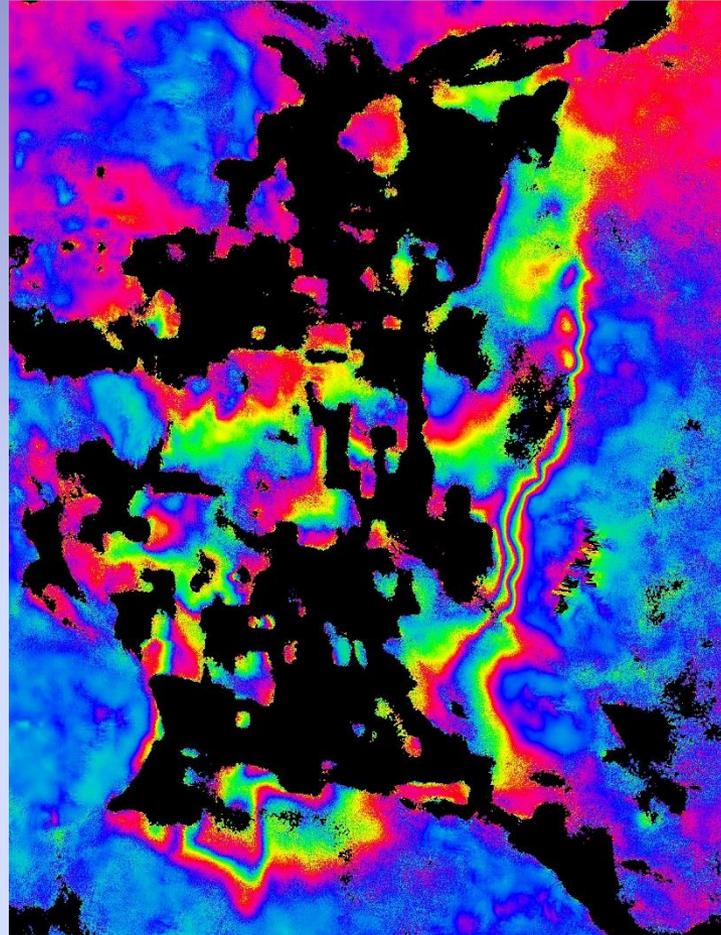


Arizona Department of Water Resources Land Subsidence Monitoring Program Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR)



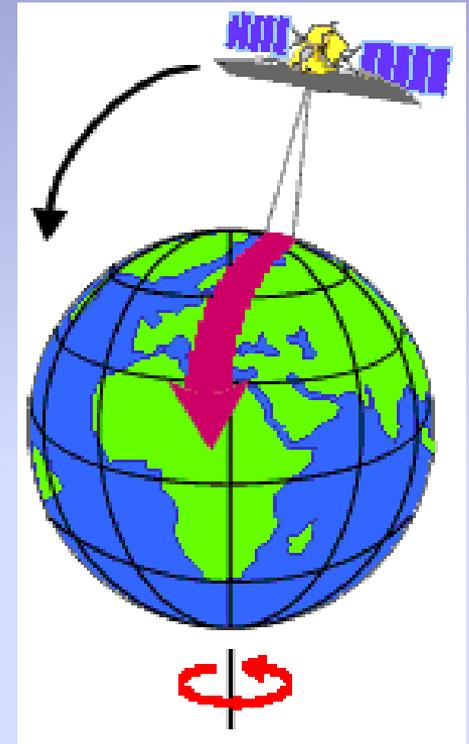
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Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)

- Active sensor (day/night/clouds)
- Near Circular, Polar Orbit
- Repeat cycle 8-46 days
- Satellites need to be tasked

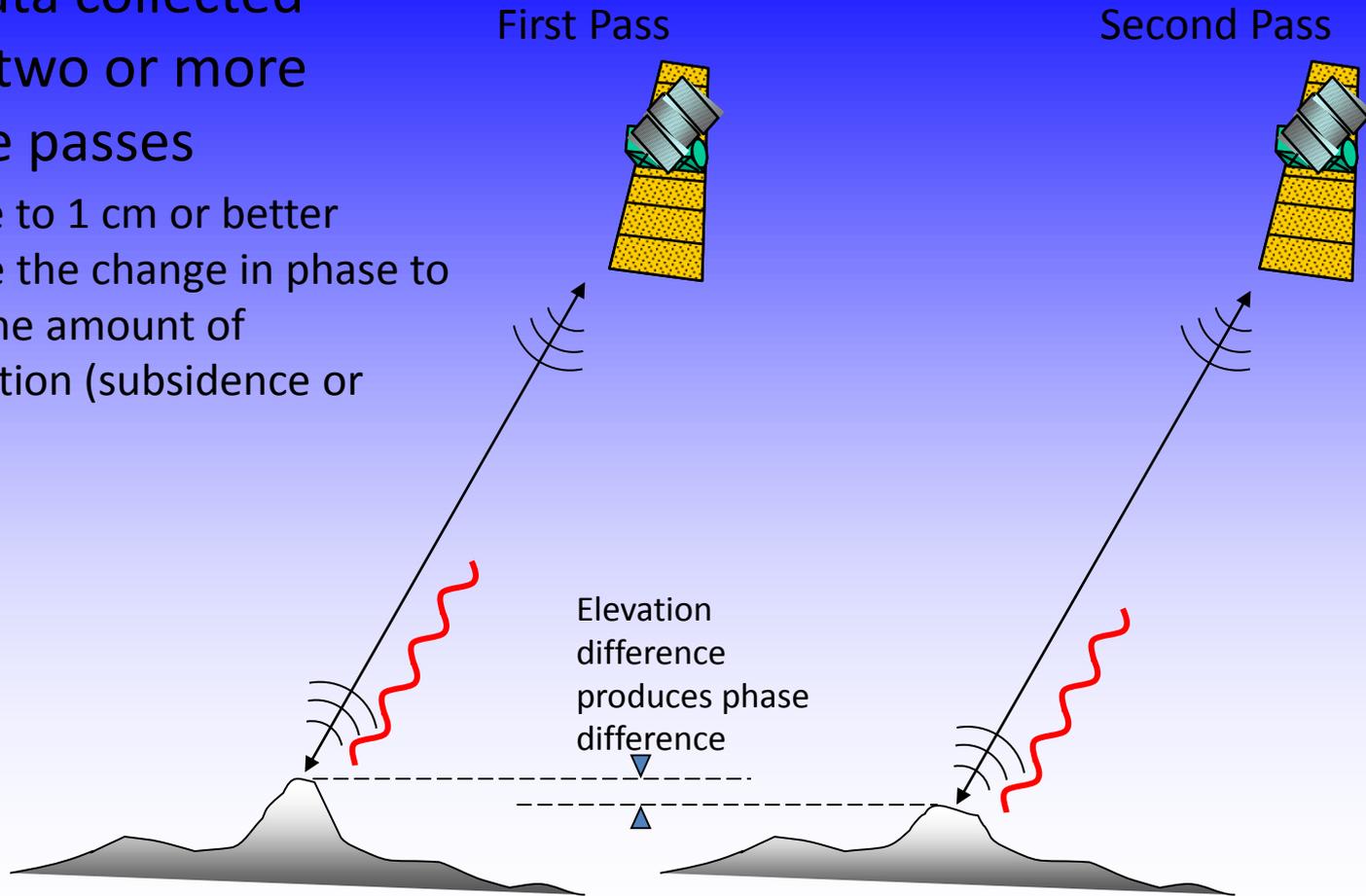


Differential Synthetic Aperture Radar (DiffSAR)

Process SAR Data Using Interferometry

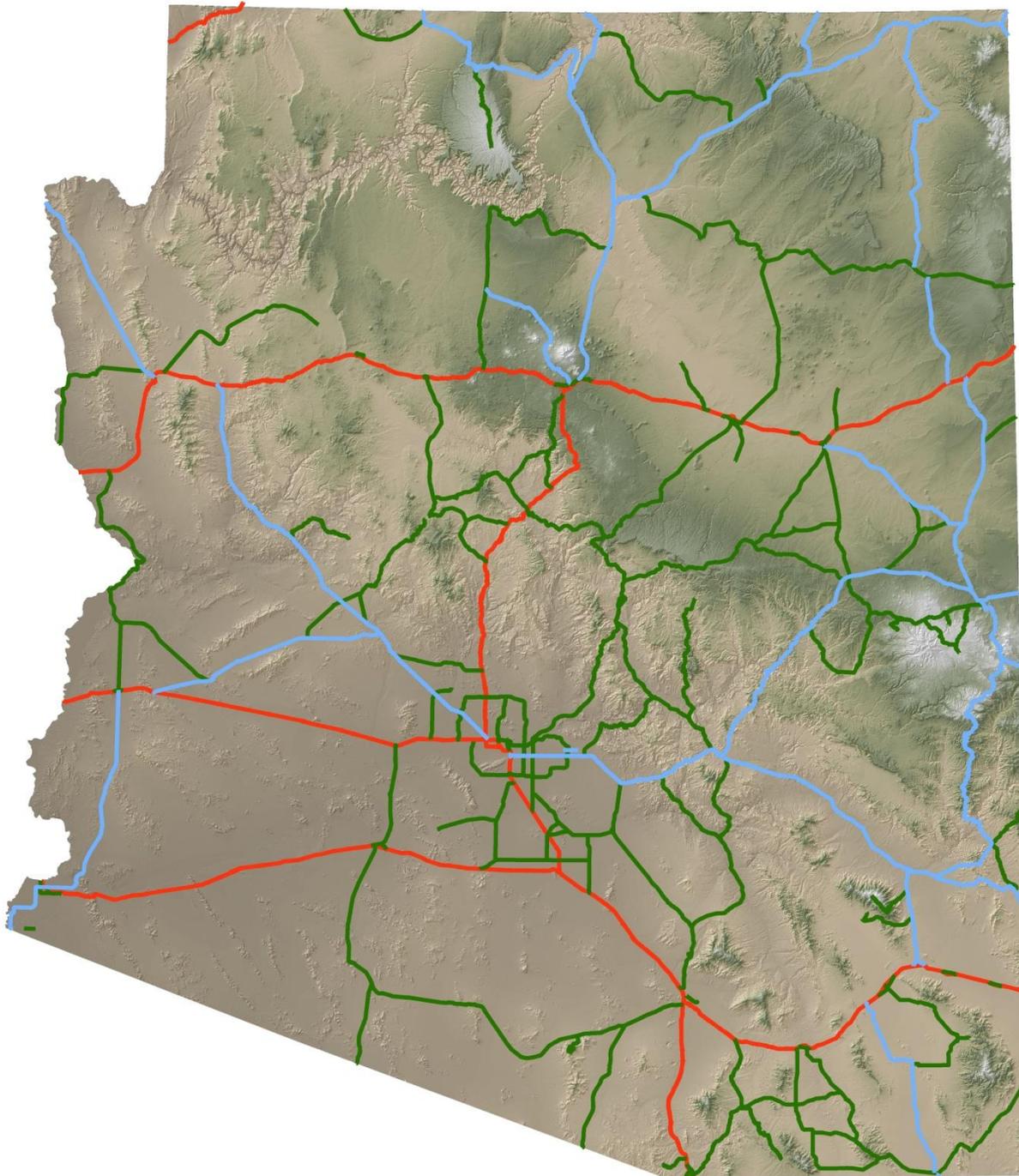
Uses data collected during two or more satellite passes

- Accurate to 1 cm or better
- Measure the change in phase to determine amount of deformation (subsidence or uplift)



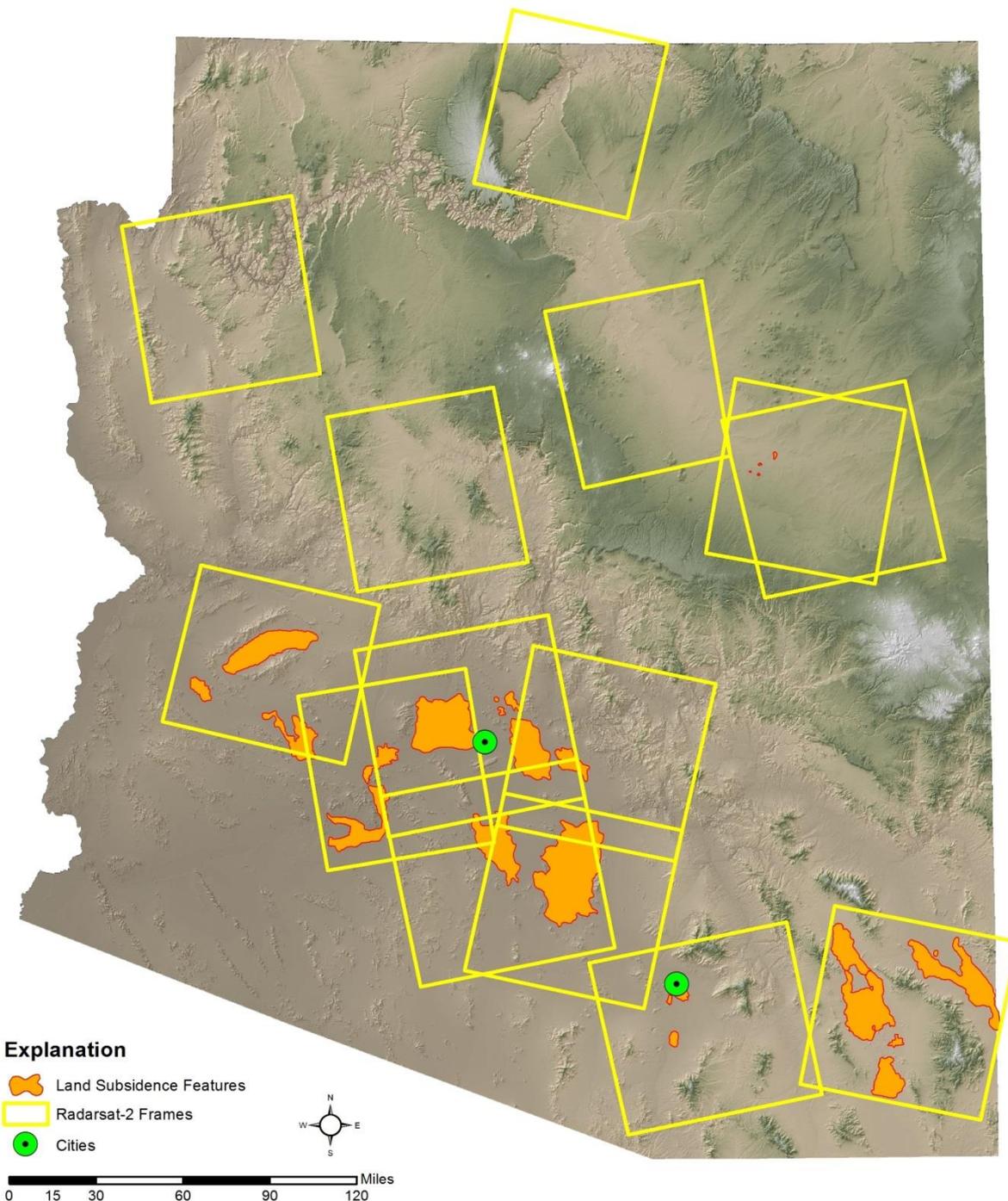
ADWR InSAR Program

- Fully Operational in 2005 (Completion of 3-Year NASA Grant)
- Started collecting data over the Phoenix and Tucson AMA's
- Program has been expanded to cover the entire state (including Pinal AMA) through external cooperative funding



ADWR InSAR Program

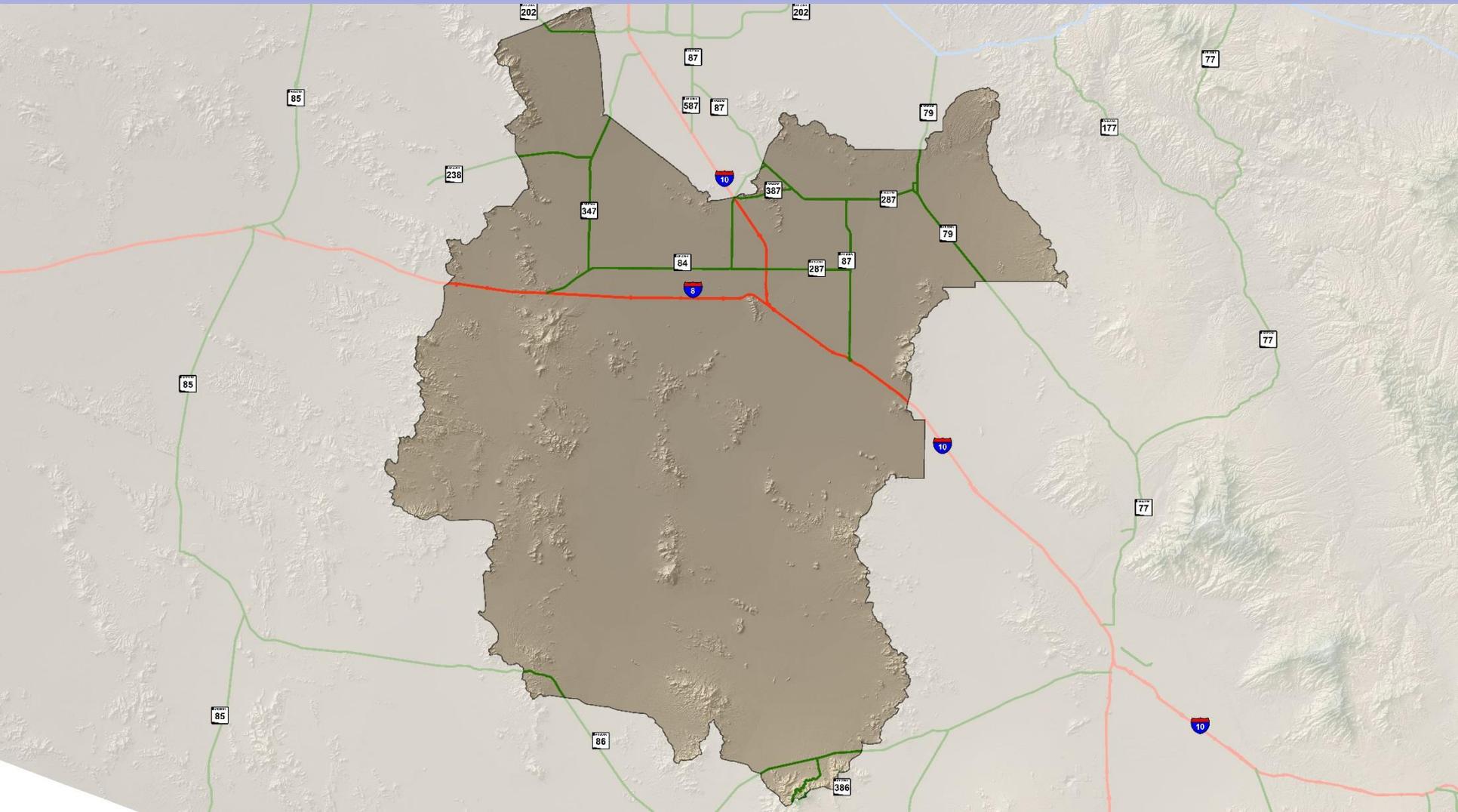
- Identified more than 2,800 mi² of land subsidence areas
- Collect InSAR data over more than 50,000 square miles
- Provide land subsidence maps covering various periods of time on ADWR's website
- Cooperate with 14 Federal, State, County, and Local Agencies



ADWR InSAR Program Cooperators

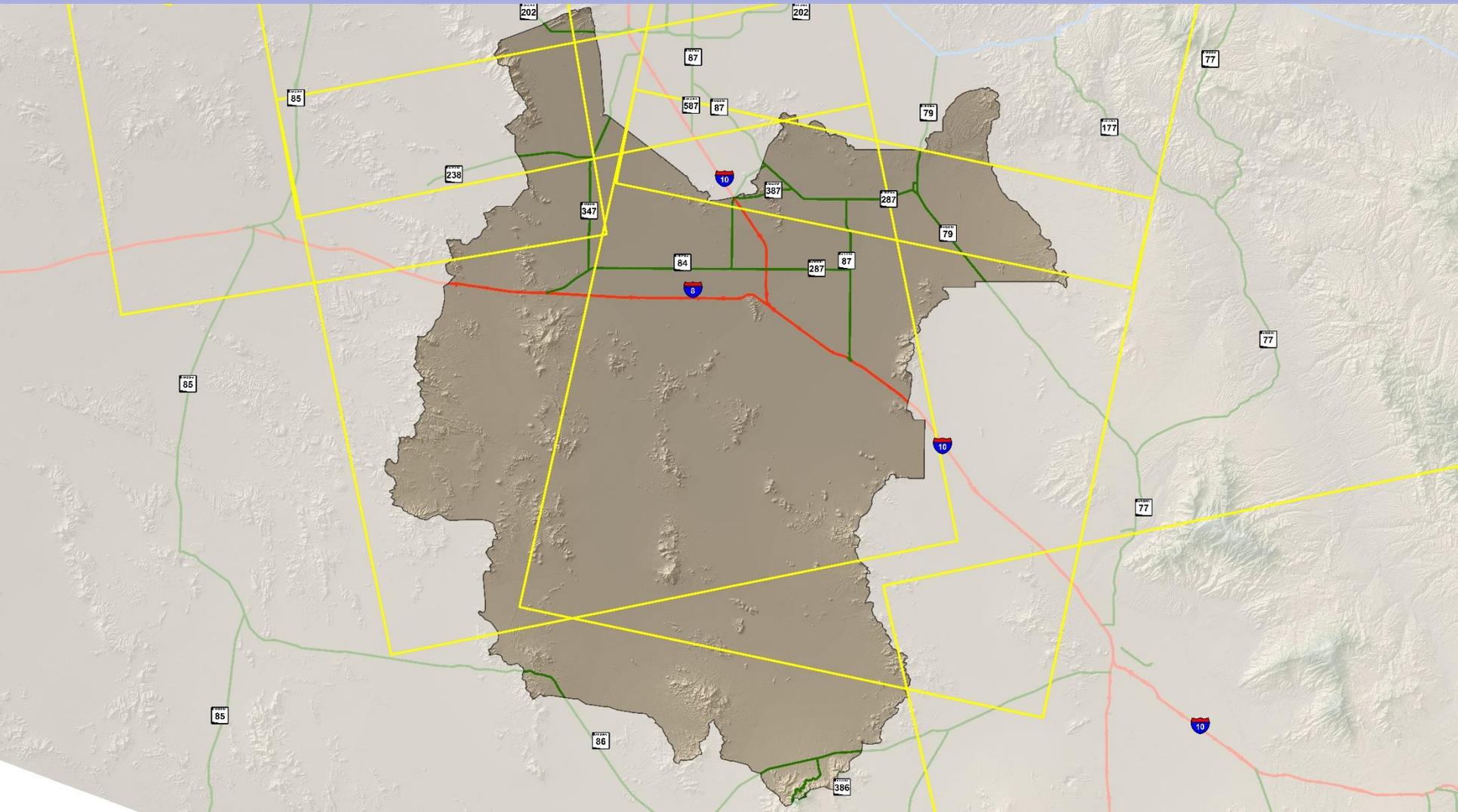
- **Flood Control District of Maricopa County**
- **Pinal County Flood Control District**
- **Arizona Department of Transportation**
- **Arizona State Land Department**
- **Central Arizona Project**
- **Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District**
- **Salt River Project**
- **Community Water Company**
- **City of Scottsdale**
- **Cochise County**
- **Arizona Geological Survey**
- **Petrified Forest National Park**
- **City of Phoenix**
- **City of Mesa**

Land Subsidence Monitoring in the Pinal AMA



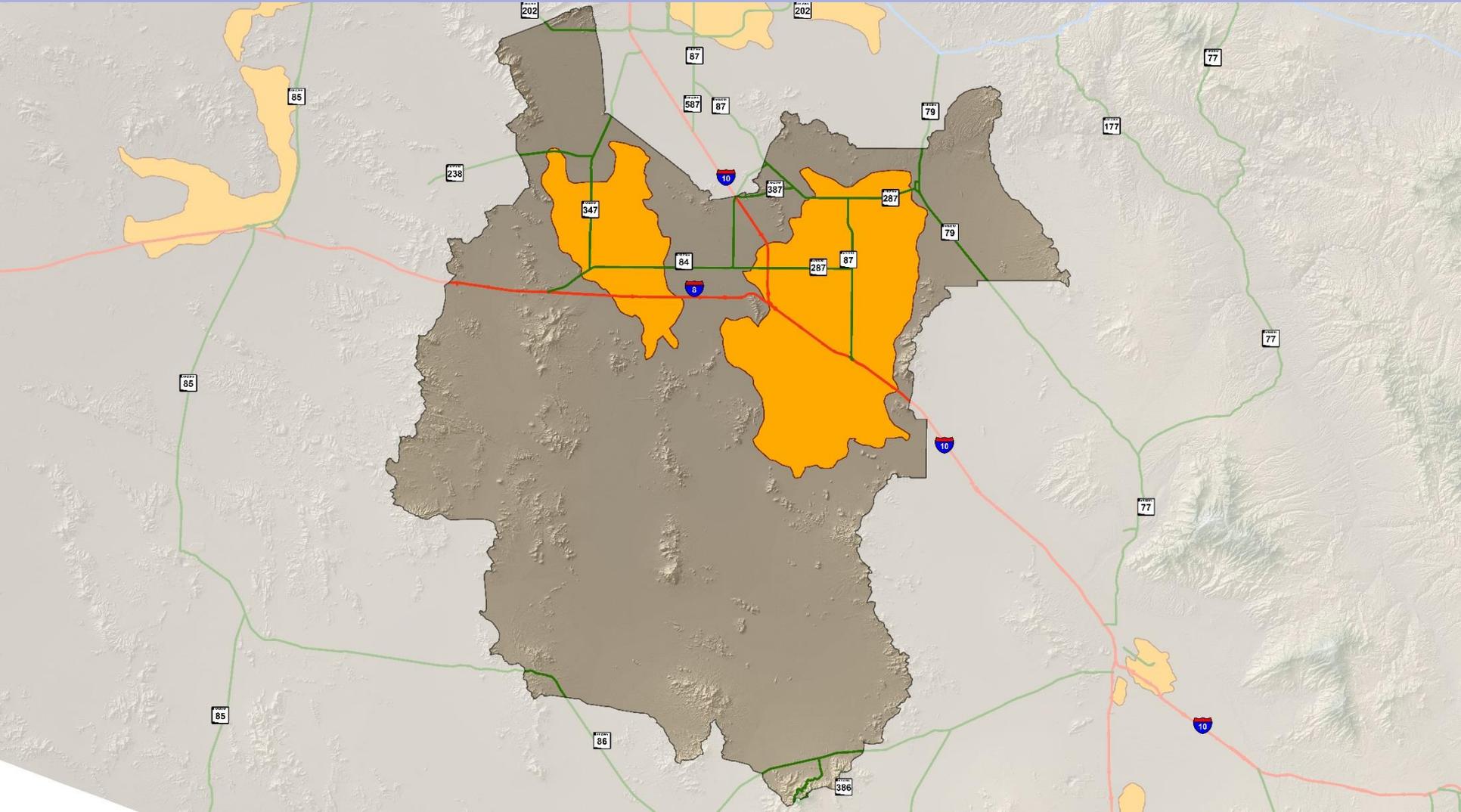
Land Subsidence Monitoring in the Pinal AMA

InSAR Frames That Cover the Pinal AMA



Land Subsidence Features in the Pinal AMA Identified with ADWR InSAR Data

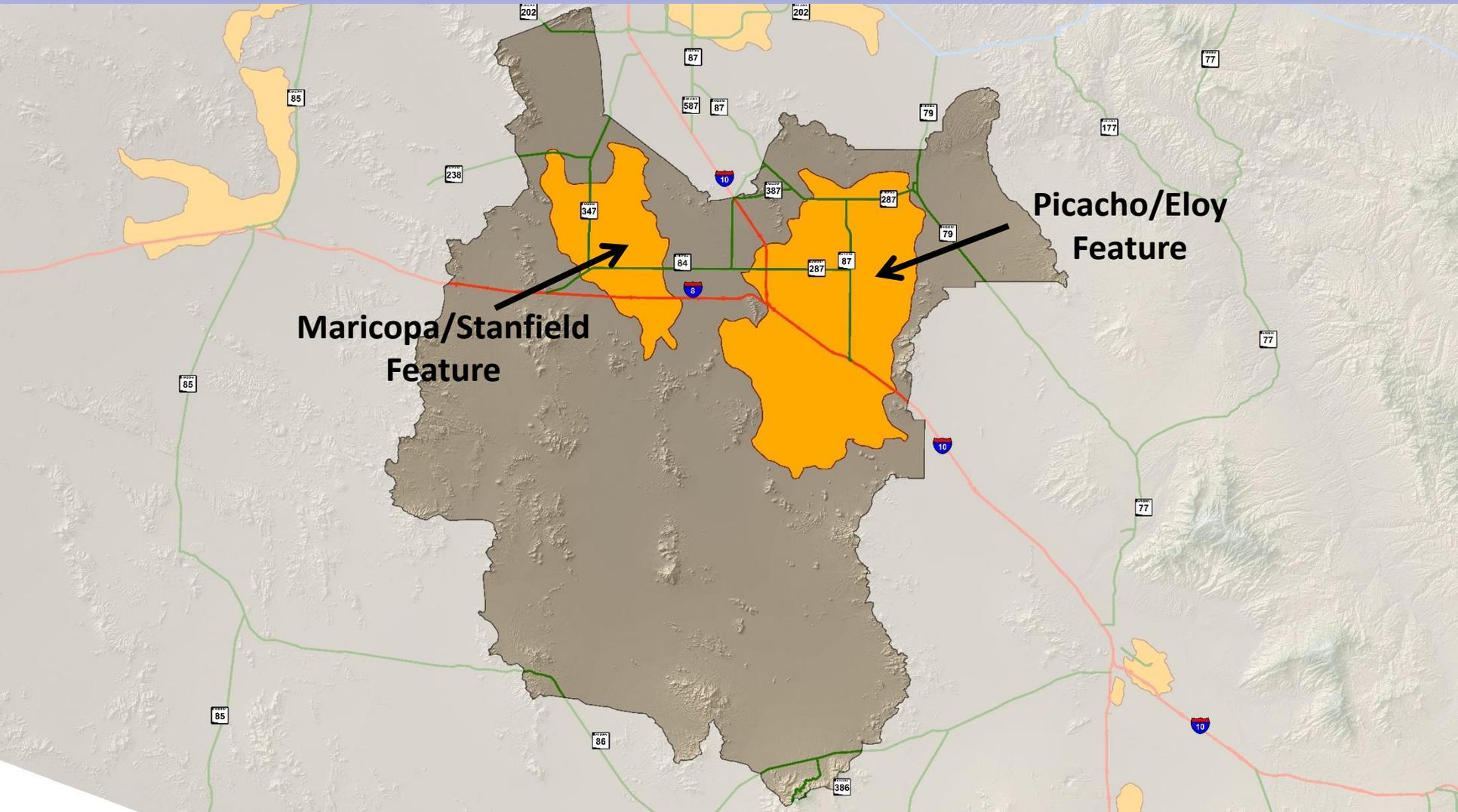
Two Land Subsidence Features Identified and Being Monitored



Land Subsidence Features in the Pinal AMA

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ADWR's Land Subsidence Website

NEW! [Interactive Arizona Land Subsidence Map](#)

Arizona Land Subsidence Areas

Scottsdale/NE Phoenix	McMullen Valley	Picacho/Eloy	Fort Grant Rd
West Valley	Harquahala Valley	Maricopa-Stanfield	Kansas Settlement
Hawk Rock	Ranegras Valley	Tucson	Elfrida
Buckeye	Gila Bend	Green Valley	Bowie/San Simon
Holbrook Sinks	East Valley		

What is Land Subsidence



Active Land Subsidence Areas in Arizona
Based on ADWR InSAR Data

Land subsidence has been occurring across Arizona since the early 1900's. Millions of people around the world live in active land subsidence areas and are unaware. Most of the time, there is no clear and identifiable sign that land subsidence has occurred in an area. Areas in Maricopa and Pinal Counties have subsided more than eighteen feet since the early 1900's.

Land subsidence in the basins of Arizona is generally due to compaction of the alluvium caused by lowering of the water table. As the water table declines, pores in the alluvium once held open by water pressure are no longer supported and collapse. Collapse and subsequent lowering in elevation of the land surface is defined as land subsidence. This subsidence is generally not recoverable. If this subsidence occurs over areas of bedrock, differential subsidence can occur.

Differential subsidence is when adjacent areas subside at different rates. Bedrock will not compress like the surrounding alluvium, creating a subsurface platform. Differential subsidence occurs where shallow bedrock and deep bedrock are adjacent to each other, creating a zone of differential change in surface elevation. Because of these different amounts of subsidence, tension can build in the alluvium layer at this differential subsidence zone, forming an earth fissure.

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Click on Land

Subsidence Feature

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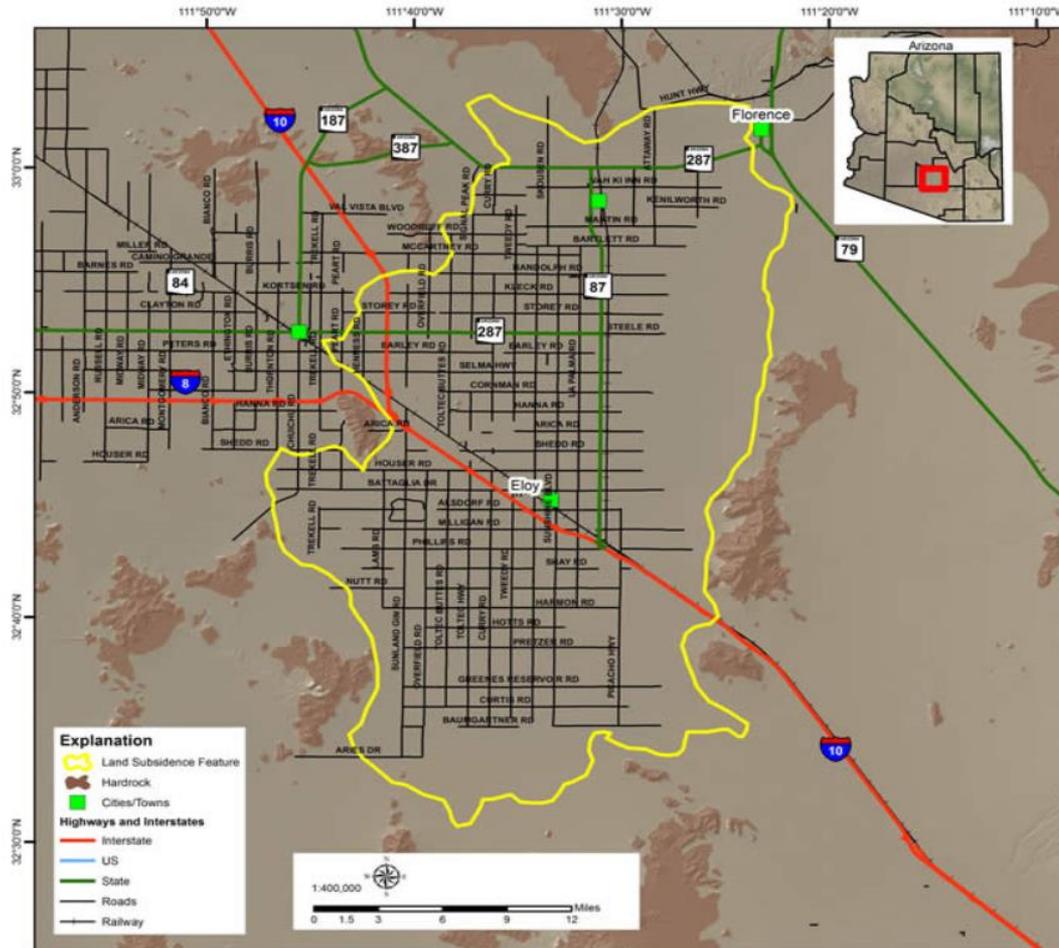
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Example of a Land Subsidence Feature Webpage

Picacho/Eloy Land Subsidence Feature

Picacho-Eloy Land Subsidence Feature



The Picacho-Eloy land subsidence feature is located in the Southern Pinal County. The towns of Eloy, Coolidge, and Florence are all located within the land subsidence feature along with unincorporated State Trust, Bureau of Land Management, and private lands.

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List of Available Land Subsidence Maps

Land Subsidence Rate Maps:

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APR-2007 to FEB-2008 	MAR-2013 to MAR-2014 	MAR-2014 to APR-2015 
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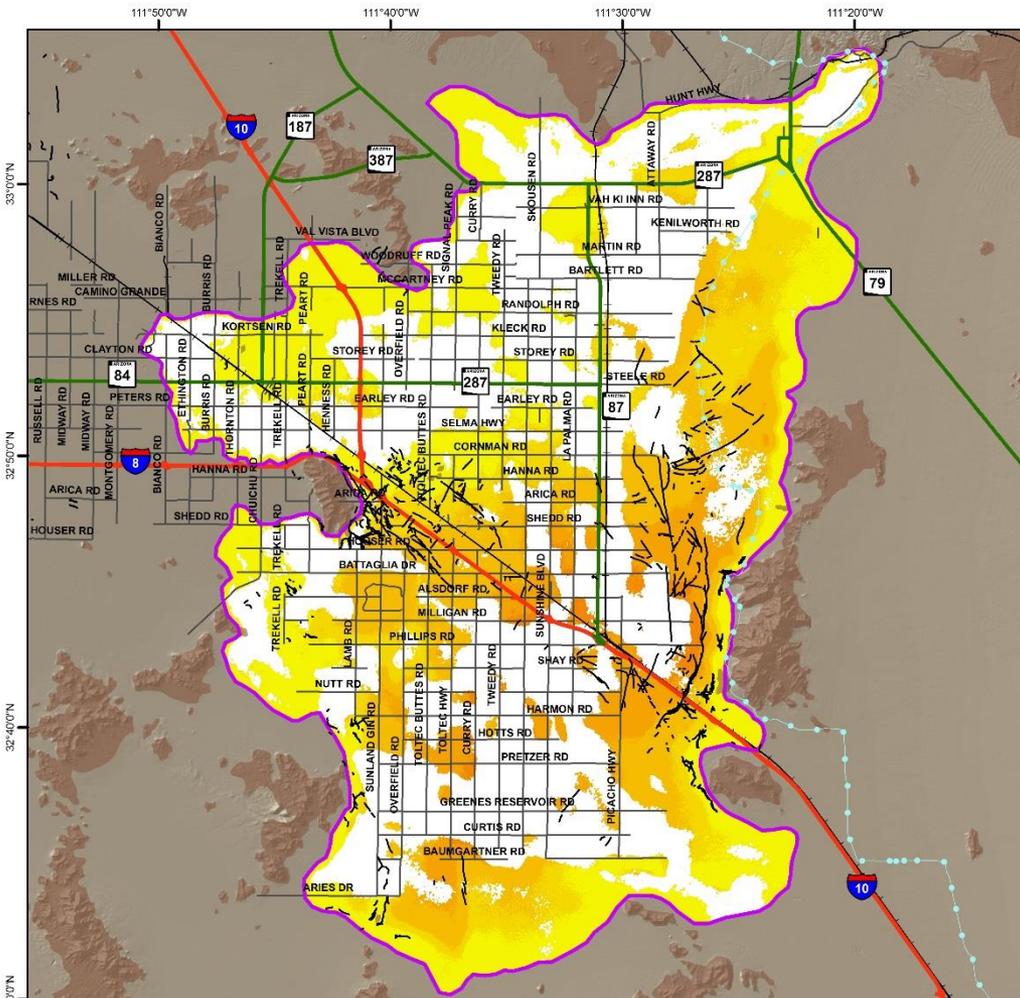
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An example of a land subsidence PDF map: Picacho/Eloy 2010-2015

Land subsidence as high as 9.8 cm in 5-years

Land subsidence rates in 2015 are similar to rates in the mid 2000's when comparing InSAR datasets.



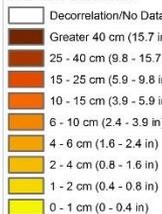
Total Land Subsidence in the Eloy Sub-Basin, Pinal County
Based on Radarsat-2 Satellite Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) Data
Time Period of Analysis: 5.0 Years 05/15/2010 To 04/19/2015

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Explanation

05/15/2010 To 04/19/2015

Total Land Subsidence



Subsidence Feature



1:347,676

0 2 4 8 12 16 Miles

Decorrelation (white areas) are areas where the phase of the received satellite signal changed between satellite passes, causing the data to be unusable. This occurs in areas where the land surface has been disturbed (i.e. bodies of water, snow, agriculture areas, areas of development, etc).

Earth fissures were mapped by the Arizona Geological Survey. For information on earth fissures visit: www.azgs.gov/EFC

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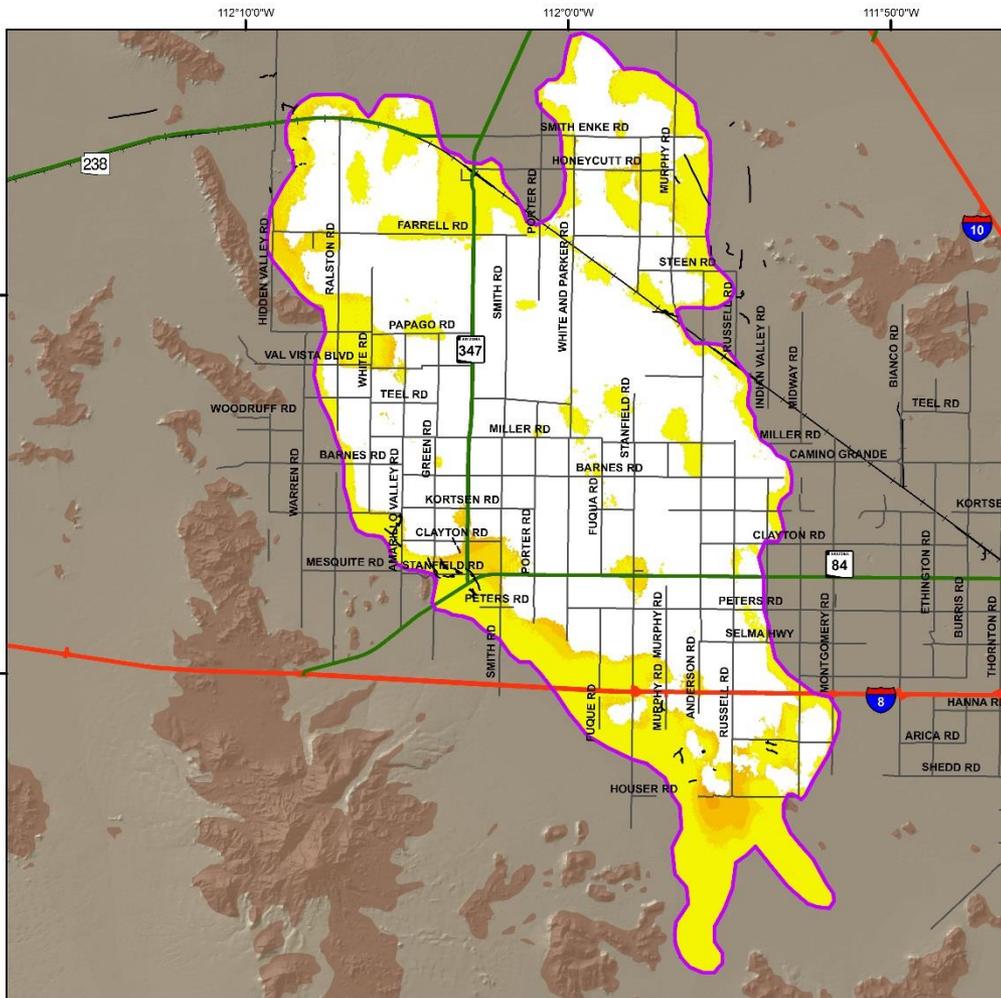
Maricopa-Stanfield 2010-2015 land subsidence map

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5-years

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similar to rates in the mid 2000's
when comparing InSAR datasets.

Land subsidence maps are updated
annually (late spring/early summer)

As of May 2015, more than 240 land
subsidence maps are available online



Total Land Subsidence in the Maricopa-Stanfield Sub-Basin, Pinal County
Based on Radarsat-2 Satellite Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) Data
Time Period of Analysis: 4.9 Years 05/08/2010 To 03/19/2015

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Explanation

05/08/2010 To 03/19/2015

Total Land Subsidence



Subsidence Feature

Hardrock

Earth Fissures

Highways and Interstates

Interstate

US

State

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The Future of ADWR's InSAR Program

- ADWR has the largest State operated InSAR program in the U.S. and will continue to collect InSAR data through out the State.
- ADWR will continue to work with it's InSAR cooperators and stakeholders, providing land subsidence products for their own monitoring, modeling, mitigation, and planning needs.
- ADWR will continue to update land subsidence maps on it's website each spring using the most recent InSAR data.
- ADWR continues to look for additional InSAR cooperators in the Pinal AMA to help fund data collection for the AMA.

Questions?

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