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**U.S. Customs and
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Arizona Game and Fish Department
Project Evaluation Program
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Reference: Proposed Construction and Operation of a Joint Permanent Air Facility for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Air and Marine at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, Arizona

To Whom It May Concern:

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CBP is in the process of gathering the most current information available regarding any sensitive resources occurring within the project area. If applicable, CBP respectfully requests a list and description of sensitive resources and a location map for those resources that you believe have the potential to be affected by the proposed CBP activities discussed above.

Your prompt attention to this request would be greatly appreciated. For additional information or to request a copy of the EA, please contact Mr. Ken Marion via e-mail at kenneth.r.marion@cbp.dhs.gov or by telephone at (202) 344-3087.

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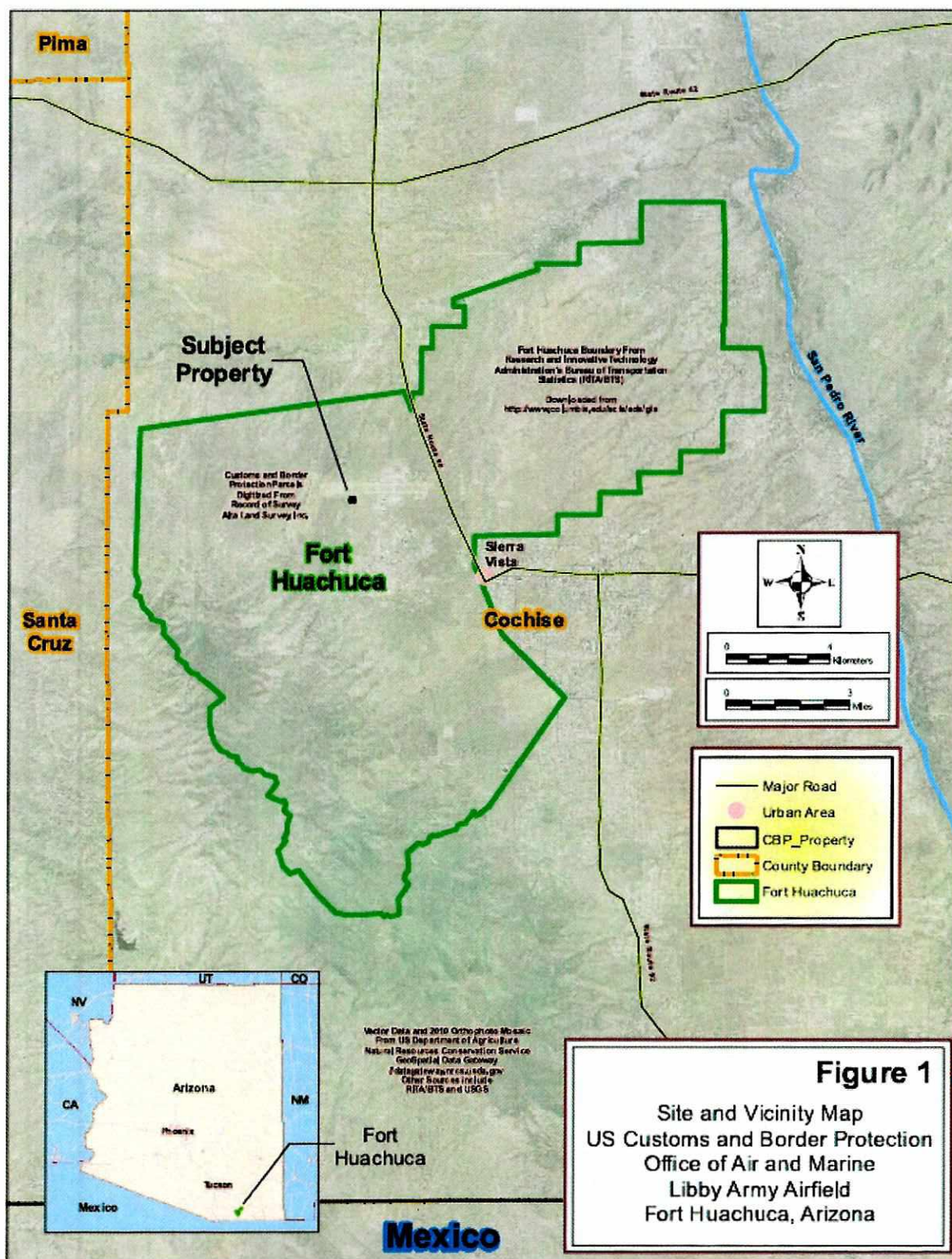
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Sincerely,

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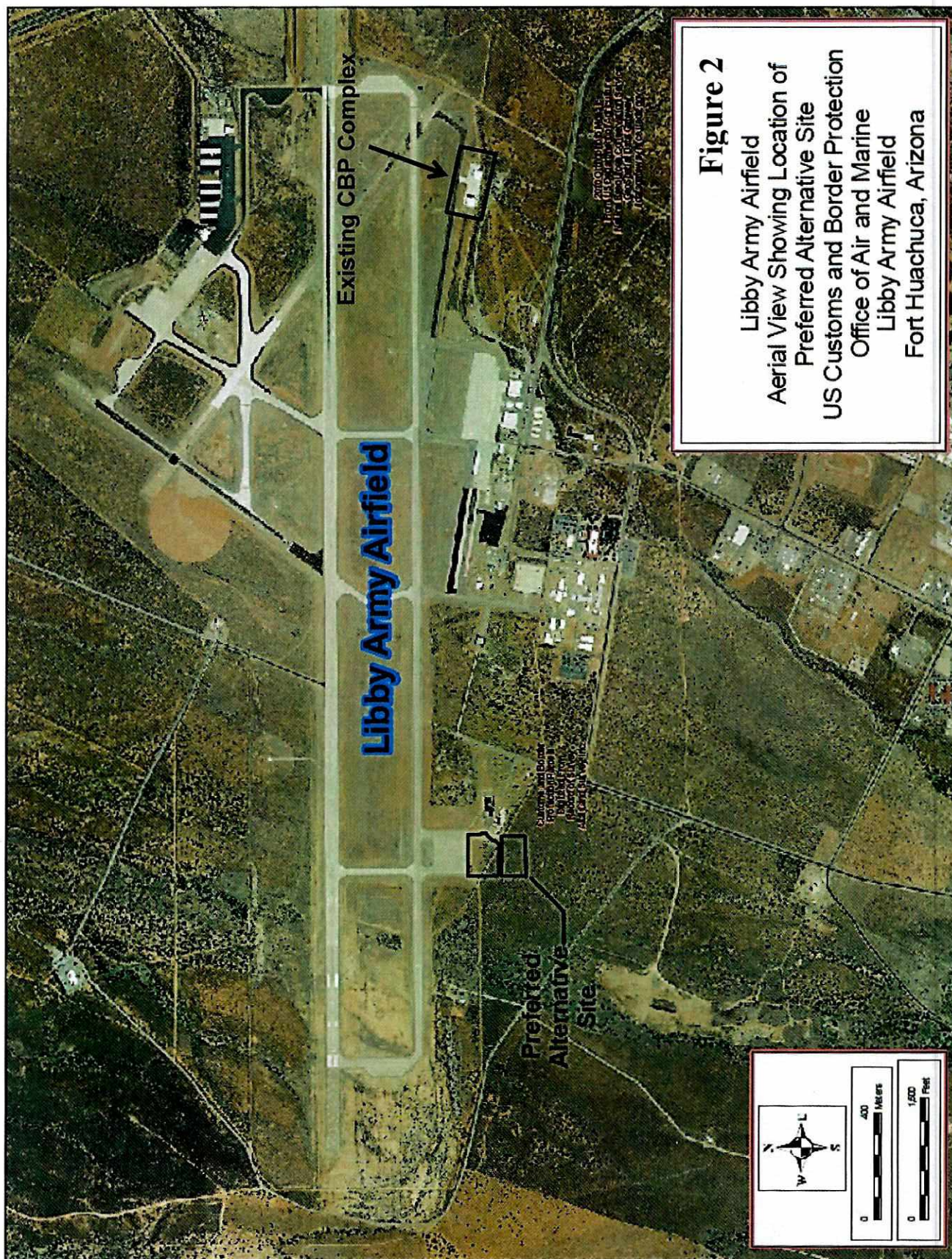


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Libby Army Airfield
Aerial View Showing Location of
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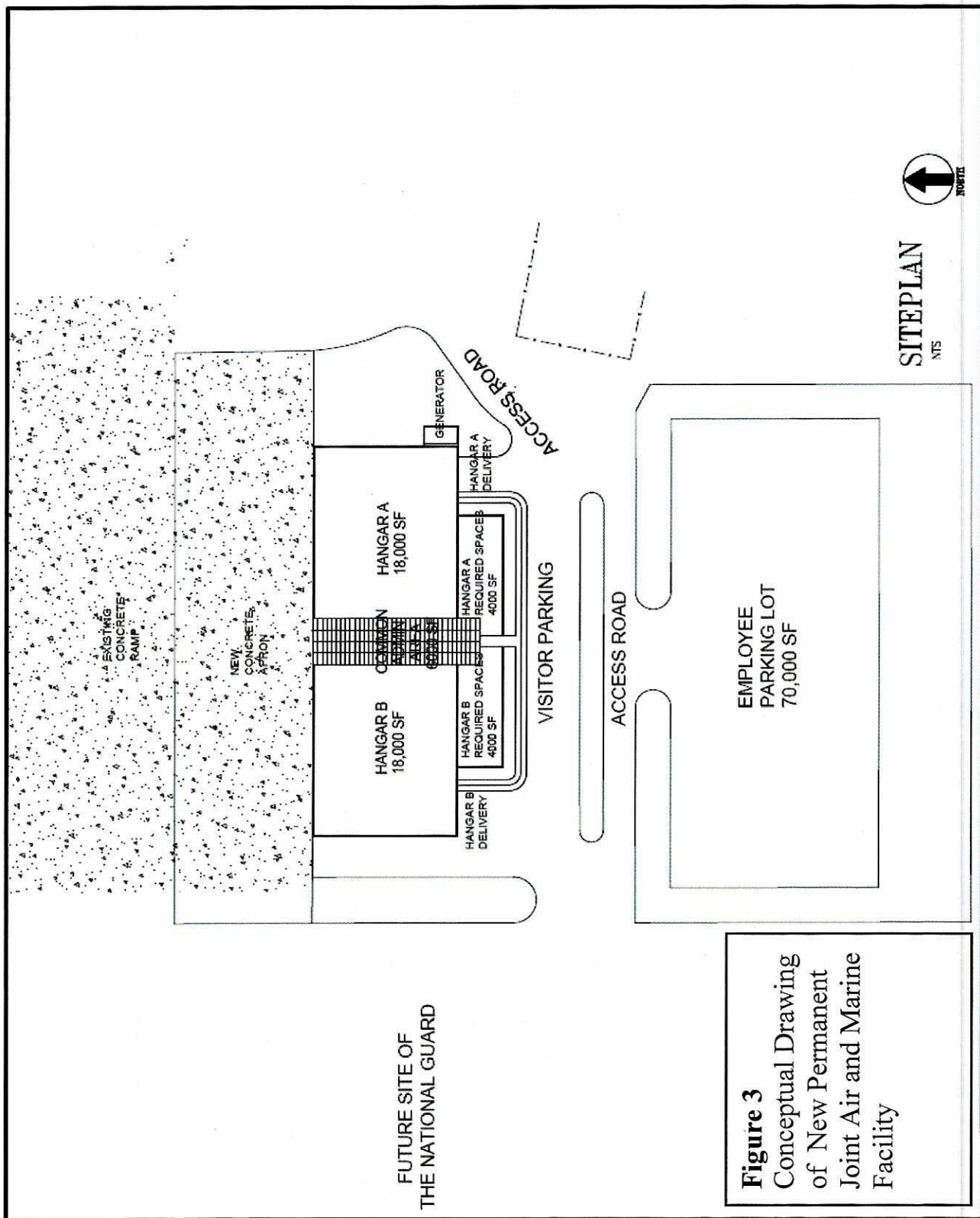


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Conceptual Drawing
of New Permanent
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Re: Sierra Vista Draft EA and FONSI

Dear Mr. Lew:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Libby Army Airfield joint permanent air facility at Fort Huachuca which the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) proposes to construct, operate, and maintain. The Department offers the following comments for your consideration.

Impact to San Pedro River Flow

Page 4, lines 5-18, of the FONSI states "Alternative 1 could result in direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts related to groundwater use. Total water use associated with 69 personnel at the CBP OAM facility, their household domestic use, and induced water use generated by the presence of CBP OAM operations is estimated to result in 43.91 acre feet per year (AF/YR) of groundwater withdrawal from the Sierra Vista Subwatershed. A portion of this water use would affect natural discharge, ultimately resulting in a 0.08 percent decrease in the baseflow of the San Pedro River. Additionally, one-time construction use would result in 6.74 AF of groundwater withdrawal. Over time, this small reduction in baseflow may increase potential for degradation of riparian vegetation and instream habitat, specifically in the San Pedro River National Conservation Area (SPRNCA). This potential habitat loss could affect water related species, including threatened and endangered species. Therefore, CBP is obligated under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act to implement conservation and mitigation measures which will offset adverse effects associated with its proposed action on threatened and endangered species. CBP has contracted with the Army Corps of Engineers to help acquire conservation easements."

Mitigation for Impact to San Pedro River Flow

On page 5, lines 6-15, the FONSI states that to mitigate these losses "CBP will acquire water conservation easements to offset anticipated water demand within the Sierra Vista Subwatershed that would be associated with the proposed project. With either Alternative 1 (Proposed Action) or Alternative 2 (No Action), CBP will need to mitigate 24.78 AF/YR to offset potential impacts

related to groundwater use. During construction of Alternative 1, it will be necessary to also mitigate for construction induced net water use for 3.90 AF, as a one-time water use event (total of 28.68 AF/YR for the construction year). CBP has contracted with the Army Corps of Engineers to help acquire conservation easements for mitigation. Other specific water conservation measures will be determined if possible. Measures will likely include a combination of water conservation, rainwater harvesting, and/or detention basin recharge to meet sustainability requirements.”

The Draft EA (Page 90, 5.4.1) describes how Fort Huachuca has contracted with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to acquire conservation easements in the watershed and “other potential water conservation and mitigation measures” (5.4.2).

Arizona Game and Fish Commission and Department Policy Regarding Mitigation

It is the policy of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission that the Department shall actively encourage management practices that will result in maintenance of current riparian habitat and restoration of past or deteriorated riparian habitat in accordance with the Department Wildlife Habitat Compensation procedures. Further, the Department shall actively encourage the maintenance, restoration, and protection of instream flows, which are often essential to maintaining riparian habitat.

It is also the policy of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission that the Department shall seek compensation at a 100% level, when feasible, for actual or potential habitat losses resulting from land and water projects. Further, habitat compensation plans developed in accordance with Federal and State law, will utilize resource category designations as stipulated in the Department's Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Compensation Procedures. Among factors deemed important by the Commission are potential impacts to special category species and/or economically important wildlife species as well as issues which reflect the value, quantity, and quality of habitats which may be impacted by proposed projects.

Under the Department’s Wildlife and Habitat Compensation Policy, the San Pedro River is classified as Resource Category 1- Habitat in this category are of the highest value to Arizona wildlife species, and are unique and/or irreplaceable on a statewide or ecoregion basis. The Department’s Compensation Goal for Category 1 habitat losses is “no loss of existing in-kind habitat value.”

Department Recommendation

The Department therefore recommends that all potential losses of *existing habitat values* on the San Pedro River be prevented. Insignificant changes that would not result in adverse impacts to habitat values may be acceptable provided they will have no significant cumulative impact.

The Department supports and applauds CBP for contracting with the ACOE to acquire conservation easements in the Babocomari sub-basin. This mitigation measure may prevent future water losses but will not prevent losses of *existing habitat values* associated with water in the river and does not meet the Department’s goal for no loss of category 1 habitat.

The EA describes potential measures for offsetting losses of water contributing to habitat on the San Pedro River. These include conservation measures, detention basin recharge, and rainwater harvesting. These types of measures all add water back into the system and would meet the

Department's Goal of "no loss of existing in-kind habitat value." These mitigation actions should be specifically described in the EA as part of the proposed alternative. The Department offers to work with CBP and the Fort to develop these mitigation actions under our special relationship relative to the Sikes Act/Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP). Additionally, the Department owns approximately 2000 acres of fee title lands on the Lower San Pedro River near Mammoth which we expect to implement mitigation measures under the ACOE In-Lieu Fee program. Additionally, the Department may be of assistance to CBP and the Fort in implementing monitoring and management actions relative to conservation easements that have a wildlife habitat mitigation goal associated with them to ensure effectiveness of the mitigation measures.

Please contact Kristin Terpening, Habitat Specialist, Region V at kterpening@azgfd.gov or 520-388-4447 for any information relative to this letter.

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Memorandum

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Date: June 11, 2015

RE: Response letter from Arizona Game and Fish Department dated May 7, 2015
Draft Environmental Assessment
Proposed Joint Permanent Air Facility
United States Customs and Border Protection Office of Air and Marine
Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista, Cochise County, Arizona

During the comment period for the draft environmental assessment referenced above, a letter was received from the Arizona Game and Fish Department expressing concerns for preservation of wildlife habitat, and offering their assistance.

To answer this concern, the following text was added to the FONSI pages 4 and 5, to the Executive Summary page 8, and to Sections 3.9 and 5.9.

CBP proposes to work closely with the Arizona Game and Fish Department under the Sikes Act/Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP) to implement monitoring and management actions relative to the conservation easements with a wildlife habitat mitigation goal to ensure effectiveness of the mitigation measures.



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RE: Proposed Joint Permanent Air Facility, United States Customs and Border Protection, Office of Air and Marine, Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista, Cochise County, Arizona; and Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of the New Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol, Naco Station, Tucson Sector, Arizona

Dear Ms. Piston:

Thank you for your request for informal consultation on the subject action with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), as amended (Act). Your September 10, 2014, request was accompanied by the: (1) July 2014 *Biological Resources Survey, Proposed Joint Permanent Air Facility, United States Customs and Border Protection, Office of Air and Marine, Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista, Cochise County, Arizona* (the equivalent of a Biological Assessment, or BA); (2) February 2010 *Water Conservation Management Report for U.S. Customs and Border Protection Activities within the Sierra Vista Subwatershed of the Upper San Pedro Watershed* (Water Conservation Report). The aforementioned consultation package was received by us on September 19, 2014. We received additional electronic mail correspondence from a representative of your agency on June 25, 2015, requesting that additional species be considered in the consultation. Lastly, we have noted that a prior, related consultation with your agency was subject to reinitiation of informal consultation (see below).

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Your September 10, 2014, correspondence requested that we concur with your determination that the proposed construction and operation of a permanent air operations facility at Libby Army Airfield (LAAF) is not likely to adversely affect the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), the endangered desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*), the endangered Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis*), the threatened Chiricahua leopard frog (*Lithobates chiricahuensis*) (with critical habitat), and the endangered Huachuca water umbel (*Lilaeopsis schaffneriana* var. *recurva*) (with critical habitat).

The threatened western yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) (with proposed critical habitat) and the threatened northern Mexican gartersnake (*Thamnophis eques megalops*) (with proposed critical habitat) are present in the action area, but were not listed at the time of the initial request for informal consultation. A June 25, 2015, electronic mail message from Mr. Dennis Lew, sent on behalf of Mr. John Petrilla of your staff, indicated that you were also requesting our concurrence that the proposed action may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect these species or proposed critical habitats.

The BA and Water Conservation Plan describe actions not only at the Office of Air and Marine Facility at LAAF, but also at the Naco Border Patrol Station and the Naco Port of Entry. These three facilities' effects to water resources are described in the Water Conservation Plan because all are situated within the Sierra Vista Subwatershed. This consultation, however, pertains primarily to the LAAF facility; the three facilities have independent utility and therefore are not interdependent or interrelated actions. Moreover; (1) the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Naco Border Patrol Station was already subject to informal consultation; and (2) expansion of the Naco Port of Entry is not planned at this time and such expansion, if and when it occurs, will be the responsibility of the General Services Administration rather than CBP.

It is noted, however, that the Naco Border Patrol Station and Naco Port of Entry, despite being separate Federal actions, do share a land interest acquisition-based conservation measure (see the Description of the Proposed Action section, below). It is also noted that our June 30, 2010, letter of concurrence on the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Naco Border Patrol Station (File number 22410-2010-I-0421) did not consider effects to the western yellow-billed cuckoo, the threatened northern Mexican gartersnake, or the species' respective proposed critical habitats. This letter therefore serves as both a reinitiation of informal consultation on the Naco Border Patrol Station as well as informal consultation on the LAAF facility.

This Office of Air and Marine-specific consultation and Naco Border Patrol Station reinitiation is based on information provided in: (1) your June 25, 2015, electronic mail correspondence; (2) your July 2014 BA; (3) communications and meeting between our respective staffs; (4) our March 31, 2014 biological opinion on ongoing and future military operations and Activities at Fort Huachuca, Arizona (File Number 22410-2112-R-0173); (5) the 2006 and 2013 versions of the *Programmatic Biological Assessment for Ongoing and Future Military Operations and Activities at Fort Huachuca, Arizona* (Programmatic BA); (6) our June 30, 2010, letter of concurrence on the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Naco Border Patrol Station (File number 22410-2010-I-0421); (7) your April 2010 *Draft Biological Assessment for the Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of the New Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol, Naco Station, Tucson Sector, Arizona* (April 2010 BA); and (8) other published and unpublished sources of information. A complete record of this consultation is on file at this office.

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Description of the Proposed Action

The current proposed action is the construction of a new joint, permanent air facility on approximately 7 acres of land at LAAF. The proposed construction site is an undeveloped, but disturbed parcel of land located south of LAAF proper and immediately adjacent to an existing concrete apron. The proposed new facility will replace the United States Customs and Border Protection, Office of Air and Marine's (CBP OAM) current, temporary air operations facility at LAAF while accommodating the existing level of personnel (69 individuals).

The proposed action also incorporates the acquisition of fee title to or a conservation easement over a land parcel within the Sierra Vista subwatershed that is either subject to future development or engaged in irrigated agriculture. The foregone future development will result in a projected water savings that would not have been realized were the parcel to have been subdivided. Retirement of agriculture results in the cessation of present and future groundwater pumping. We anticipate applying the same water savings quantification technique as has been applied to evaluations of Fort Huachuca's land acquisition program. We also anticipate that this conservation measure is reasonably certain to be implemented because we have been coordinating land acquisition priorities with your staff and contract representatives throughout the consultation.

Lastly, we note that this land interest acquisition-based conservation measure was initially proposed in your April 2010 BA. The beneficial effects of the acquisition program were subsequently analyzed in our June 30, 2010, concurrence letter. Our prior concurrence that the construction and operation of the Naco Border Patrol was not likely to adversely affect species listed at that time is hereby supplemented by the additional effects analyses (western yellow-billed cuckoo, northern Mexican gartersnake, and their respective proposed critical habitats) appearing in this letter.

Effects of the Proposed Action

Effects to Hydrology

The land disturbance associated with the proposed action at LAAF will not result in effects to threatened and endangered species; the site currently exists as largely nonnative grassland with no overstory of woody upland or riparian vegetation, wetlands, or aquatic habitat. Portions of the nonnative grassland are periodically mowed. High fences are in place to largely exclude larger land mammals from the aviation site. The effects of concern would be indirect, primarily through the withdrawal of water from the regional aquifer which also supports baseflows in the upper San Pedro and Babocomari rivers (LAAF is in the groundwater basin for both streams). The following analyses, therefore, will focus on the proposed action's effects to regional groundwater and flows in the Babocomari and San Pedro rivers.

The Water Conservation Plan describes the methods used to determine the direct (from staff and operations) and indirect (the human population associated with CBP's economic activity) quantity of groundwater withdrawn as a result of the proposed action. The Water Conservation Plan further quantifies the groundwater withdrawal's net effect to discharges in the upper San Pedro River. These detailed analyses are incorporated herein via reference.

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In brief, CBP has determined that total *current* net groundwater withdrawal that will result from the proposed action at LAAF is 16.06 acre feet per annum (afa). Given the potential for increases in staffing, the total *future* net groundwater withdrawal that will result from the proposed action at LAAF is 24.78 acre feet per annum (afa). Construction activities will result in a one-time net groundwater withdrawal of 3.90 afa (see Page 34 in the Water Conservation Plan) over 18 months. The BA reports that these volumes of groundwater withdrawal equate with a modeled net effect to the baseflow of the upper San Pedro River of 0.006 cubic feet per second (cfs) for future operations and 0.0009 cfs during construction (see Page 4 in the BA). We do not possess current baseflow-separated discharge data for either the San Pedro or Babocomari Rivers, so we cannot compare the projected impacts against existing baseflows. Regardless, stream flow impacts in the hundredths or thousandths of one cfs are immeasurably small and are beyond the capacity for stream gaging instrumentation to detect. There is an immeasurably small likelihood that aquatic and riparian habitats in the affected areas would be measurably affected by impacts of such small magnitude.

It is also important to note that CBP based the Water Conservation Plan on the staffing, economic impact, and hydrologic calculation methodologies employed in support of Fort Huachuca's 2006 Programmatic BA. Our 2007 Biological Opinion (File Number 22410-2007-F-0132) on Fort Huachuca's proposed action was litigated and subsequently remanded. Fort Huachuca submitted its 2013 Programmatic BA which includes revised staffing, economic impact, and hydrologic calculations, as well as results based on a previously-unavailable groundwater model. These revised values were used in our 2014 Biological Opinion (File Number 22410-2112-R-0173) and more importantly, they post-date the CBP Water Conservation Plan.

While CBD does not employ the most up-to-date analyses used by Fort Huachuca, it is nevertheless highly likely that CBD's Water Conservation Plan overestimates the net effects to stream flow. For example, Fort Huachuca's 2006 programmatic BA estimated baseflow impacts ranging from (0.06) to 0.3 cfs in 2005 and from 0.3 to 0.04 cfs in 2016 (a parenthetical negative value indicates a decrease in flow). Fort Huachuca's much-revised 2013 Programmatic BA models simulated *increases* in baseflow 0.3 cfs at the U.S. Geological Survey stream gage near Charleston, increasing to 0.4 cfs downstream at the Tombstone stream gage by 2030. The methodologies that yielded these numbers do not permit for direct comparisons between the 2006 and 2013 Fort Huachuca results, but the improved analytical techniques argue strongly that Fort 2006 hydrologic analyses are likely to have overestimated the military installation's impact to baseflows. We are therefore confident that CBD's use of the superseded hydrology is similarly likely to have overestimated impacts to baseflow and that biological analyses based on the older methodology are permissible because they too would tend to predict greater adverse effects than would actually occur.

In our June 30, 2010, concurrence letter for the Naco Border Patrol Station (File number 22410-2010-I-0421), we found that the modeled groundwater storage deficits and reduction in baseflow resulting from water use at that facility and by the personnel employed there were unlikely to measurably affect the baseflow hydrology of the San Pedro River. These determinations remain current, but are hereby extended to include the same conclusion with respect to the western yellow-billed cuckoo and northern Mexican gartersnake and the species' proposed critical habitats.

Lastly, CBP's proposed action includes a conservation easement acquisition component intended to minimize the potential that even the immeasurably small effects to surface waters will occur. We cannot fully evaluate the effects of this component of the action because we do not yet know which

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parcel(s) will be acquired. Accounting for the water savings associated with conservation easement acquisition requires knowing the size of the parcel, its residential zoning density or agricultural use, as well as its spatial orientation relative to the Babocomari and San Pedro Rivers. Again, we determined that the proposed action's effects at LAAF are insignificant and discountable even without conservation easement acquisition. We note that the easement acquisition is an after-the-fact component of the construction and operation of the Naco Border Patrol Station and may also apply to future consultation on the Naco Port of Entry, if and when the General Services Administration proposes an action related to that facility. At the point such an acquisition occurs, we anticipate that its effects will be wholly beneficial.

Effects to Threatened and Endangered Species

The action area for the CBP facility is encompassed by the action area of Fort Huachuca. We therefore incorporate, via reference, the respective Status of the Species and Environmental Baseline narratives for the southwestern willow flycatcher, western yellow-billed cuckoo, desert pupfish, Gila topminnow, Chiricahua leopard frog (with critical habitat, though not in the action area), northern Mexican gartersnake, and Huachuca water umbel from the March 31, 2014 biological opinion on ongoing and future military operations and Activities at Fort Huachuca.

Effects to the proposed critical habitats for the western yellow-billed cuckoo and northern Mexican gartersnake were not analyzed in the March 31, 2014, biological opinion with Fort Huachuca. The respective proposed critical habitats in the vicinity of the action were, however, addressed in our May 1, 2015, *Informal Consultation and Conference Report on Eleven Critical Fuel Breaks on the Gila District within Graham, Pima, and Cochise Counties, Arizona* (File Number 02EAAZ00-2015-I-0431). These narratives are incorporated herein via reference.

The effects of the proposed action on the southwestern willow flycatcher, western yellow-billed cuckoo (with proposed critical habitat), desert pupfish, Gila topminnow, Chiricahua leopard frog (with critical habitat, although not in the action area), northern Mexican gartersnake (with proposed critical habitat), and Huachuca water umbel (with critical habitat) are similar in that discharge of groundwater to riparian evapotranspiration and/or to streams and other waters supports their respective life histories. Each species is either a riparian obligate (flycatcher or cuckoo) occurring within riparian vegetation persisting on shallow groundwater or an aquatic obligate (the fishes, frog, gartersnake, and umbel), which occur in and near water discharged from the regional and alluvial aquifers.

As stated above in the Effects to Hydrology section, the proposed action's effects to discharge from the alluvial aquifer are anticipated to be immeasurably small. The proposed action's effects to the southwestern willow flycatcher, western yellow-billed cuckoo, desert pupfish, Gila topminnow, Chiricahua leopard frog, northern Mexican gartersnake, and Huachuca water umbel (and their respective proposed and final critical habitats, as appropriate) are therefore insignificant and discountable. We concur that the construction and operations of the proposed Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, including the implementation of a conservation easement acquisition program, is not likely to adversely affect the species and critical habitats listed above. We further concur that the continued operation of the Naco Border Patrol station, already consulted upon, is similarly not likely to adversely affect the western yellow-billed cuckoo, the northern Mexican gartersnake, or the species' proposed critical habitats.

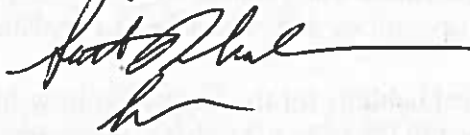
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It should be noted that this letter serves as a Conference Report for the proposed critical habitats for the western yellow-billed cuckoo and northern Mexican gartersnake. No further consultation or request for adoption of the conference consultation is required unless the description of the proposed action changes and/or there are modifications to the scope of the proposed critical habitats that would result in effects not considered in this document.

This concludes informal consultation for the proposed action. No further section 7 consultation is required for this project at this time. Should project plans change, or if information on the distribution or abundance of listed species or critical habitat becomes available, our determinations may need to be reconsidered. In all future correspondence on this project, please refer to consultation number 02EAAZ00-2014-I-0613.

Should you require further assistance or if you have any questions, please contact Jason Douglas at (520) 670-6150 (x226) or Jean Calhoun at (x223).

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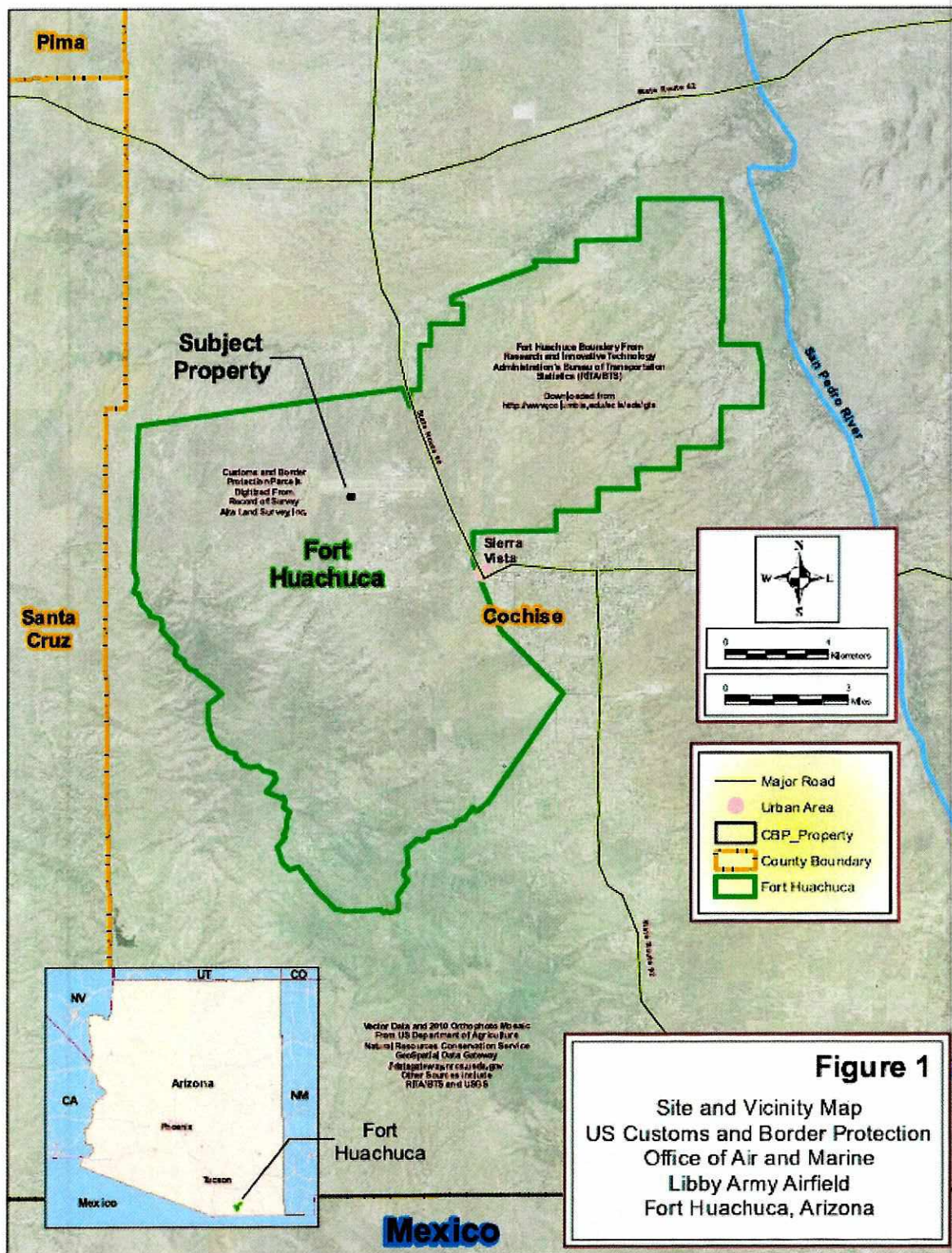
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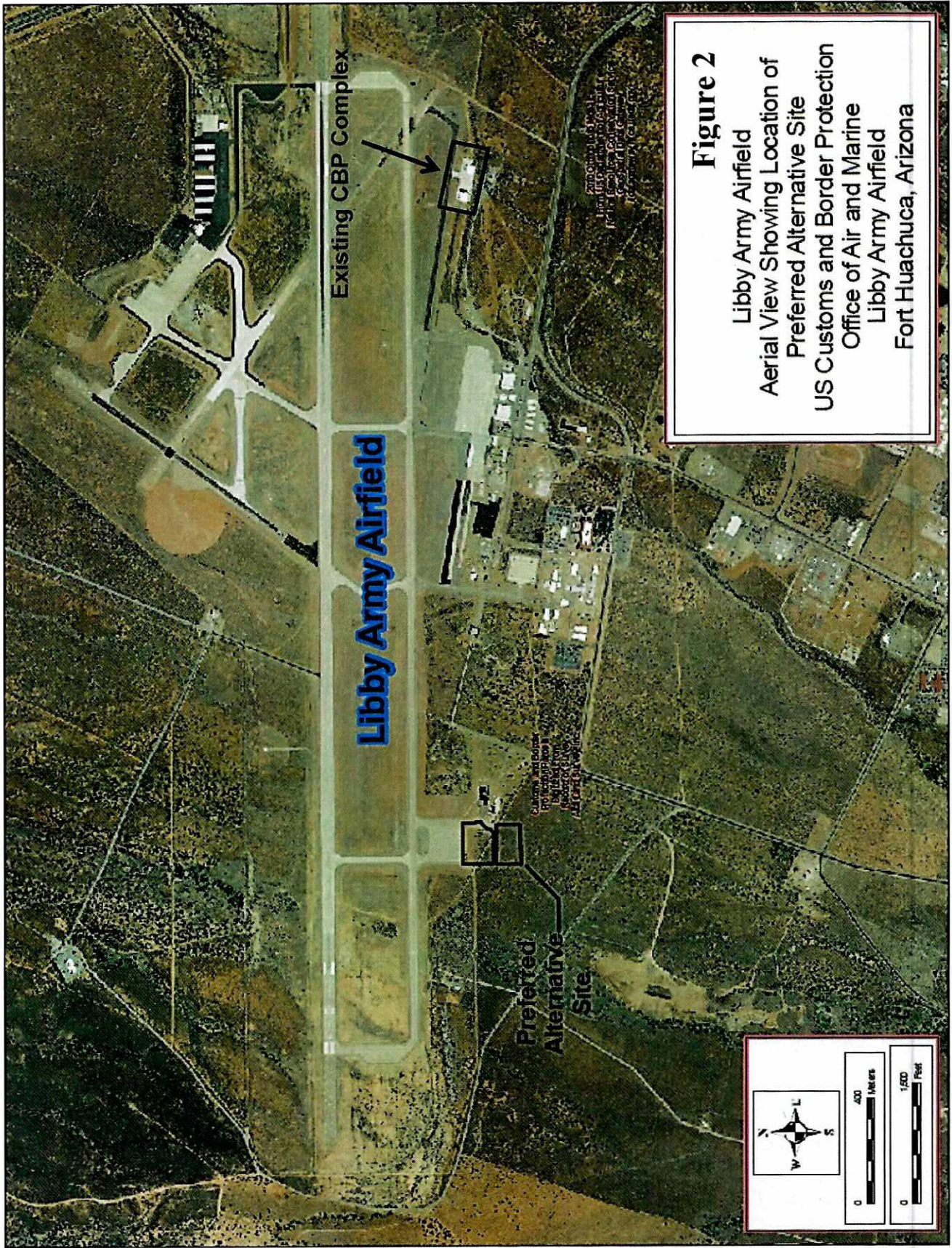


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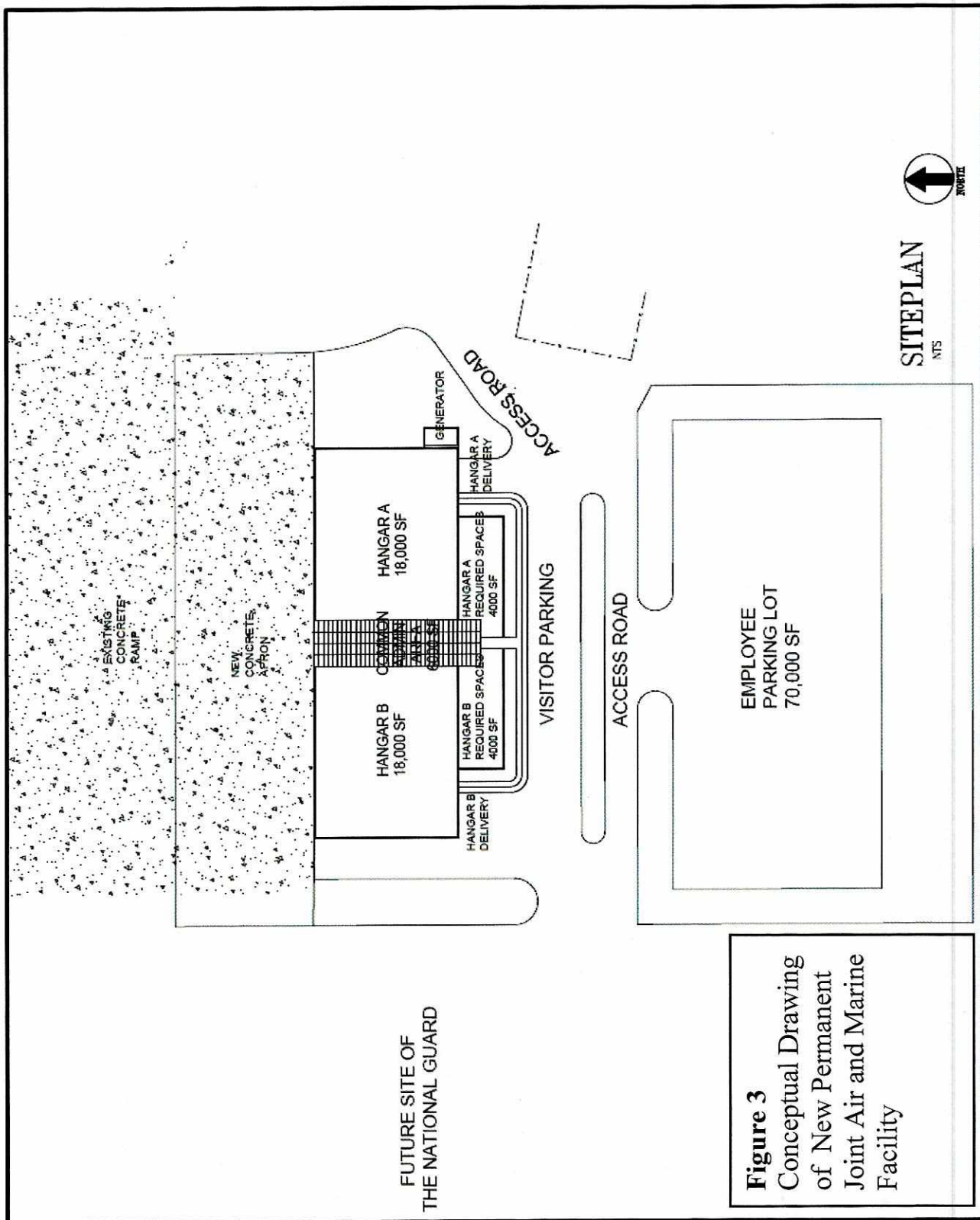


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**U.S. Customs and
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Dr. Robin Silver
Conservation Chair
The Center for Biological Diversity
P.O. Box 1178
Flagstaff, AZ 86002-1178

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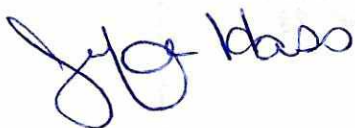
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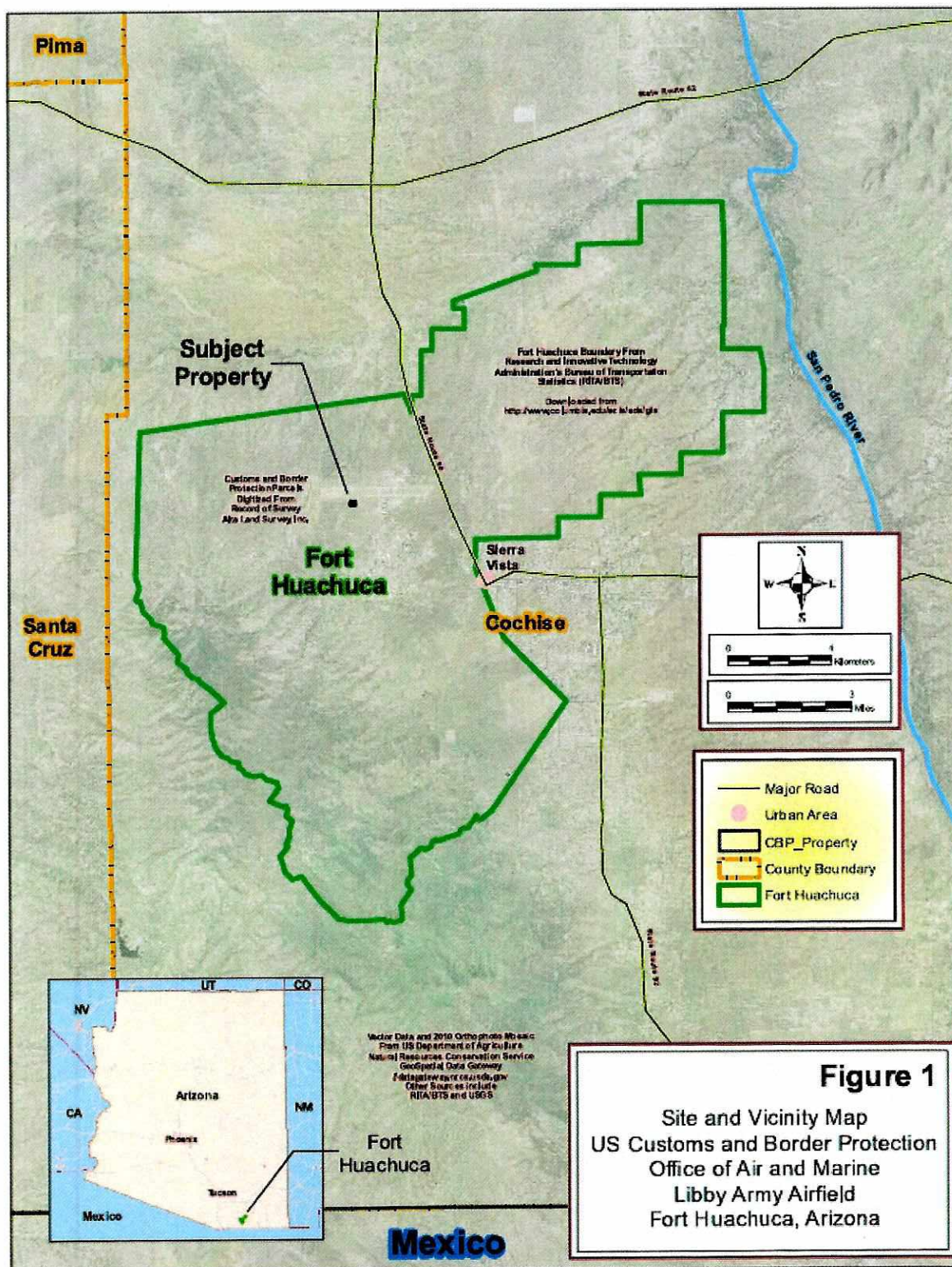
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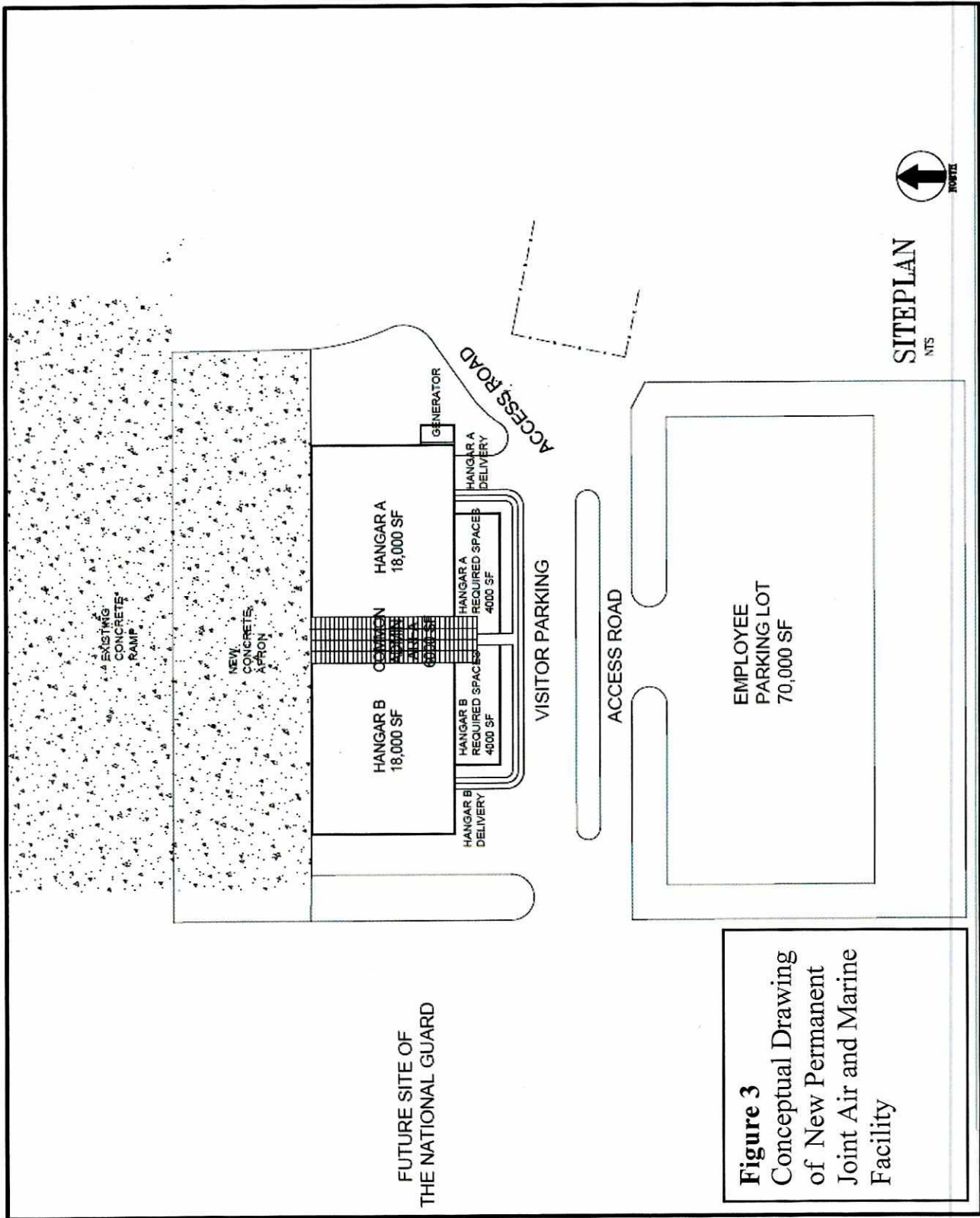


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Director of Public Works
City of Sierra Vista
1011 N. Coronado Drive
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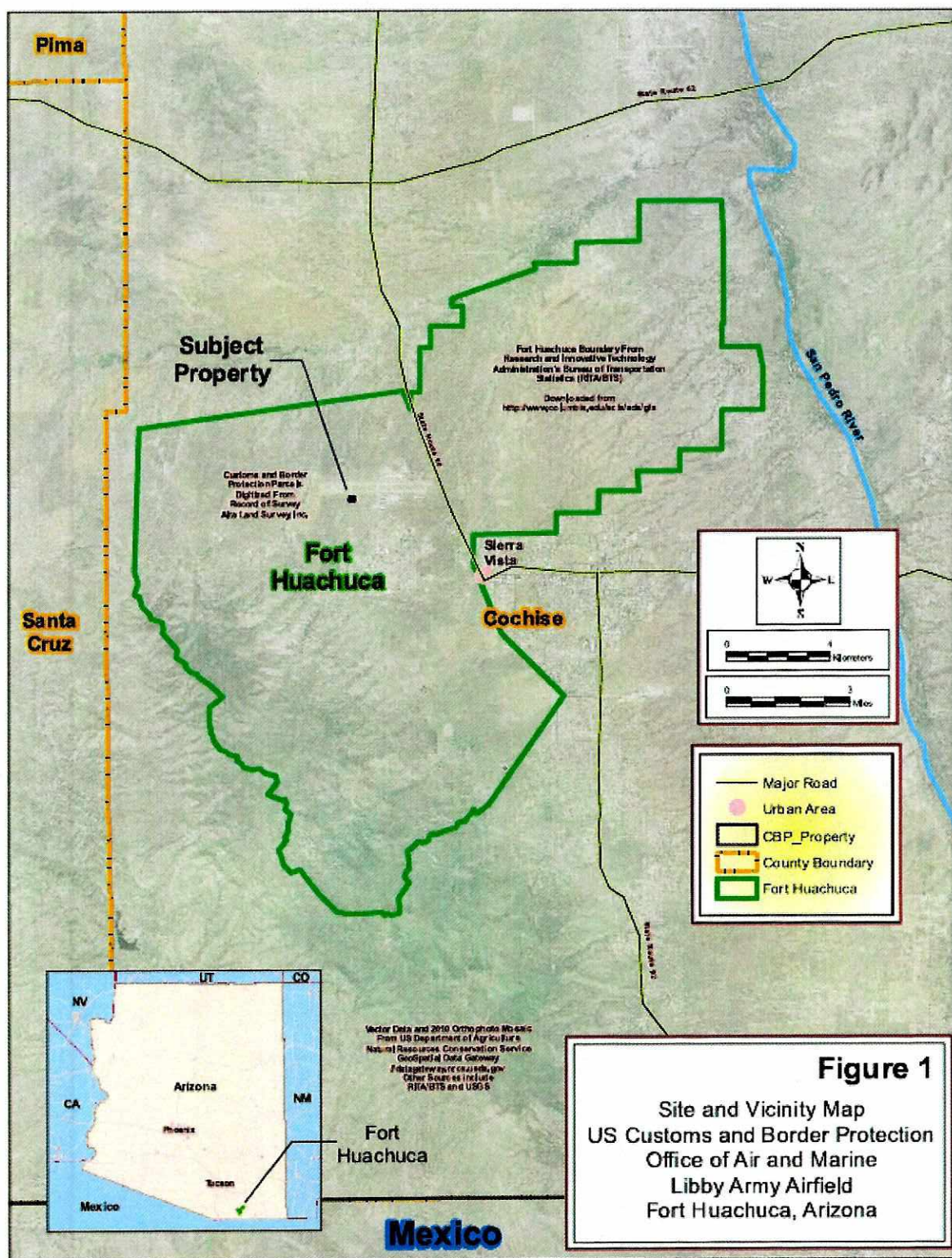
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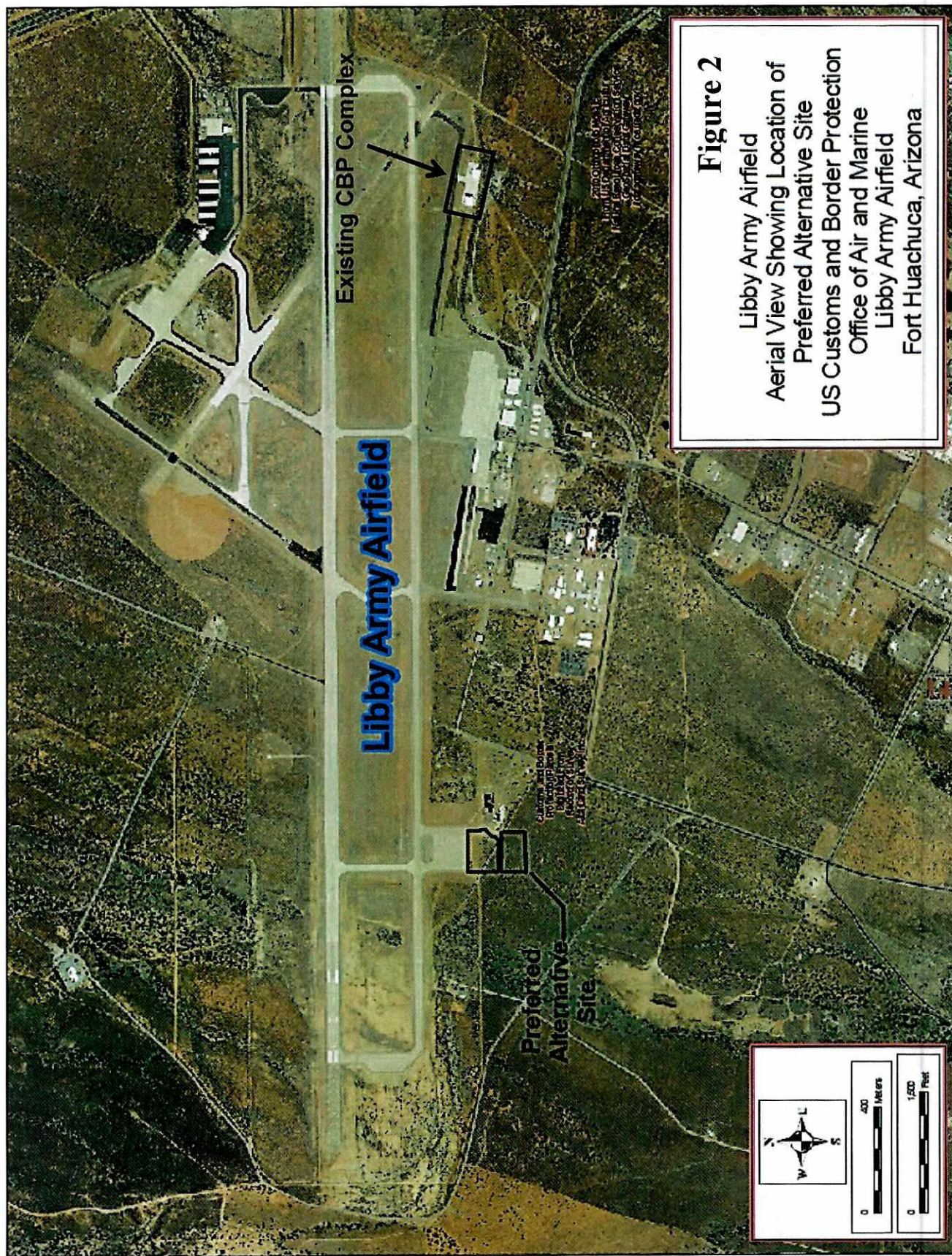


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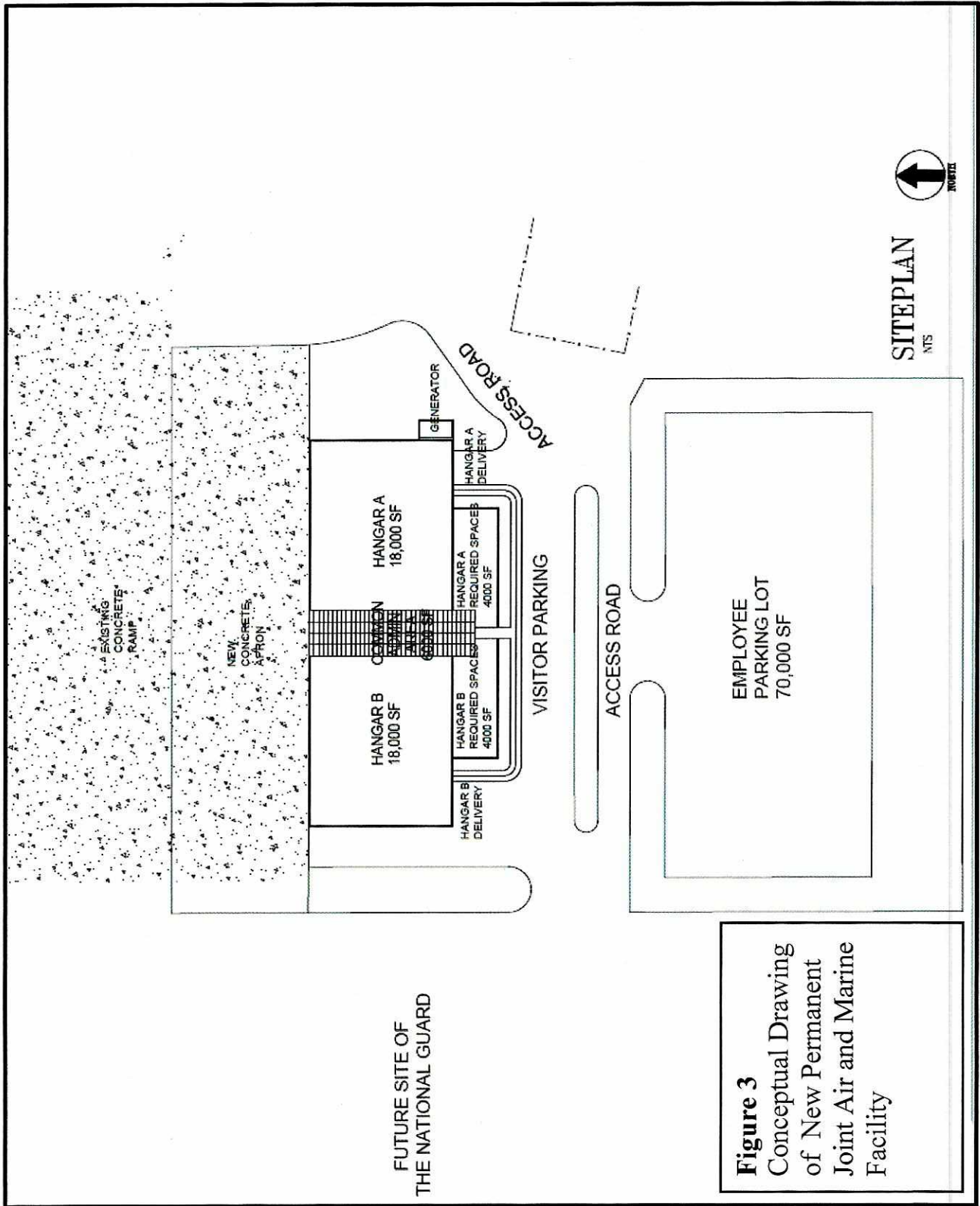


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Subject: Sierra Vista Draft EA and FONSI

Mr. Lew-

I am in receipt of EA/FONSI analysis to construct, operate, and maintain a joint permanent air facility at Fort Huachuca's Libby Army Airfield in Sierra Vista. I have no comments on the documents and thank you for the opportunity to review them.

Sharon





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Ms. Carol Sachs
Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street, CED-2
San Francisco, CA 94105

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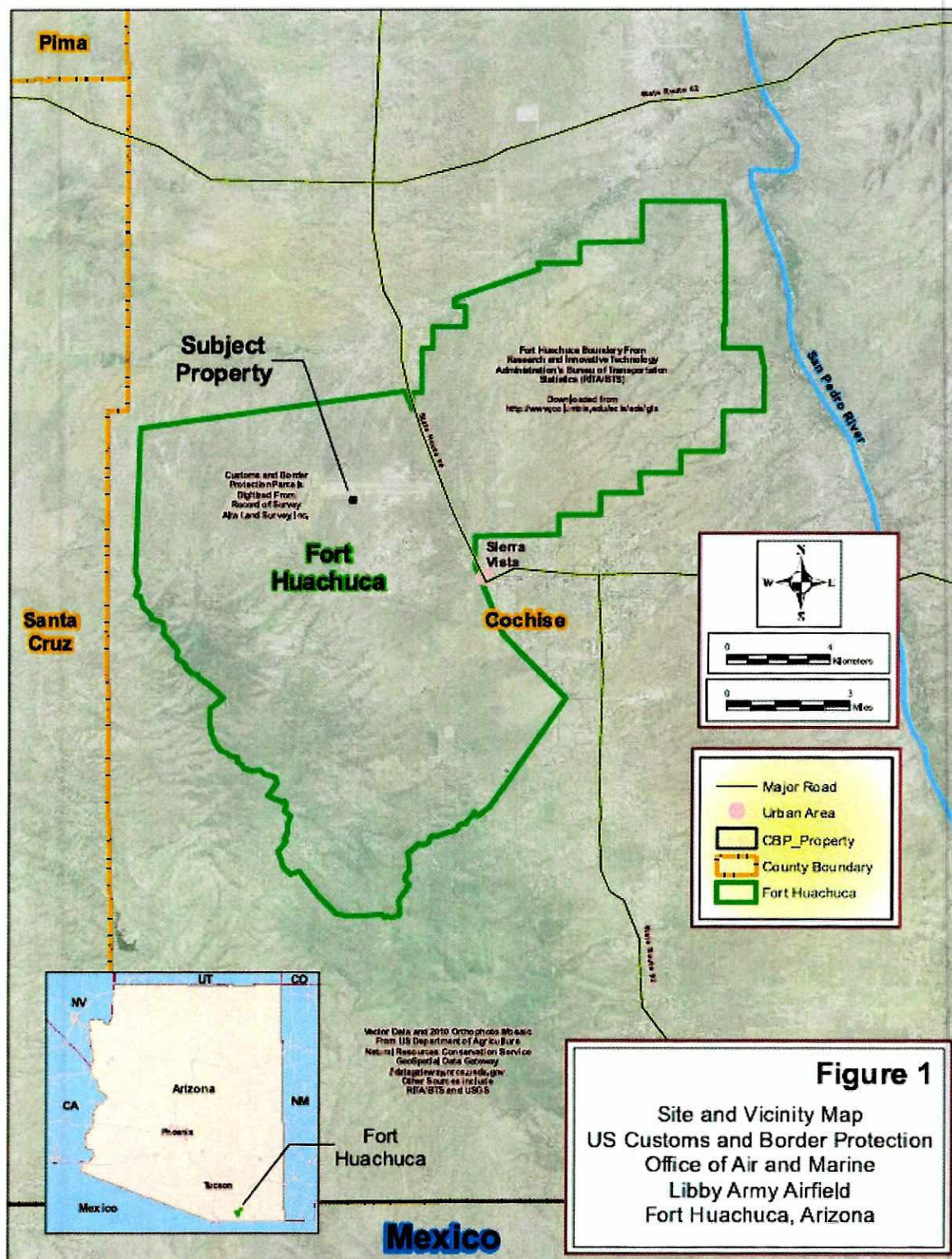
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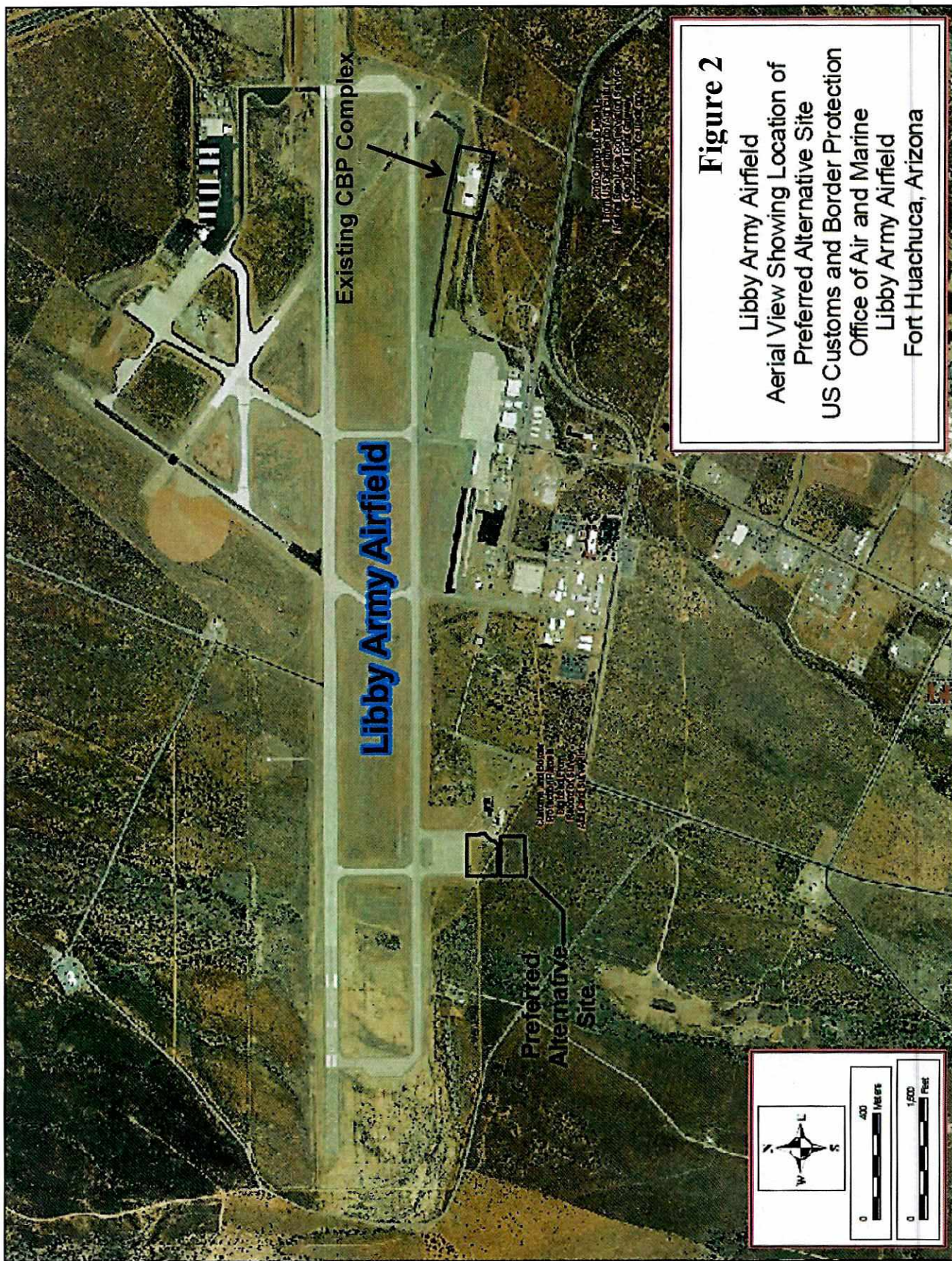


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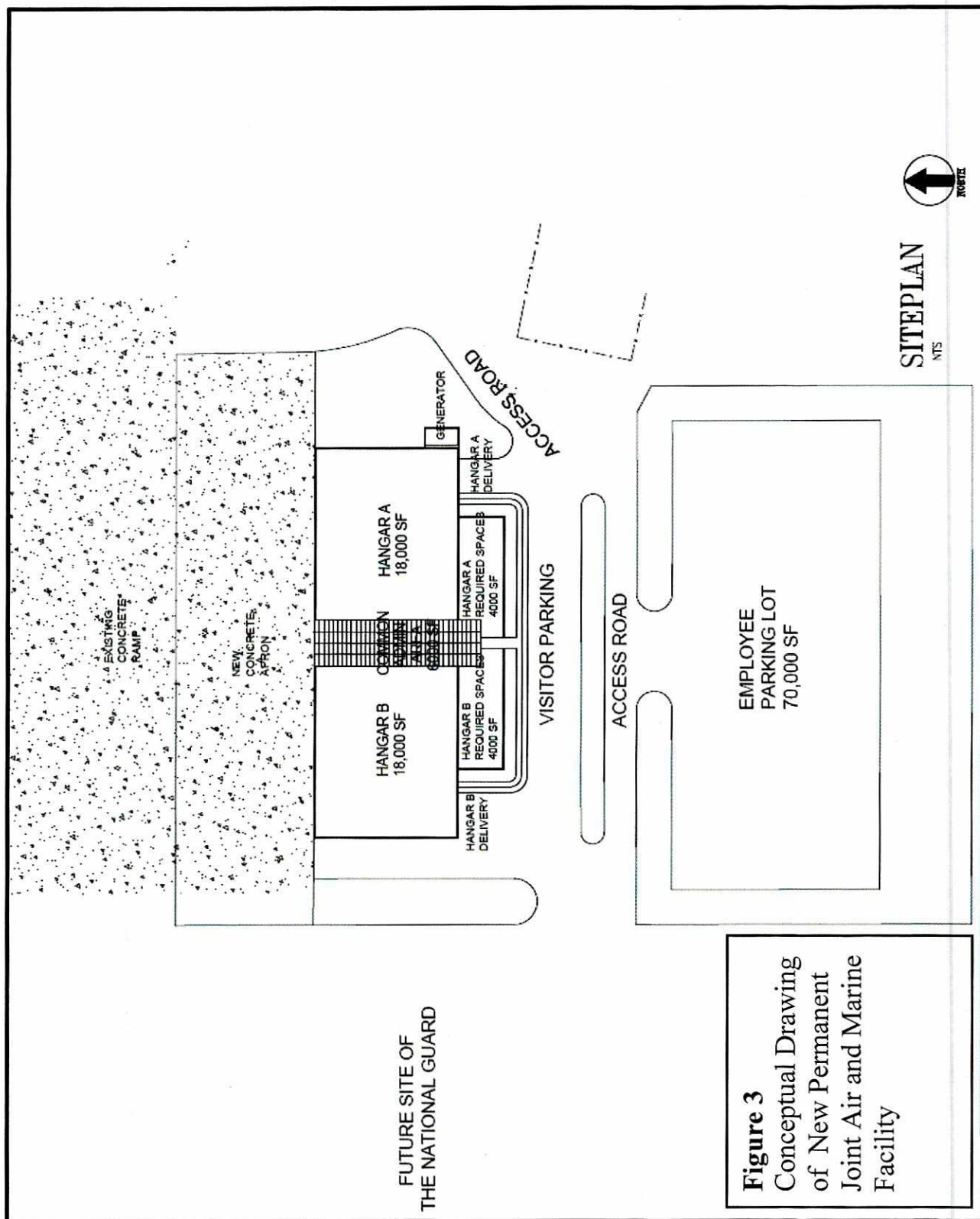


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Arizona Ecological Office
ATTN: Jean Calhoun, Assistant Supervisor for Southern Arizona
2321 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 103
Phoenix, AZ 85021

Reference: Section 7 Endangered Species Act Notification for the Determination of No Effect to
Endangered and Threatened Species for the Construction and Operation of a Joint
Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, AZ

Dear Ms. Calhoun:

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In 2010 a preliminary draft Biological Assessment (BA) was prepared for the proposed action. The results of the BA indicated groundwater usage and the reduction of baseflow in the San Pedro River due to CBP activities may effect, but are not likely to adversely affect aquatic-dependent Federally-listed threatened and endangered species within the Sierra Vista subwatershed of the San Pedro watershed. These species include the Southwestern willow flycatcher, Yellow-billed cuckoo, Desert pupfish, Gila topminnow, Chiricahua leopard frog, and the Huachuca water umbel. To offset potential adverse effects to these species, a Water Conservation Management Report was developed and is included as an appendix within the enclosed Report. The referenced report incorporates CBP OAM actions at Fort Huachuca as well as those proposed by the other CBP law enforcement components: U.S. Border Patrol and Office of Field Operations. CBP has contracted with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to obtain suitable land in Arizona that can serve as conservation easements to mitigate for potential effects.

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CBP requests U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's concurrence with our determination, and invites you to express any concerns or questions about the proposed project by contacting Ken Marion via email at kenneth.r.marion@cbp.dhs.gov, or by telephone (202) 344-3087.

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Mr. James Garrison
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ATTN: Jim Cogswell
1300 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

APR 11 2015

Reference: Request for Concurrence on Section 106 Determination of No Adverse Effects to Historic Properties for the Construction and Operation of a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, AZ

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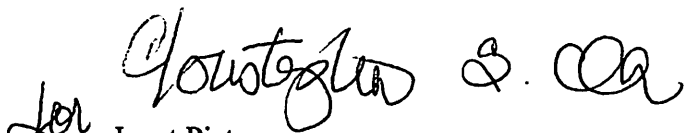
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Subject to Tribal concerns,

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No Historic Properties Affected

[Signature] 3/23/15

**Arizona State Historic Preservation Office
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The Honorable Val R. Panteah Sr.
Governor
Pueblo of Zuni
1203B State Highway 53
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The Honorable Jeff Houser
Chairperson
Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
43187 U.S. Hwy 281
Apache, OK 73006

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Reference: Request for Concurrence on Section 106 Determination of No Effects to Historic Properties for the Construction and Operation of a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, AZ

Dear Governor Lewis,

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Air and Marine Facilities Program Management Office is proposing to construct and operate a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield (LAAF), Fort Huachuca, AZ. Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800 "Protection of Historic Properties (Section 106)," this letter and a cultural resources survey are being transmitted to initiate consultation, identify historic properties, and to assess any potential adverse effects pursuant to the undertaking.

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The Honorable Stephen Roe Lewis

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Janet Piston
(Acting) Director
Environmental and Energy Division

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Barnaby Lewis



**U.S. Customs and
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Mr. Barnaby Lewis
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Gila River Indian Community
192 South Skill Center Road
Building 200
Sacaton, AZ 85147

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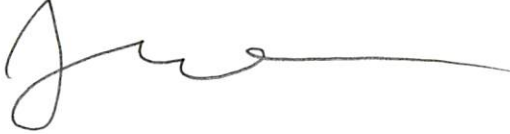
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Mr. Barnaby Lewis
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GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

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TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

(520) 562-7162
Fax: (520) 562-5083

April 13, 2015

Janet Piston, Acting Director
Environmental and Energy Division
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20229

RE: Request for Concurrence on Section 106 Determination of No Effects to Historic Properties for the Construction and Operation of a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, Arizona

Dear Ms. Piston,

The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office (GRIC-THPO) has received your consultation documents dated March 11, 2015. The letter and archaeological survey report document an U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Air and Marine Facilities Program Management Office undertaking to construct and operate a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield (LAAF), Fort Huachuca, Arizona. The facility would be constructed on the south side of the LAAF. The project area is 7 acres in size and has been archaeologically surveyed by archaeologists from the Fort Huachuca Environmental and Natural Resources Division. No historic or prehistoric properties were identified or recorded within the project area.. The CBP has made a finding of no historic properties affected for this undertaking.

The GRIC-THPO concurs with a finding of no historic properties affected. The proposed project area is within the ancestral lands of the Four Southern Tribes (Gila River Indian Community; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Tohono O'Odham Nation). The GRIC-THPO defers to the Tohono O'Odham Nation as lead in the consultation process.

Thank you for consulting with the GRIC-THPO about the project. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Archaeological Compliance Specialist Larry Benallie, Jr. at 520-562-7162.

Respectfully,

Barnaby V. Lewis
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Gila River Indian Community

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**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

The Honorable Louis Manuel Jr.
Chairman
Ak-Chin Indian Community
42507 West Peters & Nall Road
Maricopa, AZ 85138

MAR 11 2015

Reference: Request for Concurrence on Section 106 Determination of No Effects to Historic Properties for the Construction and Operation of a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, AZ

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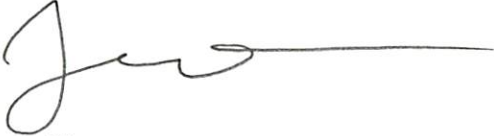
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Environmental and Energy Division

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Caroline Antone



**U.S. Customs and
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Ms. Caroline Antone
Cultural Resource Program Manager
Ak-Chin Indian Community
42507 West Peters & Nall Road
Maricopa, AZ 85138

MAR 11 2015

Reference: Request for Concurrence on Section 106 Determination of No Effects to Historic Properties for the Construction and Operation of a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, AZ

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The Honorable Danny H. Breuninger Jr.
President
Mescalero Apache Tribe
721 White Mountain Drive
Mescalero, NM 88340

MAR 11 2015

Reference: Request for Concurrence on Section 106 Determination of No Effects to Historic Properties for the Construction and Operation of a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, AZ

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cc: Mr. Arden Comanche, Sr.



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MAR 11 2015

Mr. Arden Comanche Sr.
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Mescalero Apache Tribe
721 White Mountain Drive
Mescalero, NM 88340

Reference: Request for Concurrence on Section 106 Determination of No Effects to Historic Properties for the Construction and Operation of a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, AZ

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MAR 11 2015

The Honorable Terry Rambler
Chairman
San Carlos Apache Tribe
1 San Carlos Avenue, Bldg. 3
San Carlos, AZ 85550

Reference: Request for Concurrence on Section 106 Determination of No Effects to Historic Properties for the Construction and Operation of a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, AZ

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Ms. Vernelda J. Grant
Archaeologist and Director
Historical Preservation and Archaeological Department
San Carlos Apache Tribe
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San Carlos, AZ 85550

MAR 11 2015

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The Honorable Herman Honanie
Chairman
Hopi Tribe
1 Main Street
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Reference: Request for Concurrence on Section 106 Determination of No Effects to Historic Properties for the Construction and Operation of a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, AZ

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Mr. Leigh Kuwanwisiwma
Director
Office of Cultural Preservation
Hopi Tribe
1 Main Street
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Reference: Request for Concurrence on Section 106 Determination of No Effects to Historic Properties for the Construction and Operation of a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, AZ

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Enclosure

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**U.S. Customs and
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The Honorable Ned Norris Jr.
Chairman
Tohono O'odham Nation
Main Tribal Business Loop
Sells, AZ 85634

MAR 11 2015

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Manager
Cultural Affairs
Tohono O'odham Nation
Main Tribal Business Loop
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Janet Piston
(Acting) Director
Environmental and Energy Division

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Ned Norris, Jr.



**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

MAR 11 2015

The Honorable Delbert Ray
President
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
10005 E. Osborn Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Reference: Request for Concurrence on Section 106 Determination of No Effects to Historic Properties for the Construction and Operation of a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, AZ

Dear President Ray,

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The new facility would be constructed on approximately seven acres of land along the taxiway on the southern side of LAAF that are located adjacent to property recently permitted to the Arizona Air National Guard for the construction of their own hangar facility. Within the site footprint, the one isolated historic feature (determined not eligible for listing on the NRHP) found during a previous survey conducted by the Fort Huachuca staff had previously been removed from the site. Due to topography and distance, the proposed undertaking will have no effect on two NRHP Eligible sites or upon other sites of undetermined eligibility within a one mile radius of the project area. CBP's proposed new air facility would be built utilizing military and industrial design characteristics similar to the existing Ft. Huachuca and LAAF complexes.

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cc: Ms. Angela Garcia-Lewis



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NAGPRA Coordinator
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Ms. Angela Garcia-Lewis

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The Honorable Ronnie Lupe
Chairman
White Mountain Apache Tribe
201 E. Walnut St.
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

Reference: Request for Concurrence on Section 106 Determination of No Effects to Historic Properties for the Construction and Operation of a Joint Permanent Air Facility at Libby Army Airfield, Fort Huachuca, AZ

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The Honorable Ronnie Lupe

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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
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The Honorable Peter Yucupicio
Chairman
Pascua Yaqui Tribe
7474 S. Camino De Oeste
Tucson, AZ 85746

MAR 11 2015

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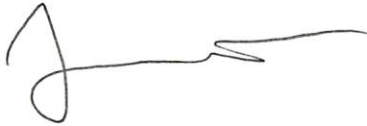
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Ms. Veronica Darnell
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