

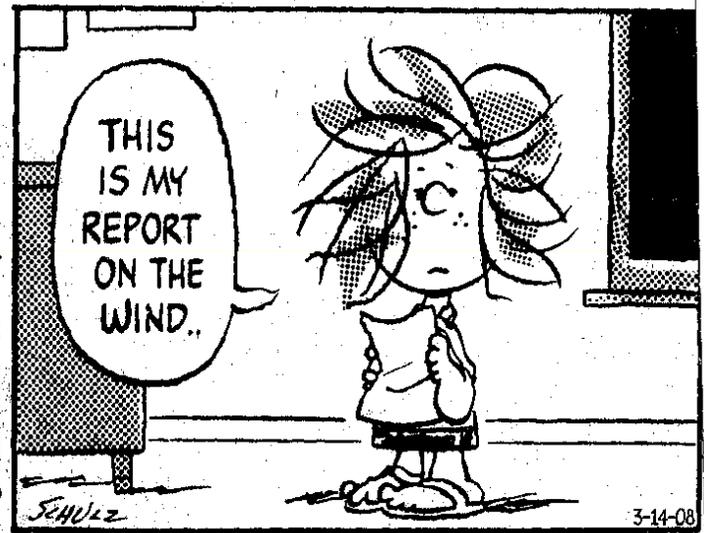
# Morongongo Basin Open Space Group Update

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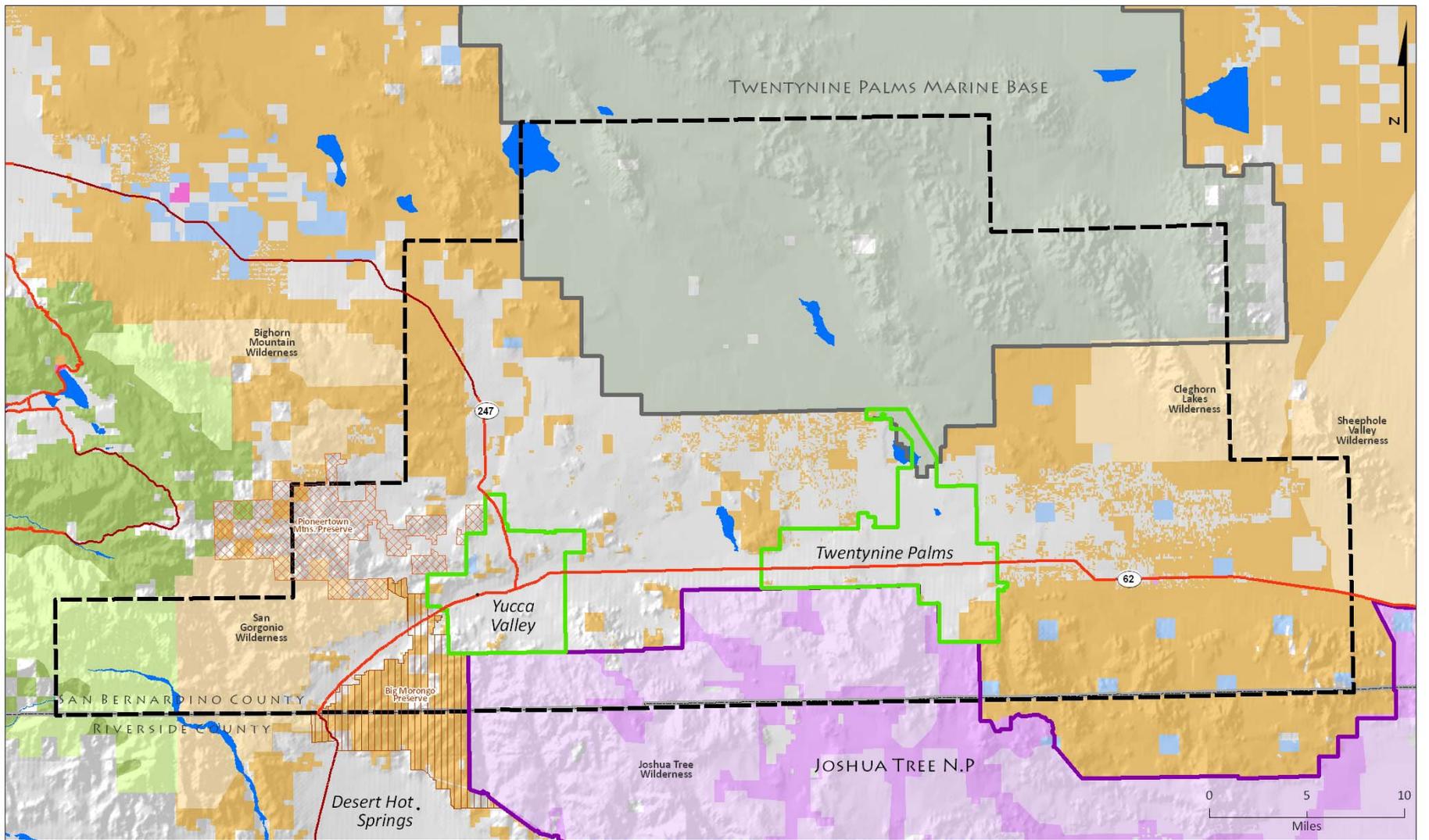
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# DESERT MANAGERS GROUP AREA OF INTEREST



**Morongo  
Basin**



# MORONGO BASIN

Map Date: May 8, 2008  
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 Map Projection: NAD 1983, State Plane-California V





- Regional conservation
- Regional land use planning
- Community capacity building

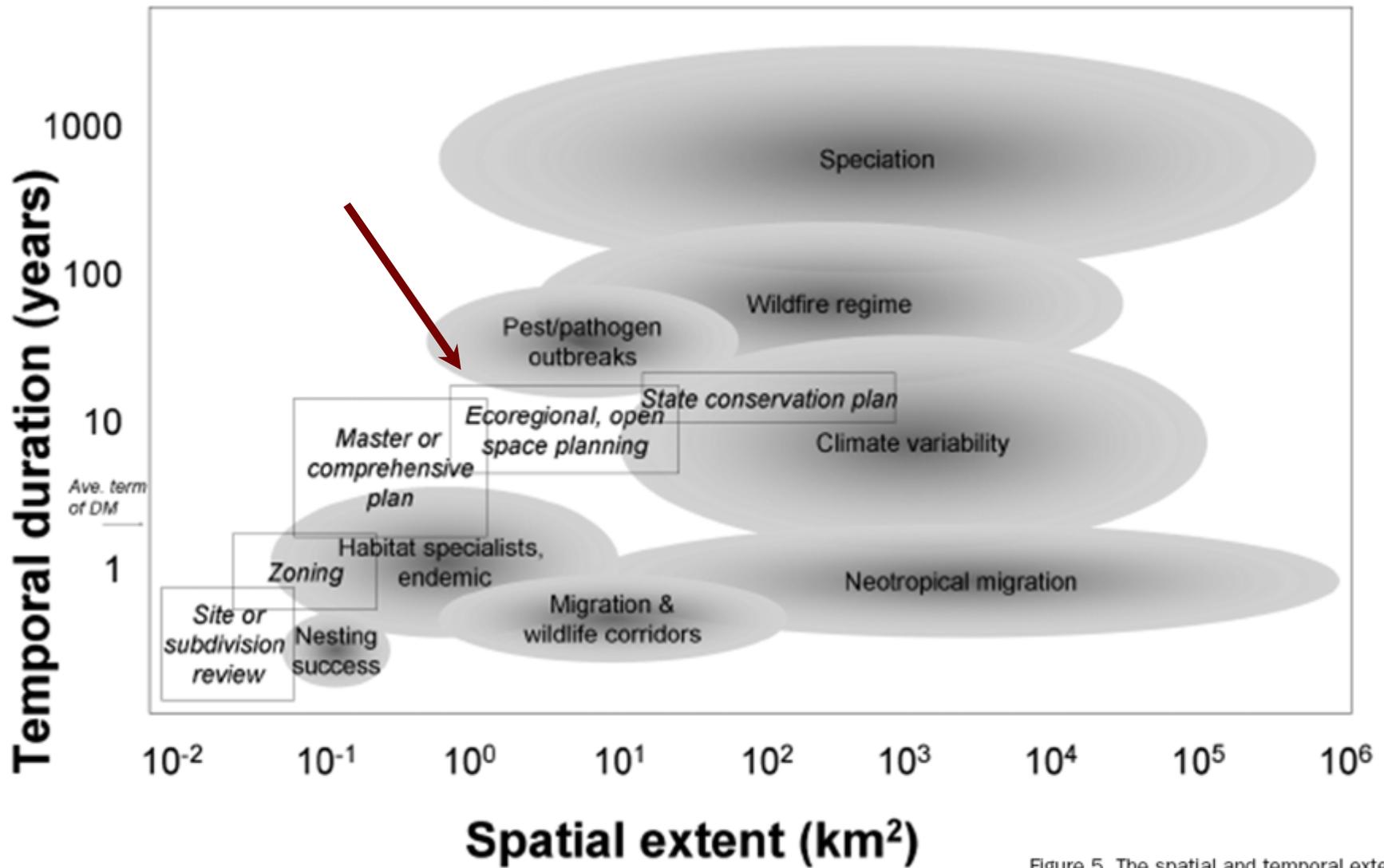
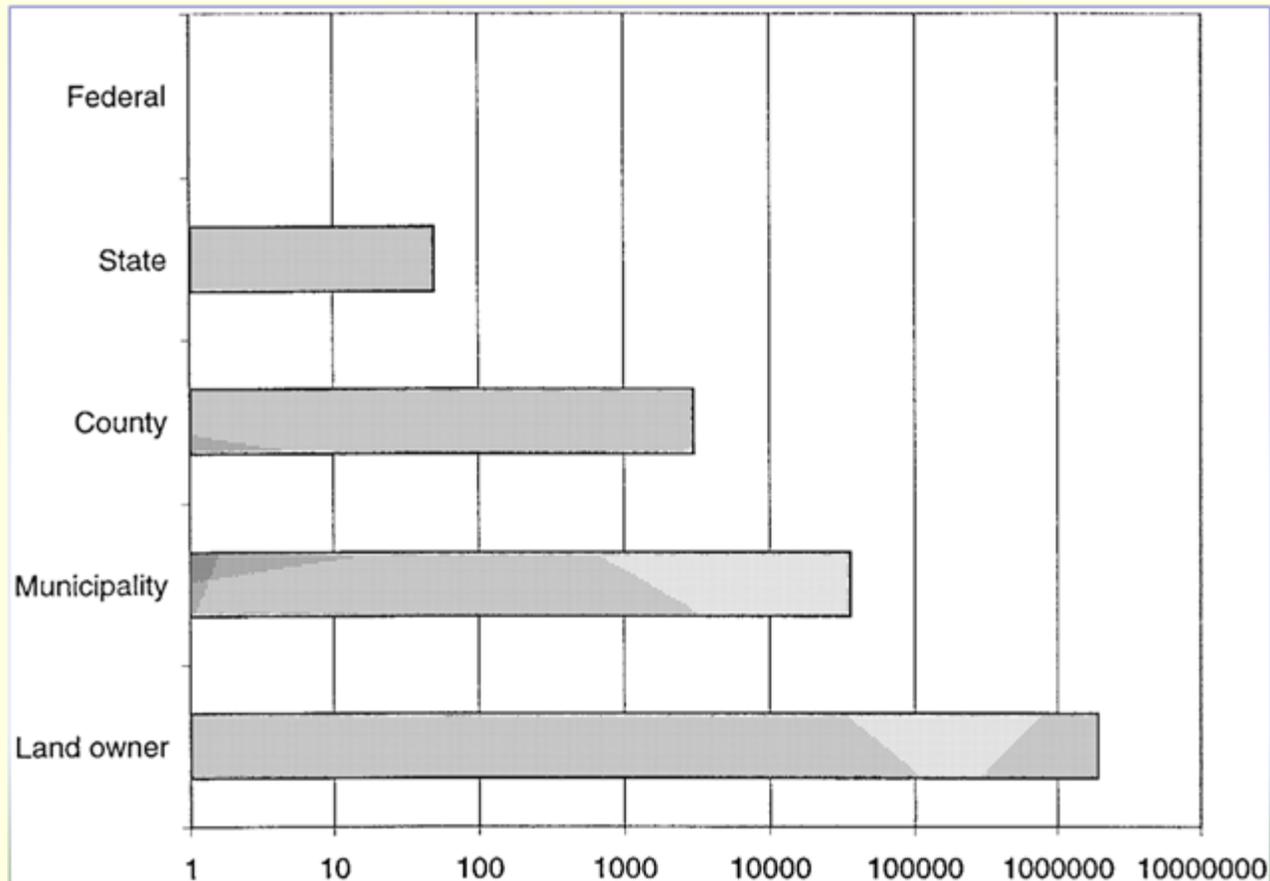


Figure 5. The spatial and temporal extent of ecological processes (ellipses) and activities of land use planning (rectangles) (Theobald et al. 2005 and Delcourt et al. 1983; with permission of the Ecological Society of America).

# Local Level Decision-Making



Number of jurisdictions with land use decision making authority, *Theobald et al. 2000*

# COLLABORTION CONTINUUM



# Conservation Planning

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- *conserve biological diversity*
- *protect areas that sustain and define communities*
- *direct desert-sensitive development*

## **“Green Infrastructure”**

*Network of natural areas that provides ecosystem services*



## ■ Possible Products

- *plans*
- *best practices*
- *agreements between agencies & jurisdictions*





# Land Use Planning

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- **BUFFERS AND SEPARATORS**
  - Community identities
  - Military and federal land mission fulfillment
- **TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE**
  - Regional connections
- **PLANS AND POLICIES**
  - Ordinances
  - Desert-appropriate development standards

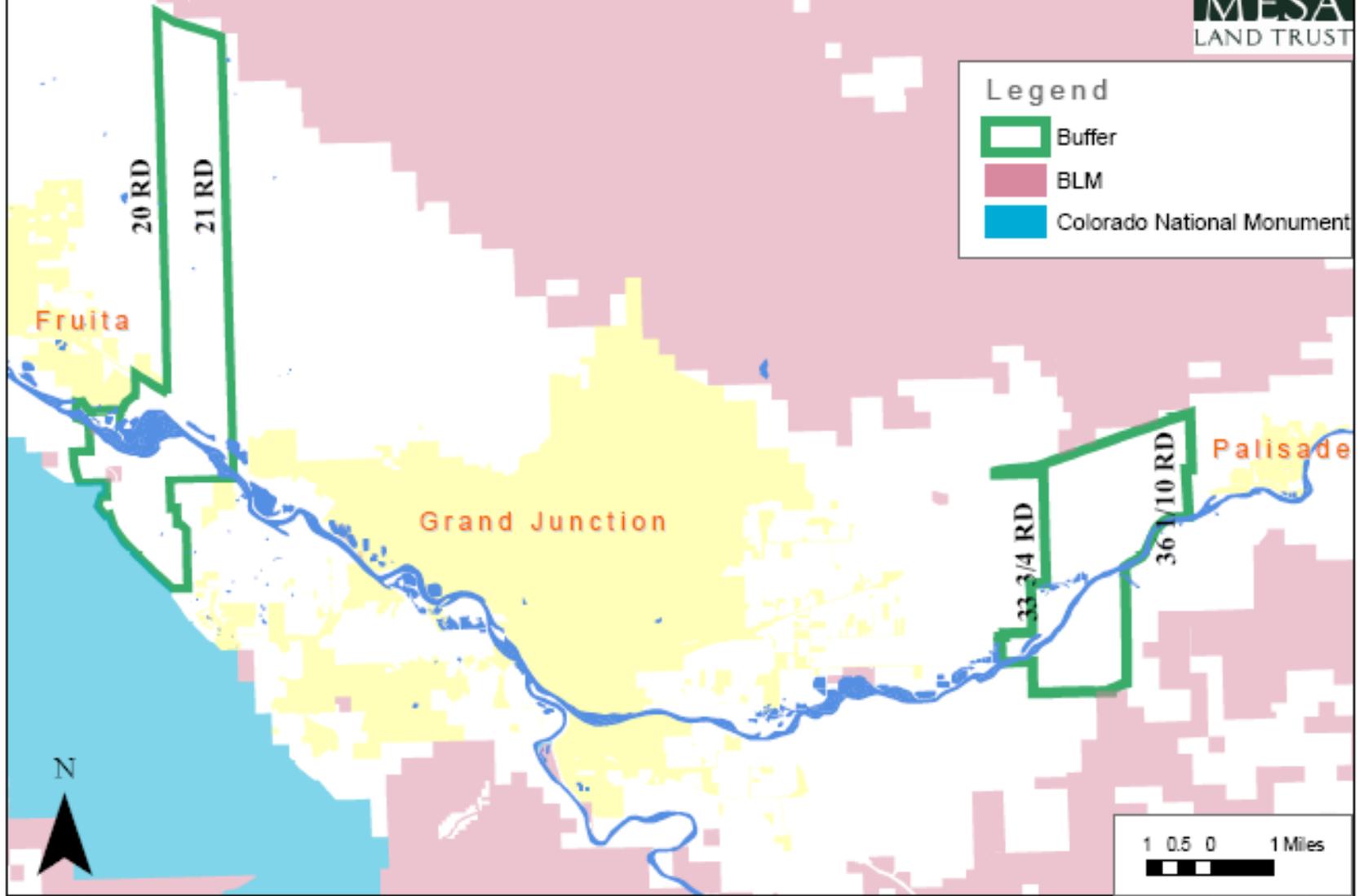
# Mesa County Community Separator Project

Mesa County, Grand Junction, Fruita & Palisade



**Legend**

-  Buffer
-  BLM
-  Colorado National Monument



# Community Capacity Building

- Collaborative agreements to achieve goals
- Leadership training
  - Strategic communications and outreach
- Local voices and stakeholders





- *The nonprofit Sonoran Institute inspires and enables community decisions and public policies that respect the land and people of western North America. Since 1990, the Institute has been helping communities conserve and restore natural and cultural assets and manage growth and change through collaboration, civil dialogue, sound information and big-picture thinking.*

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