

Siting Criteria

SENSITIVITY OF RESOURCES August 2009	
Resource Category	Sensitivity Level*
Existing Land Use Resources	
Residential	High
Schools/Educational Facilities	High
Commercial Retail	Low-Moderate
Hotel/Resort	Moderate
Agricultural Land (pecan groves)	Moderate
Vacant/Undeveloped Land	Low
Industrial	Low
Public/Quasi-Public	
- Church	High
- Cemetery	High
- Government Buildings	Low-Moderate
Existing Recreation Resources	
Parks	High
Wilderness Area	Incompatible
Inventoried Roadless Area	High
Developed National/Regional Trail	High
Local Trails (County or City designated)	Moderate-High
Trailheads, Picnic areas, and Campgrounds	High
Pima County Natural Areas	Moderate
Existing Visual Resources	
Scenic Roads	High
Visual Classifications – BLM (VRM), Forest Service Concern Level Roads	
- VRM Class II	Moderate-High
- VRM Class III	Low-Moderate
-Concern Level 1 (High concern roads and trails) – Immediate Foreground (0-300 feet)	High
-Concern Level 1 (High concern roads and trails) – Foreground (300 feet -1/2 mile)	High
-Concern Level 1 (High concern roads and trails) – Middleground (1/2 to 4 miles)	Moderate
-Concern Level 2 (Moderate concern roads and trails) – Immediate Foreground (0-300 feet)	Moderate
-Concern Level 2 (Moderate concern roads and trails) – Foreground (300 feet -1/2 mile)	Moderate
-Concern Level 2 (Moderate concern roads and trails) – Middleground (1/2 to 4 miles)	Low-Moderate
Future Land Use Resources	
Residential Planned – Plat Approved	Moderate-High
Residential Planned – Zoning Approved	Moderate
Residential Planned – Conceptual/General/Comprehensive Plan	Low-Moderate
Commercial Planned – Plat Approved	Low-Moderate
Commercial Planned – Conceptual/General/Comprehensive Plan	Low
Mixed Use – Conceptual/General/Comprehensive Plan	Low-Moderate
Military – Plat Approved	Moderate
Industrial Facilities – Plat Approved	Low
Industrial Facilities – Conceptual/General/Comprehensive Plan	Low
Future Recreation Resources	
Parks – Plat Approved	Moderate-High
Parks – Conceptual/General/Comprehensive Plan	Low-Moderate
National/Regional Trails – Plat Approved	Moderate-High

Local Trails (County or City designated) – Conceptual/General/Comprehensive Plan	Low
Pima County Natural Areas – Plat Approved	Low-Moderate
Pima County Natural Areas – Zoning Approved and Conceptual/General/Comprehensive Plan	Low
Existing Cultural Resources	
Listed or Eligible National or State Register Properties	Moderate-High
Existing Biological Resources	
Pima County Wildlife Corridors	Low-Moderate
Santa Cruz River	Moderate
Bar V Ranch (Pima County 2004 Conservation Bond Program)	Moderate-High
Las Cienegas National Conservation Area	Moderate-High
Pima County Conservation Lands System	
- Agricultural Inholdings within Conservation Area	Low
- Biological Core Management Areas	Low-Moderate
- Important Riparian Areas	Low-Moderate
- Multiple Use Management Areas	Low
- Designated Scientific Research Areas	Low-Moderate

Opportunities
Existing Linear Facilities
Roads/Major Arterial Roadways
Railroads
Utility Facilities (substations, etc.)
Section lines, half-section lines
46kV Overhead Transmission Line Corridors
115kV/138kV Overhead Transmission Line Corridors
230kV/345kV Overhead Transmission Line Corridors
Future (Planned) Linear Facilities
Roads/Major Arterial Roadways - Approved
Roads/Major Arterial Roadways - Conceptual/General/Comprehensive Plan
Pipelines (e.g., water, wastewater)
Utility Facilities (transmission lines, substations)

Notes: Sensitivity level modification may occur after evaluation of edge condition (e.g., residential areas adjacent to major arterial roads and 46kV and above power lines).

*The agencies/public provided comments and suggestions to add or revise the resource category and/or sensitivity levels in February and March 2009 resulting in the final criteria