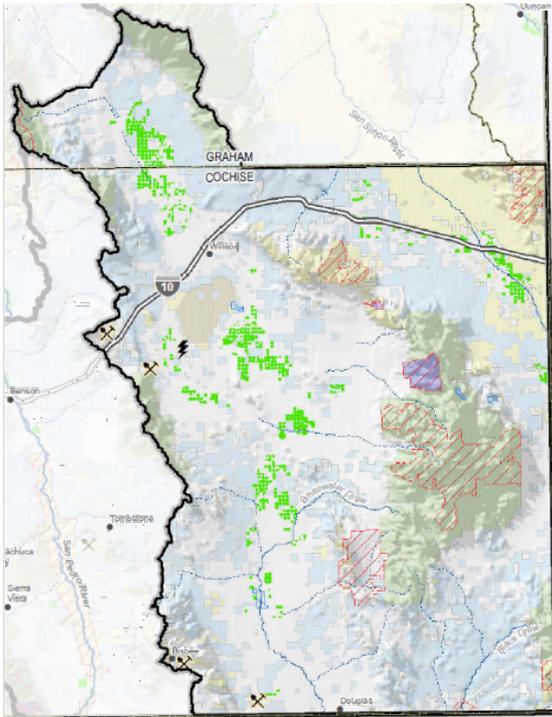
- \* Background information from the Strategic Vision was presented and discussed at 4/19 meeting
- \* Feedback from group discussions at that meeting is incorporated here

# Location and Composition



- **Counties** – Cochise and Graham
- **Watersheds** – Willcox Playa, Upper Gila River, White Water Draw, Rio Yaqui
- **Groundwater Basins** – Douglas, San Bernardino Valley, and Willcox, and the San Simon Valley Sub-basin
- **Valleys** – Sulphur Springs, San Simon, San Bernardino Valleys
- **Communities** – Douglas, Willcox, San Simon, Bowie, Bonita, Cochise, Elfrida, Sunsites, Dagoon, Sunizona, McNeal, Double Adobe

# Land Ownership and Use



- Coronado National Forest
  - Recreation, grazing, timber/firewood
- BLM
  - Grazing
- State Trust
  - Grazing, agriculture
- Private land
  - Agriculture, grazing, mining

# Water Supplies

- Groundwater
  - This is by far the predominant source of water for this area, with minimal supplies available from other sources.
- Surface Water
- Reclaimed Water
  - Wastewater treatment plants at Willcox, Douglas, and Fort Grant Prison

# Ecological Resources

- Leslie Canyon National Wildlife Refuge
- San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge
- Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area
- Willcox Playa
  - Sandhill Cranes
- Important Bird Areas
  - Pinaleno Mountains
  - Willcox Playa/Cochise Lakes
  - Chiricahua Mountains
- Chiricahua Mountains/Sky Islands
  - Wildlife diversity

# Maps

- Groundwater Basins and existing INA
- Watersheds
- Communities
- Land Ownership
- Subsidence and fissures
- Ecological Resources
- Wells, water levels, information from models
- Location of groundwater recharge

# Next Steps

- \* This information will be included in the final report for this Planning Area

**-Any additional feedback on area background is requested no later than November 18, 2016-**



# Questions?

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