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, Dragoon, 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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