

Geographic Leads for Tribes in Arizona

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Below is a list of tribes and each AESO personnel who is “geographic lead” for each tribe’s reservation. Geographic leads are the primary staff-level contact for Endangered Species Act (ESA) technical assistance, section 7 consultations, habitat conservation planning, safe harbor agreements, and other conservation initiatives within a given area. For these actions, the tribe or agency, operating within the reservation, should typically contact the geographic lead first. For actions outside the reservation that affect tribal resources or rights, other personnel may be the geographic lead (e.g., on BLM land). Other AESO personnel may be the “species lead” for actions under the ESA such as listing, critical habitat designation and recovery. For these species-based actions, the species lead will take the lead contacting tribes. For general tribal coordination, please contact John Nystedt, AESO Tribal Coordinator.

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Ak Chin Indian Community	Mike Martinez
Chemehuevi Tribe*	Jessica Gwinn
Cocopah Tribe	Jessica Gwinn
Colorado River Indian Tribes	Jessica Gwinn
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Greg Beatty
Fort Mohave Indian Tribe	Jessica Gwinn
Gila River Indian Community	Mike Martinez
Havasupai Tribe	John Nystedt
Hopi Tribe	John Nystedt
Hualapai Tribe	John Nystedt
Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians	John Nystedt
Navajo Nation	John Nystedt
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Jeff Servoss
Quechan Tribe	Jessica Gwinn
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	Greg Beatty
San Carlos Apache Tribe	John Nystedt
San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe	John Nystedt
Tohono O'odham Nation	Jeff Servoss
Tonto Apache Tribe	John Nystedt
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* The Chemehuevi Reservation is in California, bordering Lake Havasu. Because AESO is the lead Ecological Services office for Colorado River issues, we assume the geographic lead for Chemehuevi.