



Managing for the Future: Habitat and Wildlife Stewardship Initiatives & Partnership

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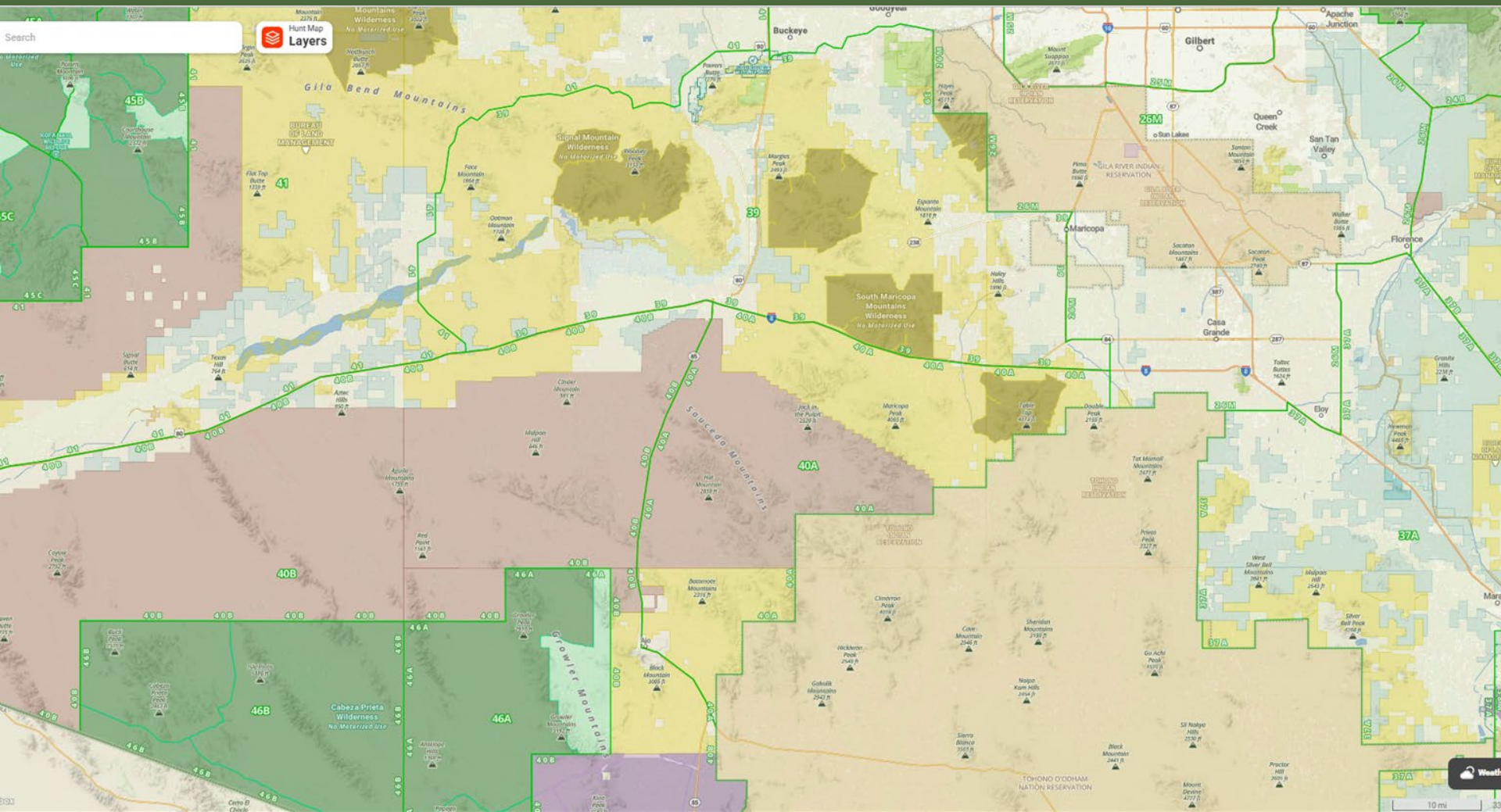
Arizona Game and Fish Department Mission:

To conserve Arizona's diverse wildlife resources and manage for safe, compatible outdoor recreation opportunities for current and future generations





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Partnership for Wildlife Conservation

Field Visits and Town Meetings

Attendees/Partners

Landowners/Permittees
AZGFD Wildlife Managers & Landowner
Relations Program

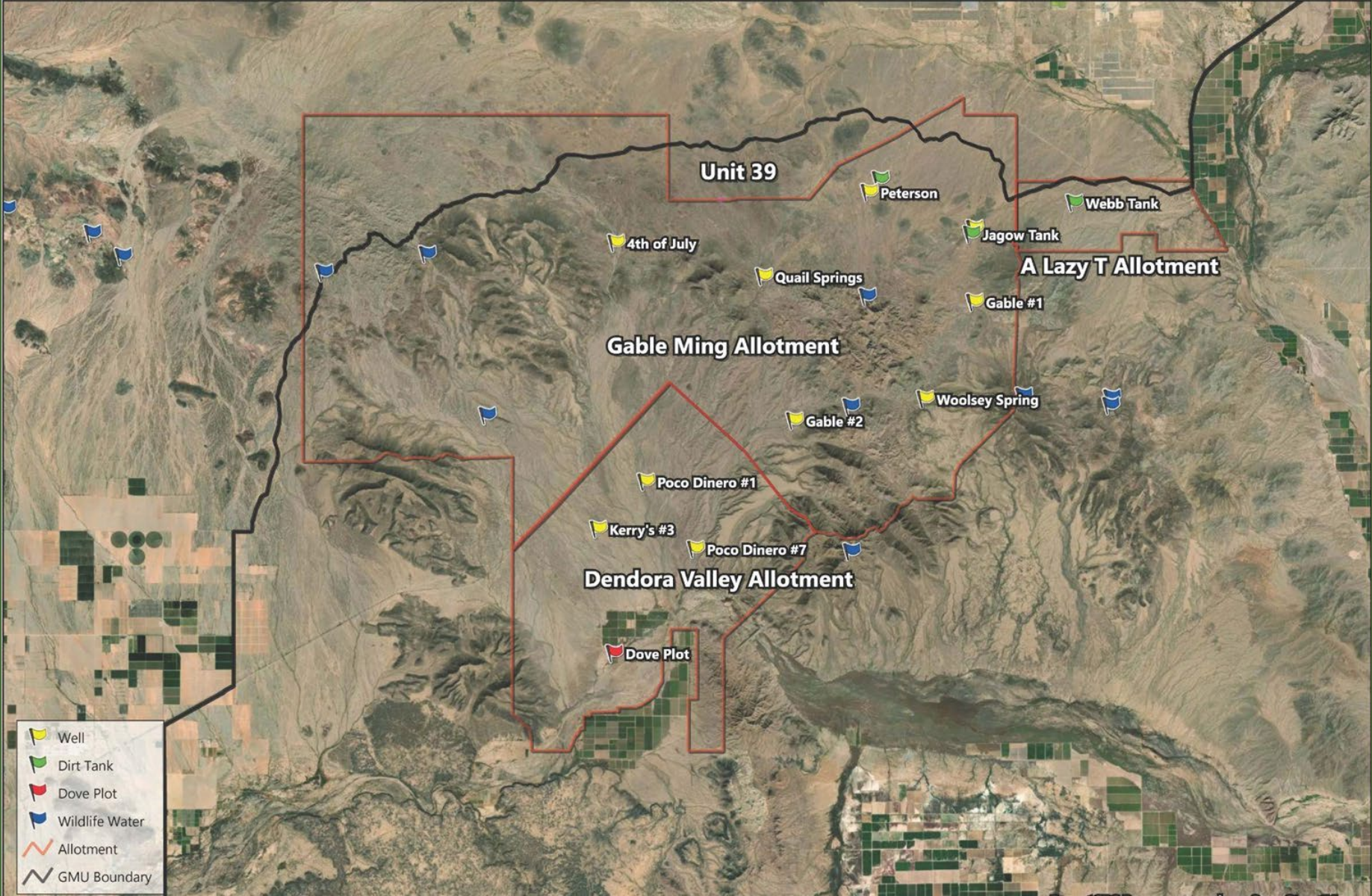
Bureau of Land Management

Arizona Deer Association

Local Sportsmans Clubs

Private Citizens & Volunteers





Poco Dinero Ranch Access Agreement

Sorghum Dove Habitat Plot established in 2020

Access for hunters to dove, quail, javelina, and deer

Cooperators

Tyson Stuhr

AZGFD Landowner Relations Program

Bureau of Land Management

Wildlife Manager



Wildlife Waters

Redeveloped 6 abandoned wells with wildlife drinkers

Converted 11 wells to solar with wildlife drinkers

Repaired 3 BLM wells

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Gila Bend/Buckeye Sportsman's Club

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Wildlife Waters

3 Dirt Tank Improvement Projects Completed

Gable Ming Allotment

Peterson Tank

Jagow Tank

A Lazy T Allotment

Webb Tank



Wildlife Waters

5 Redeveloped Waters in Units 39 & 40A

Old vault catchments hold 2,500 gallons
New water catchments hold 14,000 gallons
Ranch Bot water monitoring systems

Constructed by:
AZGFD Volunteers
Region 4 Staff
Retired Staff
AZGFD Development
Yuma Rod & Gun Club





The Ajo Sportsman's Club

2023 Outstanding Club of the Year Award

The Gila Bend & Buckeye Sportsman's Club

Haul over 85,000 Gallons a year



Water Trailer Partnerships

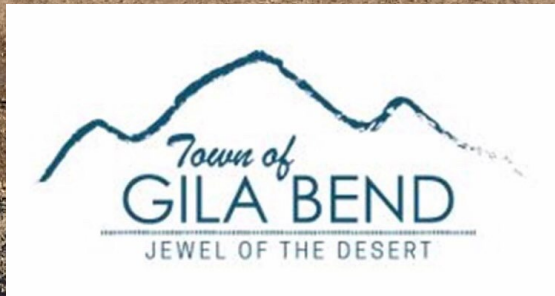
1 new water trailer donated to AZGFD
2 new water trailers donated to the Ajo Sportsman's Club

Donated by:
Arizona Deer Association
Arizona Antelope Foundation
Arizona Bighorn Sheep Society



Bender's Pond Expansion Project

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Benders Pond Limitations



- Constructed in 2005
- Too small and too shallow
- 1/8 of an acre & 6 feet deep
- Limited stocking opportunity
- No annual fishing events
- No angling opportunity throughout the year



Bender's Pond Construction

Started in June, 2023

Over 1 acre and 23 feet deep

250,000 pounds of sodium bentonite used

Fish habitat installed

5.2 million gallons of water

Aeration system installed

41 new trees planted



Grand Opening

October 28th, 2023

Over 250 people in attendance

Free 1-year license for all kids at
grand opening

Town of Gila Bend, AZGFD Madam
Chair Marsha Petrie Sue,
AZGFD employees, Western Clay
and Arizona Deer Association in
attendance







THANK YOU