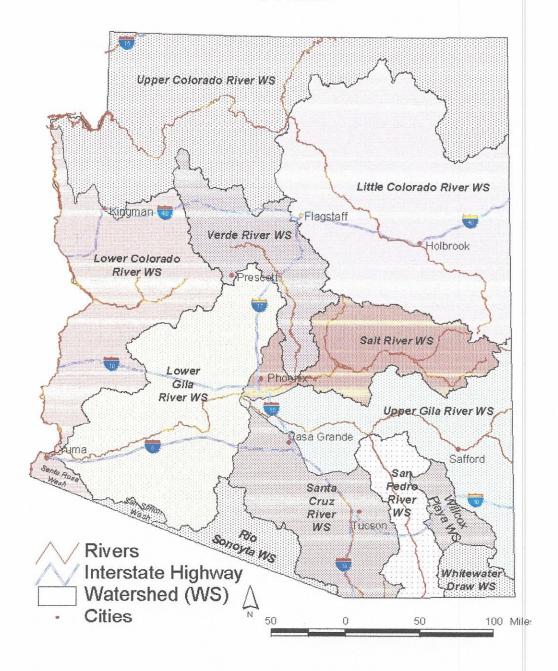
Arizona Water Protection Fund Application Cover Page FY 2019

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Project Location & Environmental Contaminant Information FY 2019

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	Are there known environmental contaminants in the project vicinity? YES NO If yes, please identify the contaminant(s) and enclose data about the location and levels of contaminants: The issue is environmental contaminants that may be the source of nutrients for the growth of invasive weeds, particularly Eurasian Milfoil and Coontail.
3.	Are you asking for Arizona Water Protection Fund monies to identify whether or not environmental contaminants are present? YES NO

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE Review Form

In accordance with the State Historic Preservation Act (SHPO), A.R.S. 41-861 et seq, effective July 24, 1982, each State agency must consider the potential of activities or projects to impact significant cultural resources. Also, each State agency is required to consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer with regard to those activities or projects that may impact cultural resources. Therefore, it is understood that recipients of state funds are required to comply with this law throughout the project period. All projects that affect the ground-surface that are funded by AWPF require SHPO clearance, including those on private and federal lands.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) must review each grant application recommended for funding in order to determine the effect, if any, a proposed project may have on archaeological or cultural resources. To assist the SHPO in this review, the following information MUST be submitted with each application for funding assistance:

- A completed copy of this form, and
- A United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 minute map
- A copy of the cultural resources survey report if a survey of the property has been conducted, and
- A copy of any comments of the land managing agency/landowner (i.e., state, federal, county, municipal) on potential impacts of the project on historic properties.
 NOTE: If a federal agency is involved, the agency must consult with SHPO pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA); a state agency must consult with SHPO pursuant to the State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA),
 OR
- A copy of SHPO comments if the survey report has already been reviewed by SHPO.

Please answer the following questions:

- 1. Grant Program: Arizona Water Protection Fund 2019 Cycle
- 2. Project Title: Rainbow Lake and Nutrrient Management
- 3. Applicant Name and Address: <u>Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D Area, Inc., PO Box 672, Holbrook, AZ</u> 86025
- 4. Current Land Owner/Manager(s): AZ Game and Fish, private homeowners
- 5. Project Location, including Township, Range, Section: T9N, R22E, Sections 23+26

6. Total Project Area in Acres (or total miles if trail): 20	0
7. Does the proposed project have the potential to distur YES NO	b the surface and/or subsurface of the ground?
8. Please provide a brief description of the proposed pro- subsurface impacts that are expected: <u>Additiona of str</u> of runoff into Rainbow Lake for update of ADEQ yr 2	erile WHite Amur Carp to Rainbow Lake; sampling
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12. Are there any buildings or structures (including mines older in or adjacent to the project area? YES	, bridges, dams, canals, etc.), which are 50-years or NO
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Please sign on the line below certifying all information pro our knowledge.	vided for this application is accurate to the best of
	David M. Newlin
Applicant Signature /Date App	Executive Director Little Colorado River Plateru RC&D Area, Inc. 928.524.2912 Cell: 928.322.6146
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SHPO Finding: Funding this project will not affect historic properties. Survey necessary – further GRANTS/SHPO consultatic consultation has been completed) Cultural resources present – further GRANTS/SHPO cuntil consultation has been completed)	
SHPO Comments:	
For State Historic Preservation Office:	Date:

STATE OF ARIZONA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Please type or print clearly. Fill out each applicable space accurately and with as much information as is known about the property.

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION For properties identified through survey: Site No	Survey Area:		
Historic Names (enter the name(s), if any that best rej	flect the property's historic importance):		
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CONSTRUCTION DATE: known estimated Source:			
STRUCTURAL CONDITION Good (well maintained; no serious problems apparent) Fair (some problems apparent) Poor (major problems; imminent threat) Ruin/Uninhabitable			
USES/FUNCTIONS			
Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:	Attach a recent photograph of property in this space. Additional photographs may be appended.		
Sources:			
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To be eligible for the National Register, a property must represent an important part of the history or architecture of an area. The significance of a property is evaluated within its historic context, which are those patterns, themes, or trends in history by which a property occurred or gained importance. Describe the historic and architectural contexts of the property that may make it worthy of preservation.

A. HISTORIC EVENTS/TRENDS – Describe any historic events/trends associated with the property:
B. PERSONS – List and describe persons with an important association with the building:
C. ARCHITECTURE – Style: no style
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Describe other character-defining features of its massing, size and scale:
INTEGRITY To be eligible for the National Register, a property must have integrity (i.e. it must be able to visually convey its importance). The outline below lists some important aspects of integrity. Fill in the blanks with as detailed a description of the property as possible.
Location - Original Site Moved: Date: Original Site:
DESIGN Describe alterations from the original design, including dates:
MATERIALS Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property:
Walls (structure):
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Windows:
Roof:
Foundation:
SETTING Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property:
How has the environment changed since the property was constructed?
WORKMANSHIP Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction:
NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS (if listed, check the appropriate box) Individually Listed; Contributor; Non-contributor to Historic District

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Arizona Water Protection Fund 2019 Grant Application – Executive Summary

The objective of this 2019 grant application is to investigate the causes of and eliminate, clear and determine methods to reduce nutrients causing invasive weed conditions in Rainbow Lake and upstream environs, including Walnut Creek, Big Springs Environmental Area and Woodland Lake. The effect the invasive weeds have shown below, have been the subject of significant efforts. These issues have been the subject of the efforts of various groups, all included in this application, for over 20 years.

Invasive Eurasian Milfoil and Coontail have created innumerable problems for recreation, fishing, and boating and other water activities as the two reservoirs have gradually silted in since construction in the early 1900. The original sources was nutrient runoff from septic systems; however, extensive efforts, primarily use of sterile White Amur Carp, have only barely kept up with weed control. Other NPS have continued to feed the invasive species.

Efforts to monitor and identify the nutrients feeding the invasive species have been thwarted by lack of funding, lack of rainfall, climate change, population growth, construction, increased used of chemicals, pavement, curbing, excessive runoff and other undetermined factors since the late 1950's when septic systems were installed in most (but not all) of the area.



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Arizona Water Protection Fund 2019 Grant Application – Project Overview

<u>Objective 1</u>: Reduce, control, eliminate invasive weeds in Rainbow Lake (and, by interpolation, Woodland Lake, upstream)

Objective 2: Update ADEQ yr 2000 TMDL Study of nutrients causing invasive weed problem

Rainbow Lake and its upstream counter-part, Woodland Lake, suffer from issue of invasive weed infestation. The original sources of the weeds are unknown. The sources of the nutrients were initially shown to be septic runoff remaining in the soil before installation of modern sewer systems in the later 1950's.

The current drought also affects the problem. There is insufficient water from winter run-off and summer rain to keep the lakes full to the "normal" high-water mark. Sunlight penetrates the lower depths of the lakes to a greater degree, thereby increasing the photosynthesis that might not normally occur if the lakes were full.

Because of this, weed infestation cause major issues in any type of sport, water or recreation activities, thus adversely affecting Arizona's major industry, tourism, and its related benefits. A secondary issue is the lack of water for irrigation purposes although, as is well known, irrigation use in northeastern Arizona (and particularly in Navajo County, where the project is located) is diminishing.

Over 20 years ago, a group of concerned citizens began efforts to determine the causes of the weed infestation. These efforts were supported by a 2000 ADEQ WQIP Study that recommended dredging as the first line of defense. However, the cost (\$2M+) and the issue of dredged material disposal raised considerable concerns. It is important to note that Woodland Lake has been dredged and no significant improvement in weed infestation has been noted (and the weed infestation has returned).

These efforts ground to a halt in the late 2000's when personnel, funding, lack of support and structure began to diminish. The Little Colorado River Plateau Resource, Development and Conservation District (RC&D), a Federally authorized Arizona 501(c) IRS-certified non-for-profit corporation, agreed to become the sponsor of the Friends of Show Low Creek Watershed.

The primary focus of the group was then decided to be weed control, as noted above. The current unofficial name of the group is the Rainbow Lake Coalition. The co-Chairs are retired Major General Al Crawford (the group's founder) and LCRP RC&D Executive Director David Newlin.

The primary purpose of this Grant application is for weed control in Rainbow Lake through (a) study of the run-off nutrients and (b) direct control of weed with sterile White Amur Carp.

Carp are utilized throughout Arizona for weed control by the US Forest Service, Arizona Game and Fish and the Salt River Project. They have been proven to be the most cost-effective means of weed control.

The purpose of this grant application is two-fold:

- 1. To support additional sterile White Amur Carp in Rainbow Lake
- 2. To enhance montioring and sampling efforts in Rainbow Lake for an updated ADEQ TMDL Study

Depending on funding, the grant may extend from one to five years. NOTE: The project has been sustained locally for 20+ years, mostly by private donations, a record unexcelled.

Financially, all funds are accounted for by the RC&D and it's accounting staff. Over 70% of the funds raised in the past 10 years for Rainbow Lake have come from private donations. A number of small grants have been received; however, the citizens in the area have carried the major burden of efforts supported by the scientific data and guidance from ADEQ and AZGFD.

This is an exceptional record of citizen involvement.

The run-off sampling efforts are necessary as an update to the 2000 ADEQ Report.

This has led to the sampling program requested through citizen's volunteers to measure runoff and the possible sources of nutrients (noted below) that feed the invasive weeds.

There is also the possibility that the invasive weeds are self-sustaining. However, the compete ADEQ study needs to be updated.

Citizen volunteer efforts have been greatly assisted by the establishment of the ADEQ Citizens Water Watch in 2016.

Arizona Game and Fish have acted as primary partner and great in-kind support. They have completed a large number of weed and fish surveys. The weed surveys show clearly that the addition of carp are having positive effect and reducing the weed count (in other words, "catching up"). Those full studies available upon request.

The only confirmed source of nutrients (although many are suspected) is the 2016 305B Report from ADEQ and the 2016 ADEQ Rainbow Lake Draft Management Plan, which show the suspected nutrients (please see pps. 52 and 53 of the 305B report). The probable nutrients are ammonia, nitrites, nitrates, nitrogen and phosphorus. The nutrient composition was originally suspected to have come from the leaching septic systems before the area was sewered; however, this happened over 50 years ago.

Their current source is unknown. It is hoped that these sources may be found in the runoff samples being taken as noted.

Ongoing monitoring is being accomplished through volunteers currently enrolled and trained in the Arizona Water Watch Citizen Water Monitoring efforts.

Perhaps the most amazing consequence of the 2017 season was the fact that rains did come, not to the degree or in the time frame desired; however, two consecutive years of drought resulted in the rain soaking into soils so quickly that there was no run-off to be measured. Personnel were on hand to take run-off samples IAW the Arizona Citizens Water Watch; however, there were none.

The 2018 summer season is proving to be somewhat better. Two sets of samples have been taken at the time of this application (7 Sept). More is hoped for.

ADEQ TMDL studies have been accomplished and show the lake not attaining status.

The current situation may be closely related to any of the following:

- 1. Community runoff consisting of local-generated nutrients
- 2. Excessive use of community-based fertilizers and weed-killers
- 3. Excessive animal waste
- 4. A life-cycle slowly created by the death and regrowth of the invasive specifics Eurasian Milfoil and Coontail
- 5. The tremendous amount of paving and concrete work that has occurred in the last 50+ years (even more so in the past 20), thus forcing runoff into the reservoir instead of seeping into the surrounding forest lands.
- 6. The amount of tree clearing that has occurred in construction, particularly in the past 20 years
- 7. Studies have shown that is not likely that wildlife have a significant bearing on the nutrients

The Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D Area, Inc. has an Agreement with the Pinetop-Woodland Lake/Show Low Irrigation Co., Inc., owner of the water and land under the lake ("to the high water mark", per deed) for the efforts of the Coalition. The irrigation company benefits from the efforts to reduce invasive weeds as well.



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Arizona Water Protection Fund 2019 Grant Application – Scope of Work

The Scope of Work for the Rainbow wake Nutrient Control Project falls into the following areas:

Capital Projects:

- Purchase of sterile White Amur Carp over the life of the grant award at a cost of approximately \$20,000 per year, in the following areas:
 - o Direct benefits to intermittent streams
 - Protect and restore native riparian vegetation and habitat
 - Restore proper hydrological conditions and functions
 - o Protect and restore habitat need for fish and wildlife
 - o Decrease negative impacts of non-native species to riparian areas

Research:

- Data collection costs associated with run-off collection samples and support for same, i.e.:
 - Website notification of rainfall events
 - o Telephonic notification of volunteers
 - Transportation, transmittal and coordination of samples

Water Conservation:

Maintaining, enhancing and restoring river resources

Task No. 1:

- Addition of sterile White Amur Carp to Rainbow Lake
- Title: As above
- Description: As above
- Task Objective/Purpose: Control of invasive weeds in Rainbow Lake
- Responsible Personnel: Co-Chairs of Rainbow Lake Coalition, Al Crawford, David Newlin
- Deliverable Description: Placing sterile White Amur Carp in Rainbow Lake
- Deliverable Date: 1 May 2019 and as many succeeding years as funding will support

• Task Cost: \$20,000 per year

Task No 2:

- Volunteer Sample Collection
- Title: as above
- Task Description: as above
- Task Purpose/Objective: Provide data to ADEQ for updated ADEQ TMDL Study
- Responsible Personnel: Co-Chairs Al Crawford, David Newlin
- Deliverable Description: Runoff samples at ADEQ-designated locations (see map)
- Deliverable Date: Summer Season 2019 (and as far forward as possible)
- Task Cost: \$1000 per season



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Arizona Water Protection Fund 2019 Grant Application – Budget

Funds Requested (two-year cycle):

\$50,000

Budget:

Task No. 1: 2019, 2020 Carp Purchase: \$40,000

Task No. 2: 2019, 2020 Sampling Collection Support (volunteers through Arizona Citizens Water

Watch): \$2,000

NOTE: Balance of any excess funds provided to be included in task no. 1 and carried over into year no. 3

Administrative Costs: 5% of requested \$50,000: **\$2,500** (adjusted based on grant award)

Matching Funds:

Volunteer time: \$10,000

• ADEQ Citizens Water Watch in-Kind Support: \$5,000 (to be revised as appropriate)

AZ Game and Fish Reports, In-Kind Support \$10,000
 Volunteer mileage, travel, meetings, supplies: \$5,000

Total: \$30,000

NOTE: Financial Reports from RC&D for the previous 10 years to support these amounts are available



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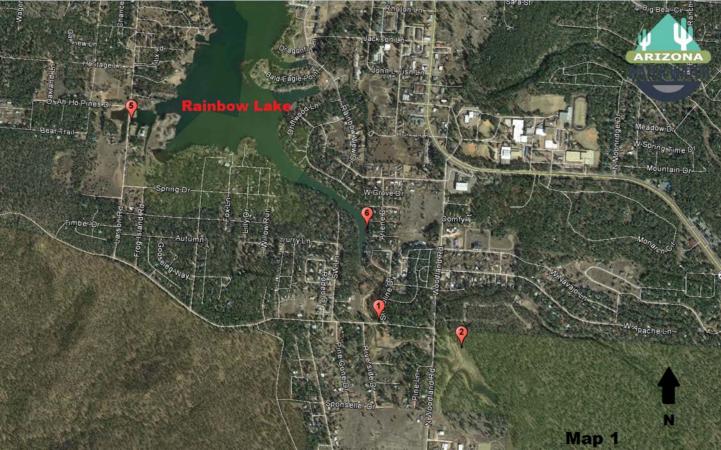
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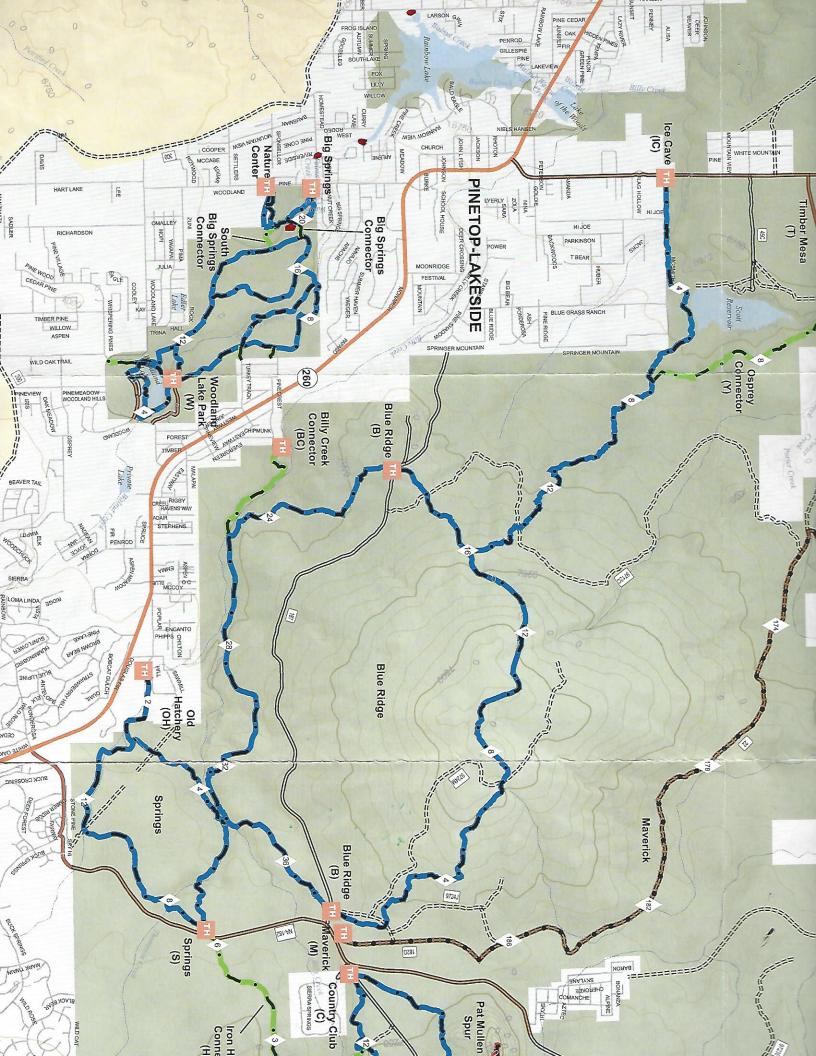
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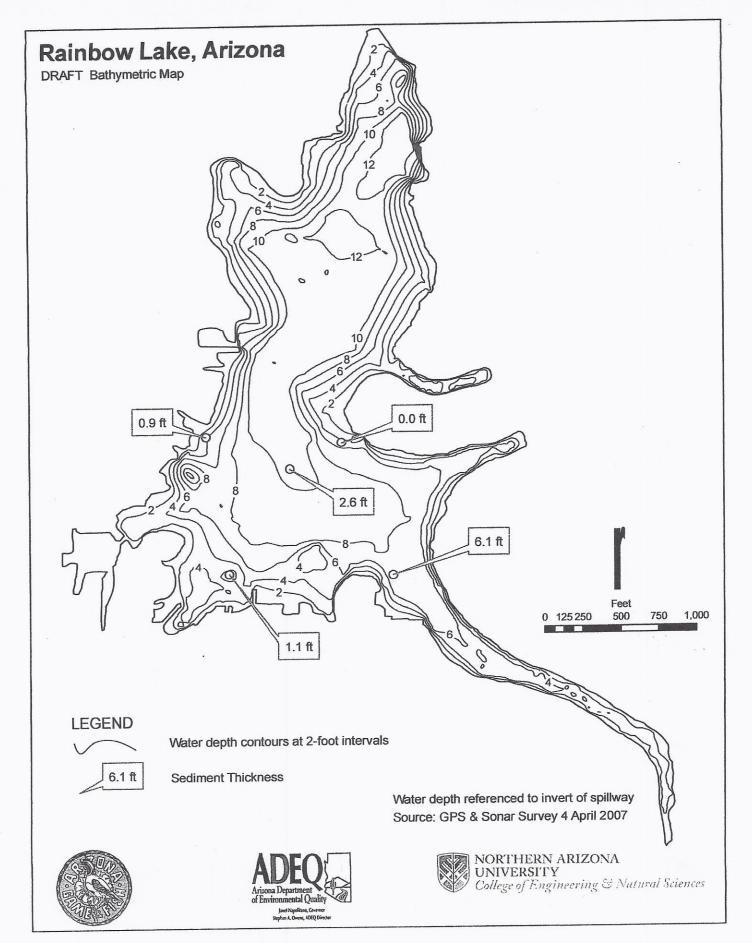
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Maps and Schematics

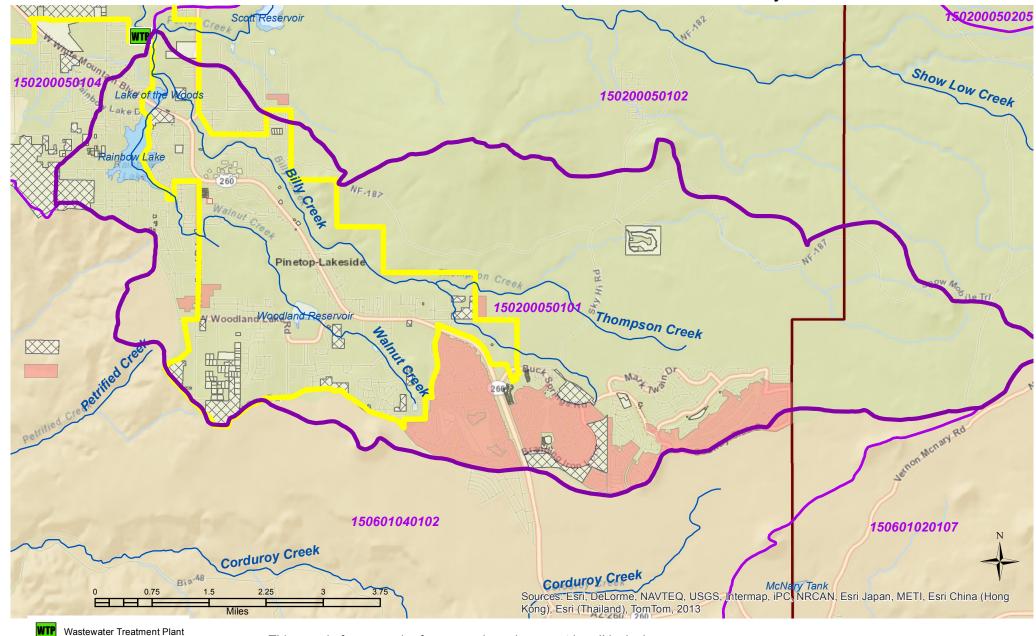
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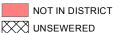
Wastewater Treatment Plan



Town Boundaries

CAD Data

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This map is for general reference only and may not be all inclusive. ADEQ program's data collection efforts are ongoing. More detailed information and specific locations can be obtained by contacting the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.



