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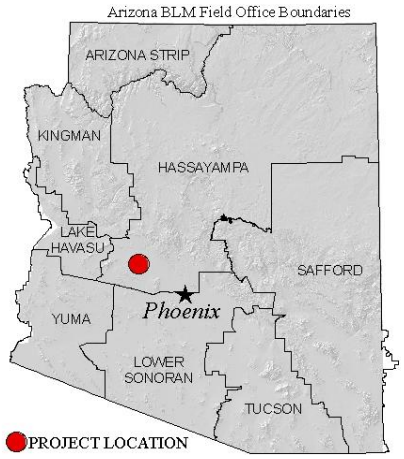
Vulture Mine Road Remediation Project

Need

The Vulture Mountains south of Wickenburg, Arizona, contain many old, abandoned hardrock mine sites. This is a high-use recreation area, especially popular with off-highway vehicle enthusiasts, who use the old mine roads to access scenic backcountry areas. Because many of these roads were originally constructed to provide access to mine sites, recreational users can encounter hazardous mine features located next to the roads.



The Vulture Mine Road Remediation project is part of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) program. The goal of the project was to backfill six open abandoned shafts located next to regulary used roads in the Vulture Mountains. The work was performed by an experienced, independent contractors. The project was completed with the successful and efficient backfilling of all six abandoned shafts in late January 2010.

Recovery Act Funding

The competitive contract for this BLM-Arizona American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project was awarded to Eagle Pass Construction for $14,300 and was completed in late January 2010. Eagle Pass Construction is an 8a minority owned firm.

Benefits

This reclamation work permanently eliminated the physical safety hazards that these six open mines posed to the public. The work also enhanced the viewshed by creating a ground surface that will visually blend into the surrounding terrain.

More Information

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