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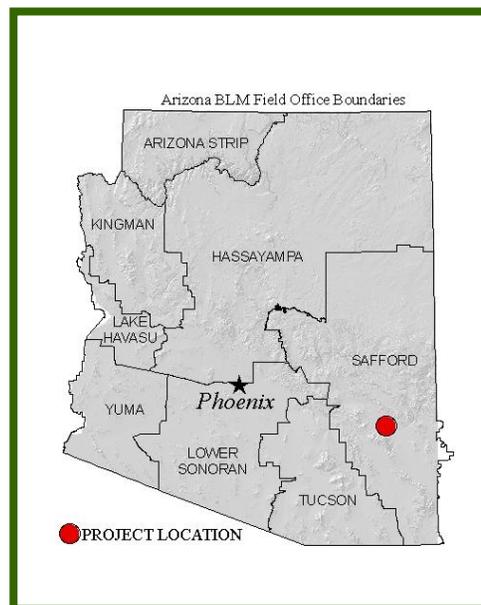
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## Sky Islands and Desert Seas Restoration, Phase II: Hot Well Habitat Improvement

### Need

One of the unique features at the Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area is a Watchable Wildlife Area and pond created by water flow from an artesian well. The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Hot Well Habitat Improvement Project will install a solar pump for the artesian well and pipeline that goes directly to the pond. The pond was identified as a critical wildlife area providing habitat for a wide variety of raptors and waterfowl as well as other bird and wildlife species. Flow from the artesian well has diminished in recent years and the viability of the pond is threatened. The project will also construct a building to provide storage for batteries that will be needed to ensure continual flow of water in the evenings. As of mid May, work on this project is underway.



### Recovery Act Funding

The contract for this BLM-Arizona American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project was awarded to Marsh Development for \$104,896.

### Benefits

The solar pump will provide a continual water flow through the riparian area and maintain the water level in the pond. This project will benefit all wildlife that utilize the pond and will enhance the public's viewing opportunities for watchable wildlife.



### More Information

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