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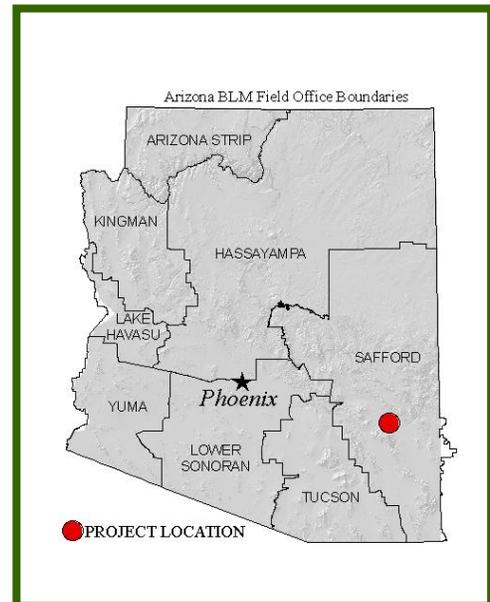


Sky Islands and Desert Seas Restoration, Phase II: Sands Draw Habitat Improvement

Need

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Sands Draw Habitat Improvement Project involves restoration of aquatic and terrestrial habitat in the San Simon Valley by removing invasive salt cedar and other nonnative vegetation, dredging and re-contouring the aquatic and riparian habitat, and seeding and planting with native vegetation.

The project will be completed in three phases, which include salt cedar removal, aquatic habitat dredging and re-contouring, and seeding and planting of desired native vegetation. Once restored, this site will be considered for endangered fish introduction; species could include Gila chub, desert pupfish, and/or Gila topminnow.



Recovery Act Funding

The contract for the salt cedar removal portion of this BLM-Arizona American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project was awarded to Hashknife Contractors for \$21,564.58, who completed the work in early April. The contract for the dredging and contouring and seeding and planting of native vegetation portion of this BLM-Arizona ARRA project was awarded to Dana Jackson for \$43,800. All work was completed in early July, 2010.

Benefits

By restoring approximately 1.25 miles of aquatic and riparian habitat virtually all wildlife dependent upon such habitat and occur in this area would benefit. Providing new habitat for endangered fish species will assist in their recovery.



More Information

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