

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Geographic Leads for Tribes in Arizona

Below is a list of tribes in Arizona and the FWS personnel that serve as the “geographic lead” for each tribe. The geographic lead is the primary staff-level contact with the tribe and Federal agencies in regard to Endangered Species Act (ESA) section 7 consultations, technical assistance, habitat conservation planning, safe harbor agreements, and management initiatives within the reservation. The geographic lead is the FWS person the tribe or agency operating within the reservation will typically contact first with questions or requests. For Federal actions outside the reservation that affect tribal resources or rights, other FWS personnel may be serving as the geographic lead (e.g., on adjacent BLM land). Other FWS personnel may also be the “species lead” for actions under the ESA such as listing, critical habitat designation and recovery. In situations where there are multiple leads on actions that may affect tribal lands, resources or rights, the geographic lead will coordinate with the other leads, for their assistance.

<u>Tribe</u>	<u>FWS Geographic Lead</u>
Ak Chin Indian Community	Debra Bills
Chemehuevi Tribe	Sam Spiller / Lesley Fitzpatrick (sec. 7 consultation)
Cocopah Tribe	Sam Spiller / Lesley Fitzpatrick (sec. 7 consultation)
Colorado River Indian Tribes	Sam Spiller / Lesley Fitzpatrick (sec. 7 consultation)
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Jeff Servoss
Fort Mohave Indian Tribe	Sam Spiller / Lesley Fitzpatrick (sec. 7 consultation)
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	Scott Richardson (sec 7)/John Nystedt (coordination)
Quechan Tribe	Sam Spiller / Lesley Fitzpatrick (sec. 7 consultation)
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	Scott Richardson (sec 7)/John Nystedt (coordination)
Tonto Apache Tribe	John Nystedt
White Mountain Apache Tribe	John Nystedt
Yavapai Apache Tribe	John Nystedt
Yavapai-Prescott Tribe	John Nystedt

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