

NOTICE OF COMMENTS RECEIVED ON REVIEW OF ELIGIBLE AREA MAPS FOR USDA RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

USDA Rural Development has received and reviewed comments on areas being reviewed for continued eligibility under the USDA Rural Housing programs. During the review, all comments were considered.

Below is a summary of the comments received for the rural area review in the state of Arizona.

Arizona did not receive any comments, however, we received inquiries regarding the 'effective date' of the new rural area designation map.

Based on the review of the areas within the state of Arizona, using the 2015 American Community Survey data, comments received, and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation is proposed to change for the following areas:

- 1) Phoenix Area – Places Greater than 35,000 people, Boundary changes, ineligible
- 2) San Tan Valley – Places Greater than 35,000 people, Boundary changes, ineligible
- 3) Maricopa, Casa Grande – Places Greater than 35,000 people, Boundary changes, ineligible
- 4) Tucson – Places Greater than 35,000 people, Boundary changes, ineligible
- 5) Flagstaff – Places Greater than 35,000 people, Boundary changes, ineligible
- 6) New River & Anthem (Phoenix Area) – Contiguous, Rural In Character, ineligible
- 7) Queen Creek (Mesa Area) – Contiguous, Rural In Character, ineligible
- 8) Apache Junction & Gold Canyon (Mesa Area) – Contiguous, ineligible
- 9) Buckeye (Phoenix Area) – Contiguous, ineligible
- 10) Catalina & Oro Valley (Tucson Area) – Contiguous, ineligible
- 11) Vail (Tucson Area) – Contiguous, ineligible
- 12) Valencia West – Contiguous, Rural In Character, ineligible
- 13) Valencia West Area – Native American Reservation, eligible
- 14) Ft. Mohave (Bullhead City) – Contiguous, Places Greater than 35,000 people, ineligible
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- 16) Lake Havasu City – Contiguous, Places Greater than 35,000 people, ineligible
- 17) Prescott Valley (Prescott) – Contiguous, Places Greater than 35,000 people, ineligible
- 18) Prescott – Contiguous, Places Greater than 35,000 people, ineligible
- 19) Prescott – Native American Reservation, eligible
- 20) Sierra Vista – Contiguous, Places Greater than 35,000 people, ineligible
- 21) Yuma & Fortuna Foothills – Contiguous, Places Greater than 35,000 people, ineligible
- 22) Maricopa, AZ – Native American Reservation, eligible
- 23) Guadalupe, AZ (Phoenix Area) – eligible

Areas that will now be considered as no longer being rural or rural in character can be viewed at <https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do> by clicking on either "Single Family Housing Guaranteed", "Single Family Housing Direct" or "Multi-Family Housing" and then selecting "Proposed Ineligible Areas" tab.

The proposed changes will become effective on June 4, 2018. For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the Katie Yager, Rural Development Housing Program Staff at (602) 280-8741.

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