Habitat Conservation Planning in Pima County…?

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Who are we?

- The Mission of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: *working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people*
The Endangered Species Act

- passed in 1973 to protect the lives and habitats of endangered plant and animal species
  - US Endangered -- 988 (389 animals, 599 plants)
  - US Threatened -- 276 (129 animals, 147 plants)

- what it means

- when it is implemented
  - “taking” and “harm”

Why are we here today?

1. Promote recovery of federally listed and candidate species to the point where their continued existence is no longer at risk.

2. Where feasible and appropriate, re-introduce and recover species that have been extirpated from this region.
Why is this a concern for Pima County?
- 25 species protected under ESA in Pima County!
- Pima County is growing!
- Existing park systems
- Size matters
- Fragmented natural areas

Open space in Pima County..?
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Habitat Conservation Planning…

- Team work is required
- Allows ecosystem/multi-species approach
- Compromise

Successful Community Driven HCPs

- San Diego County
- Washington County, UT
Thank You!