

## NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CHANGES TO ELIGIBLE AREA MAPS FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOUSING PROGRAMS

USDA Rural Development is conducting a review of all areas under its jurisdiction to identify areas that no longer qualify as rural for housing programs. The last rural area reviews were performed in 2017-2018 using 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data. Rural area designations are reviewed every five years. This review will utilize the 2020 United States decennial census data.

Based on the 2020 US census data and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation is under review for the following areas in Arizona:

### **CURRENT ELIGIBLE AREAS UNDER REVIEW (RURAL IN CHARACTER)**

1. **Mohave County:** New Kingman-Butler
2. **Yavapai County:** Verde Village
3. **Yuma County:** Somerton
4. **Pima County:** Sahuarita
5. **Pima County:** Green Valley
6. **Cochise County:** Douglas

Communities under review in the following counties will entail minor boundary adjustments surrounding the pre-existing ineligible areas. Ineligible areas may be expanded and/or contracted to better delineate open space separating rural and non-rural areas using our Geographic Information System (GIS).

### **COMMUNITIES UNDER REVIEW (EXPANSION OF INELIGIBLE AREAS)**

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| 1. <b>Mohave County:</b> Lake Havasu City  | 14. <b>Pinal County:</b> Queen Creek              |
| 2. <b>Coconino County:</b> Flagstaff       | 15. <b>Pinal County:</b> San Tan Valley           |
| 3. <b>Yavapai County:</b> Prescott         | 16. <b>Pinal County:</b> Maricopa                 |
| 4. <b>Yavapai County:</b> Prescott Valley  | 17. <b>Pinal County:</b> Casa Grande              |
| 5. <b>Yuma County:</b> Yuma                | 18. <b>Pima County:</b> Oro Valley                |
| 6. <b>Maricopa County:</b> New River       | 19. <b>Pima County:</b> Catalina Foothills        |
| 7. <b>Maricopa County:</b> Scottsdale      | 20. <b>Pima County:</b> Picture Rocks             |
| 8. <b>Maricopa County:</b> Buckeye         | 21. <b>Pima County:</b> Tucson                    |
| 9. <b>Maricopa County:</b> Goodyear        | 22. <b>Pima County:</b> Tucson Mountains          |
| 10. <b>Maricopa County:</b> Sun Lakes      | 23. <b>Pima County:</b> Tucson Estates            |
| 11. <b>Maricopa County:</b> Surprise       | 24. <b>Pima County:</b> Drexel Heights            |
| 12. <b>Maricopa County:</b> Fountain Hills | 25. <b>Cochise County:</b> Sierra Vista Southeast |
| 13. <b>Pinal County:</b> Apache Junction   |   |

The public shall have 90 days from the date of this public notice to submit comments regarding the potential loss of eligibility for Rural Development housing programs. Comments should be sent to [SM.RD.AZ.SFH.SO@usda.gov](mailto:SM.RD.AZ.SFH.SO@usda.gov). For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the Arizona Rural Development Housing Program staff at: (520) 254-8099 or (602) 280-8765.

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