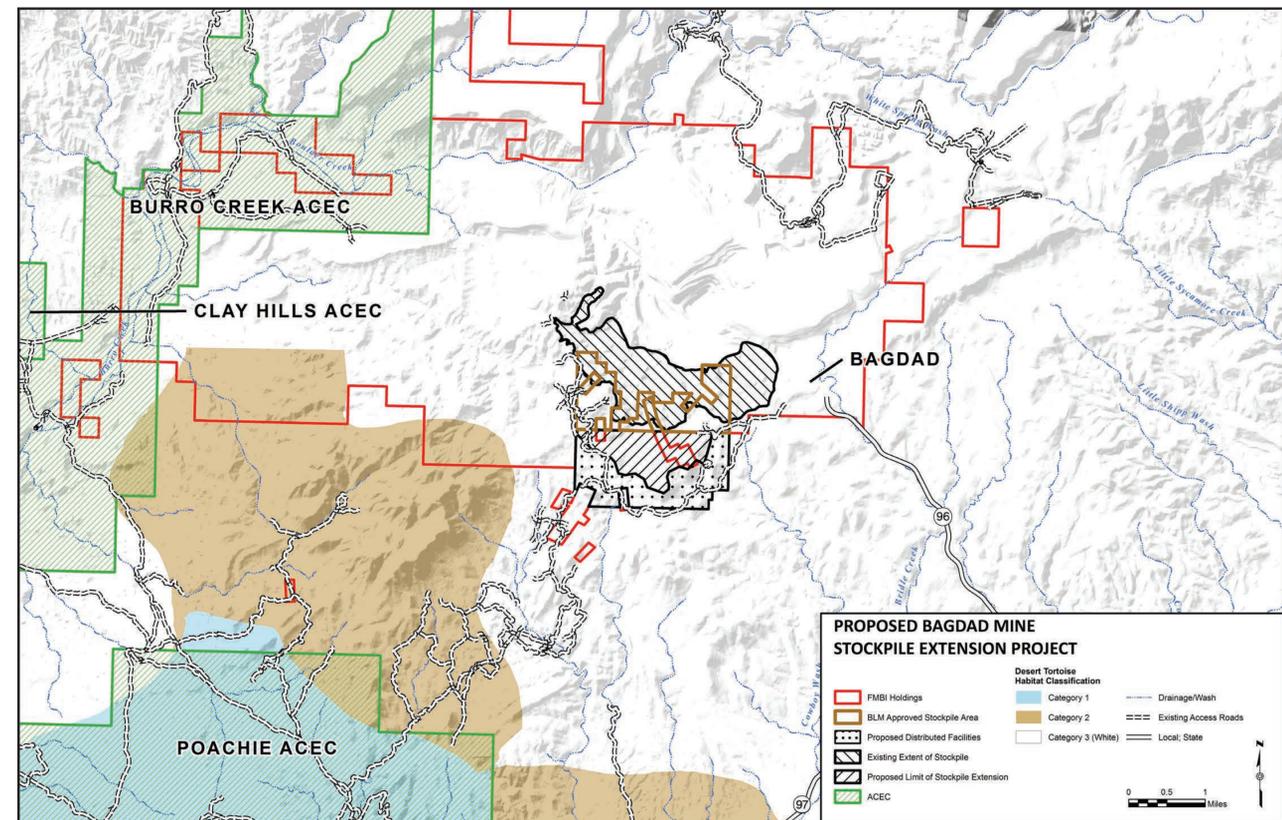


# Biological Resources

The BLM will evaluate impacts to biological resources from the Proposed Action. Some of the preliminary issues include the following:

- Potential impacts to special status species including 1) species listed under the Endangered Species Act, 2) species of greatest conservation need identified by the State of Arizona and, 3) species listed as BLM sensitive.
- The Proposed Action is located in desert tortoise Category III habitat. The category goal is to limit tortoise habitat and population decline to the extent possible by mitigating impacts.
- Potential impacts to bats, including Townsend's big-eared bat, cave myotis, and greater western mastiff bat.
- Potential impacts to migratory birds (e.g., gilded flicker, mourning dove, and red-tailed hawk).
- Potential impacts to general vegetation and riparian vegetation, including species listed in the Arizona Native Plant Law.
- Potential for the project to contribute to the introduction and/or spread of invasive plant species in the project area.
- Potential impacts to area springs and streams that could harm amphibians and native fish.
- Data collection surveys for vegetation and desert tortoise will be conducted in the Project Area. Additional studies will be conducted, as necessary.

The BLM invites you to share your concerns about potential impacts on biological resources that may result from the proposed action and how you think these impacts should be addressed.



General area landscape



Townsend's big-eared bat



Protected plant species

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