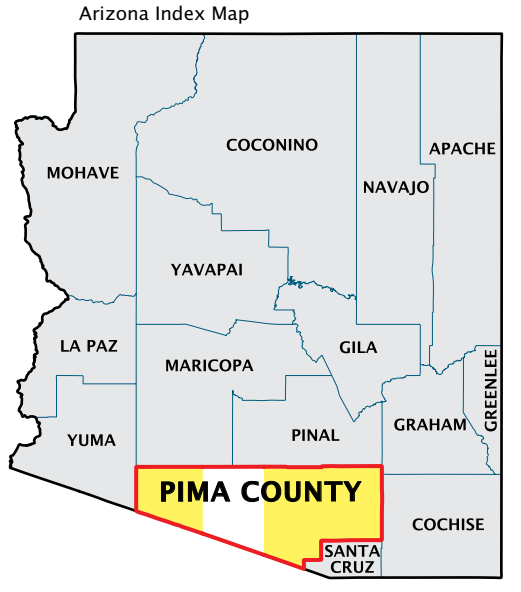
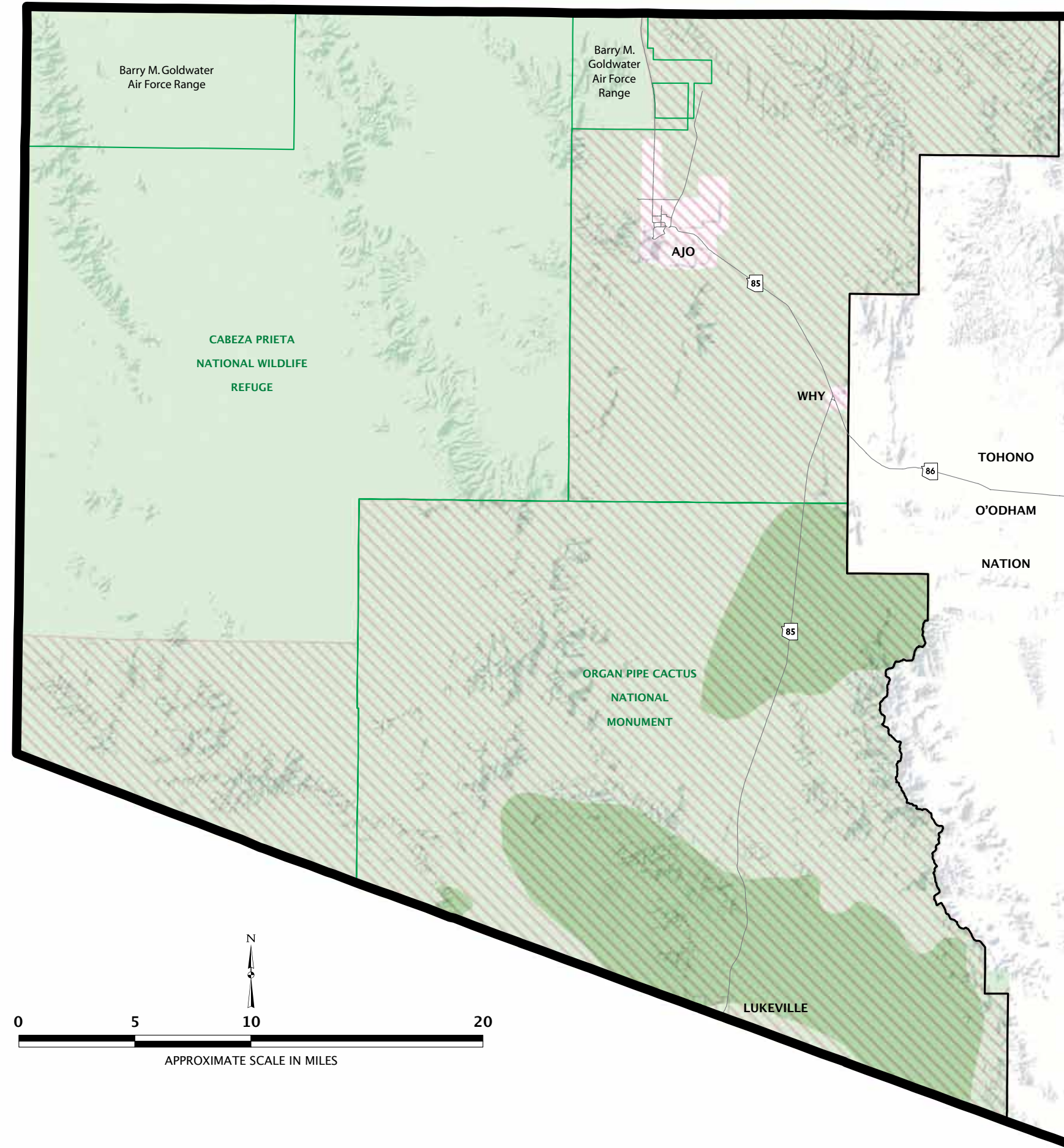


# Maeveen Marie Behan Conservation Lands System

## PRIORITY BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES of the SONORAN DESERT CONSERVATION PLAN

Providing Sustainable Development Guidelines as Adopted in the Pima County Comprehensive Plan



Notes:  
 1. Biological data is regional in application and not site specific.  
 2. Guidelines do not alter, modify, decrease or limit existing land uses, zoning, permitted activities or management of lands.  
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### LEGEND

- Important Riparian Areas** are critical elements of the Sonoran Desert where biological diversity is at its highest. These areas are valued for their higher water availability, vegetation density, and biological productivity. They are also the backbone to preserving landscape connectivity.  
*Landscape conservation objective: 95% undisturbed natural open space.*
- Biological Core Management Areas** are those areas that have high biological values. They support large populations of vulnerable species, connect large blocks of contiguous habitat and biological reserves, and support high value potential habitat for five or more priority vulnerable wildlife species.  
*Landscape conservation objective: 80% undisturbed natural open space.*
- Special Species Management Areas** are those areas that are crucial to the survival of three species of special concern to Pima County: the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl, Mexican spotted owl, and southwest willow flycatcher.  
*Landscape conservation objective: 80% undisturbed natural open space.*
- Multiple Use Management Areas** are those areas where biological values are significant, but do not attain the level associated with Biological Core Management Areas. They support populations of vulnerable species, connect large blocks of contiguous habitat and biological reserves, and support high value potential habitat for three or more priority vulnerable species.  
*Landscape conservation objective: 66% undisturbed natural open space.*
- Scientific Research Areas** are those lands within the Tucson Basin that are managed for scientific research: the Santa Rita Experimental Range and the University of Arizona's Desert Laboratory at Tumamoc Hill.  
*Landscape conservation objective: Continue management for the purpose of promoting scientific research on the environment and natural resources.*
- Agricultural In-Holdings** consist of active, or abandoned, agricultural lands that lie within the Conservation Lands System.  
*Landscape conservation objective: Ensure that future, non-agricultural land uses conserve on-site resource values where present, facilitate the movement of native wildlife and the pollination of native flora across the landscape, and do not adversely impact surrounding CLS lands.*
- Critical Landscape Connections** are six broadly-defined areas where biological connectivity is significantly compromised, but where opportunity to preserve or otherwise improve the movement of wildlife between major conservation areas and/or mountain ranges still persists.  
*Landscape conservation objective: Protect existing wildlife habitat linkages, remove obstacles to wildlife movement, and restore fragmented landscapes.*
- Areas Outside of Conservation Lands System**
- Incorporated Areas and Native American Jurisdictions**
- Pima County Boundary**
- Washes**
- Major Streets**
- Parks**

