

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is requesting applications for on-the-ground water quality improvements projects to manage nonpoint source pollution in Arizona.



### AVAILABLE FUNDING

Approximately \$1.7 million will be available for project implementation. The distribution of these funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency is provided pursuant to Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act.



### INVESTING IN CLEAN WATER

The ultimate goal of the ADEQ program is for all of Arizona's waters to be clean and safe. However, all goals begin with small steps. To achieve 100% clean and safe water, The Water Quality Improvement Grant Program strives to fund projects that implement sufficient, economically and scientifically sound management practices that result in quantifiable improvements to surface water quality. Other outcomes of strong projects include education and public awareness of water quality issues, citizen action, innovative approaches to problem solving, and long-term project maintenance and results.



### TARGETED AREAS

Sub-Watersheds have been identified in previous ADEQ grant cycles to develop Watershed-based Implementation Plans (WIPs). The highest priority projects for Cycle 18 will be those that have been specifically identified in an ADEQ-funded WIP.

HIGHEST PRIORITY	
<b>Oak Creek</b> (headwaters to Spring Creek and the Spring Creek drainage)	Impairment: E. coli bacteria
<b>San Francisco River (Blue River to Limestone Gulch)/Blue River</b>	Impairment: E. coli bacteria
<b>Granite Creek</b> (headwaters to Watson Lake)	Pollutants of concern: nutrients and E. coli bacteria.
<b>San Pedro River</b> (from Mexico border to Dragoon Wash)	Impairment: E. coli bacteria

SECONDARY PRIORITY	
<b>Little Colorado River (LCR)</b> <b>(headwaters from West Fork LCR to Lyman Lake) (Reaches 1-4)</b>	Impairment: sediment and turbidity



## REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL INVESTMENTS

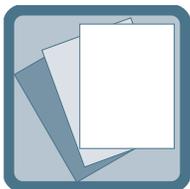
- Project must impact an impaired body of water based on ADEQ's 303(d) or 305(b) listings
- On-the-ground implementation component
- 40% non-federal match
- Demonstrated water quality improvements



## EVALUATION

Grants will be awarded based on the criteria outlined in the Cycle 17 grant manual. Evaluation criteria aims to answers three overall questions:

- *What are the water quality outcomes that ADEQ is buying?*
- *What is the likelihood those outcomes will be achieved?*
- *Is this the best use of funds?*



## APPLICATION

The Water Quality Improvement Grant Manual details the grant program instructions on how to apply.

Extensive revisions have been made to the grant application, grant instructions and appendices. Applicants must access and download all new materials from our web page at:

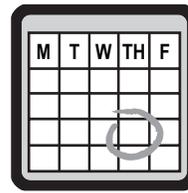
[www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/watershed/index.html](http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/watershed/index.html)

Requests for hard copies of this WQIG manual or materials can be directed to Samuel "Jake" Breedlove, Water Quality Division Grant and Watershed Coordinator, at [breedlove.samuel@azdeq.gov](mailto:breedlove.samuel@azdeq.gov) or (602) 771-4243.



## AWARDS

Grant awards will be announced in May 2016



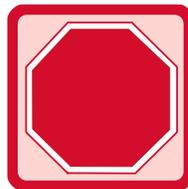
## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

To register for a webinar, please contact Grant and Watershed Coordinator **Samuel "Jake" Breedlove** either via phone at (602) 771-4243 or, toll free, (800) 234-5677, Ext. 7714243; or via e-mail at [breedlove.samuel@azdeq.gov](mailto:breedlove.samuel@azdeq.gov). A limited number of log-ins will be provided for the webinar. Please contact Samuel for further details.

### WEBINAR SCHEDULE

**December 21, 2016**  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**January 5, 2016**  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.



## DEADLINES

The deadline for mandatory pre-proposals is January 15, 2016 at 3 p.m. Staff will provide written feedback on the pre-proposals as well as the opportunity for a one-on-one meeting with Staff to review submissions and feedback.

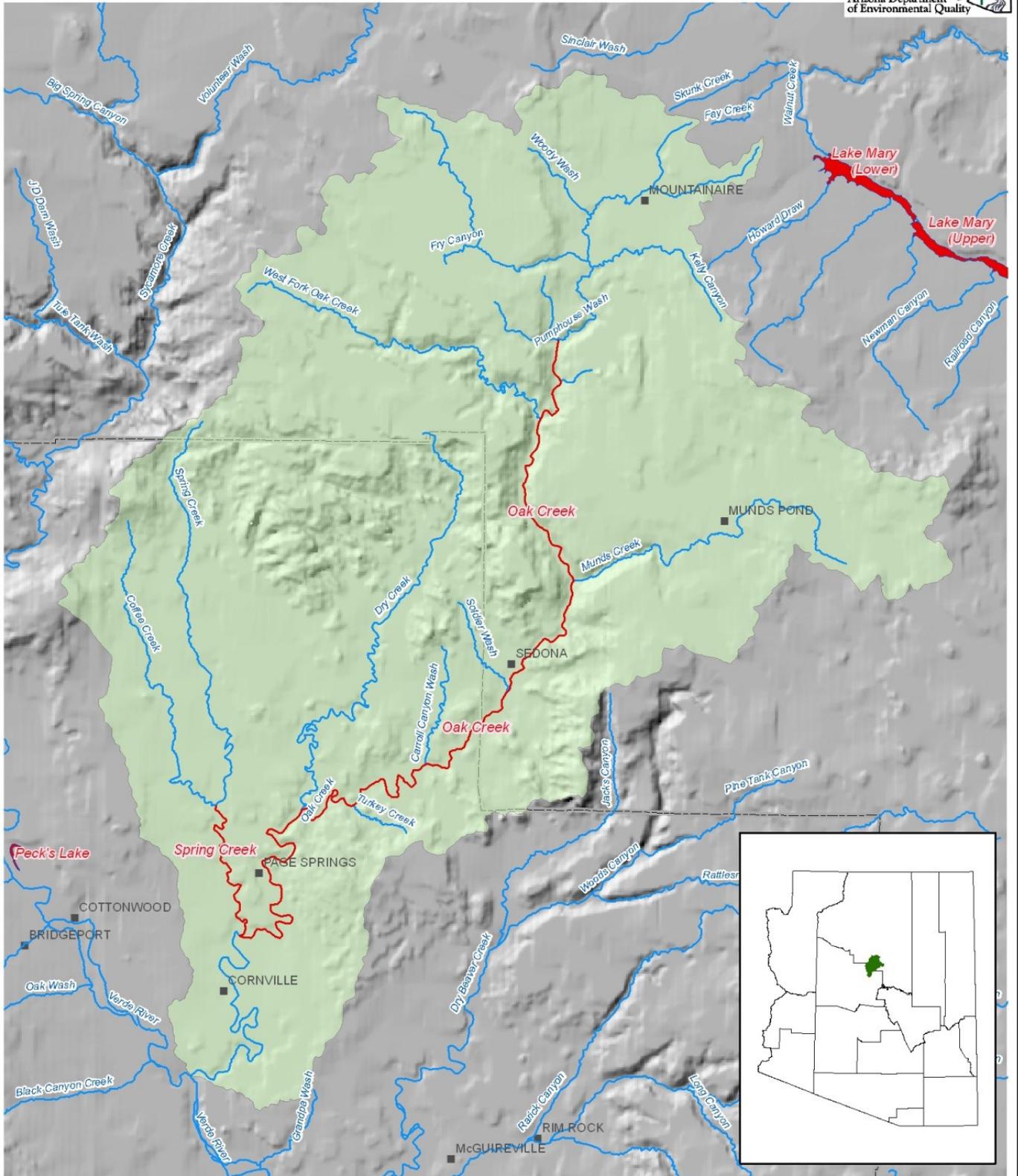
The deadline for the final, completed grant application is February 12, 2016 at 3 p.m. Late applications will not be considered.

Final Application forms may be downloaded at [www.azdeq.gov/wqig](http://www.azdeq.gov/wqig)

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS	TIMELINE
Request for Grant Applications released	December 2015
Application Webinars	December 21, 2015 and January 5, 2016
Pre-proposal deadline (mandatory)	January 15, 2016 by 3 p.m.
Final Application deadline	February 12, 2016 by 3 p.m.
ADEQ and EPA review and approval process	February 2016 – April 2016
Applicant presentations to ADEQ review panels	March 21 – 25, 2016

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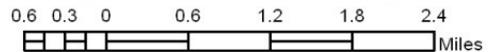
# Oak Creek Watershed



- Major Streams
- Outstanding AZ Water
- Impaired Streams 2010
- Cities / Towns
- Impaired Lakes 2010
- County Boundary



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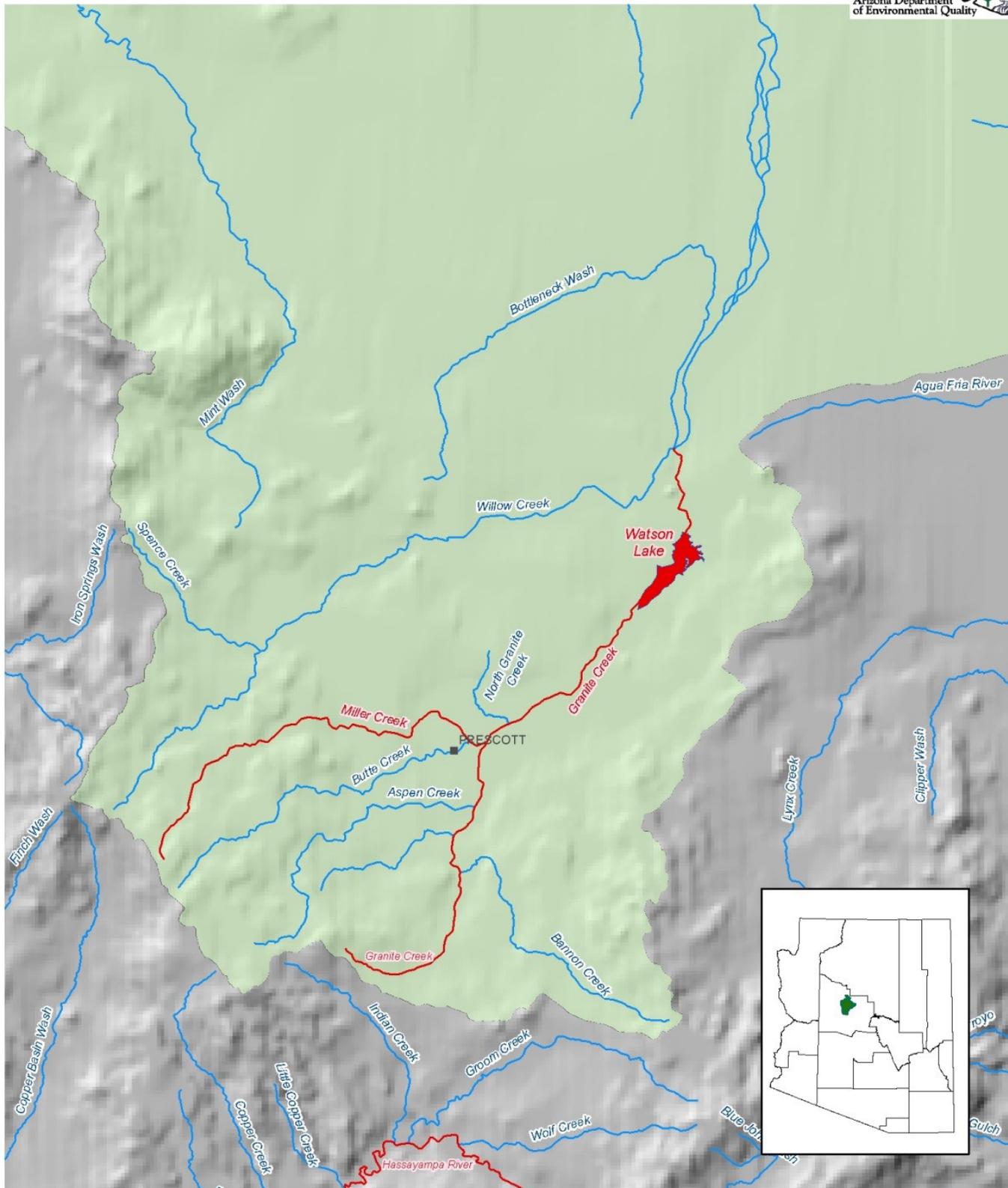


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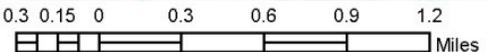
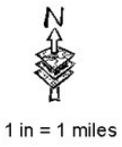
## MAP OF PRIORITY AREA

Oak Creek (headwaters to Spring Creek and the Spring Creek drainage)  
 Impairment: E. coli bacteria

# Granite Creek Watershed



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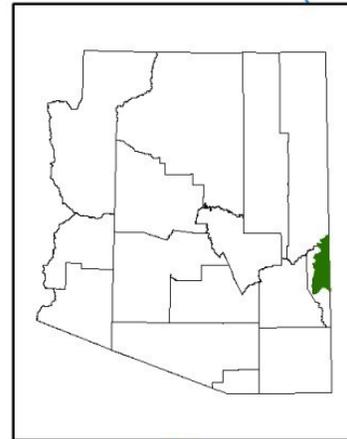


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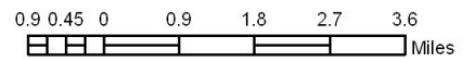
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Granite Creek (headwaters to Watson Lake)  
 Pollutants of concern: nutrients and E. coli bacteria

San Francisco Watershed

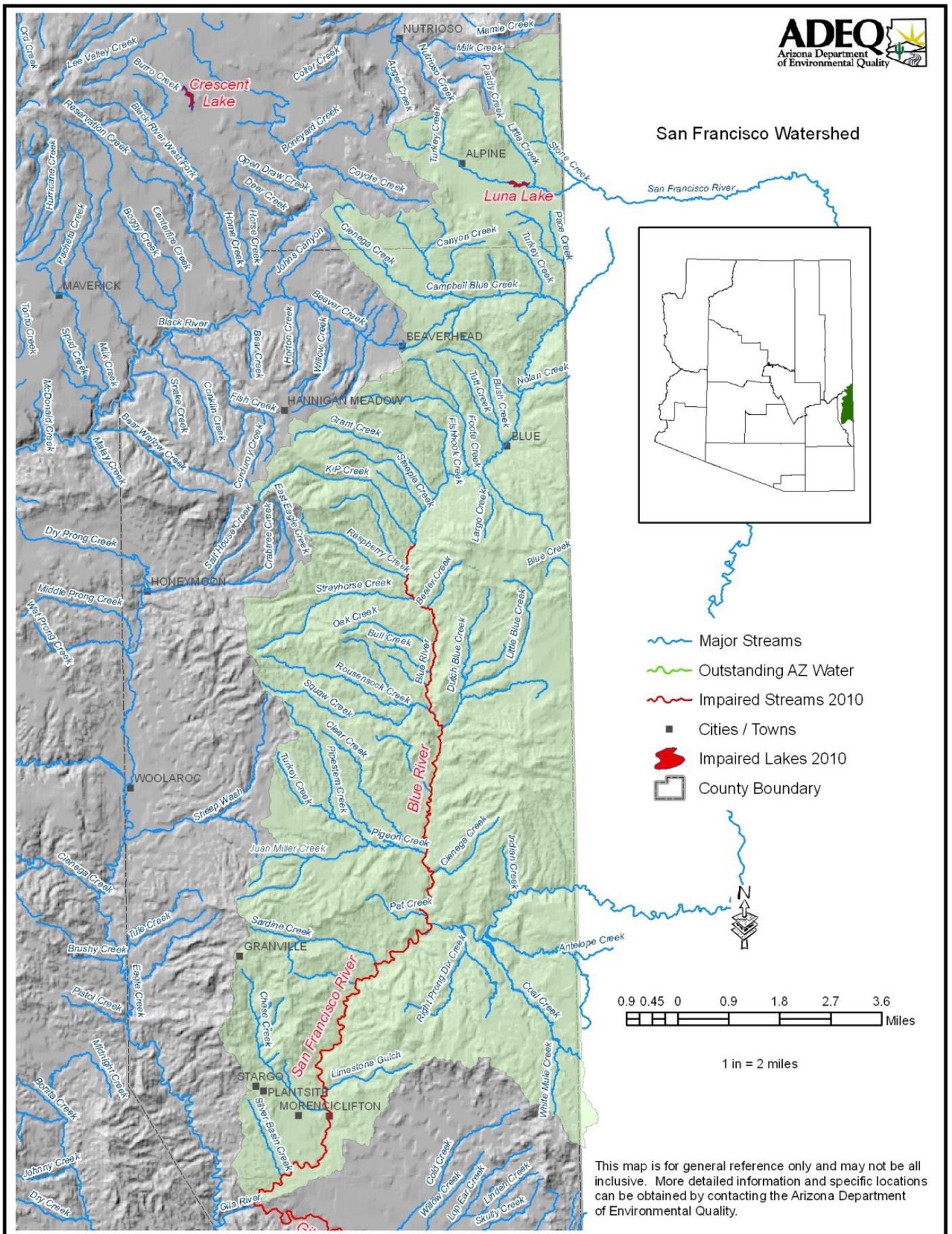


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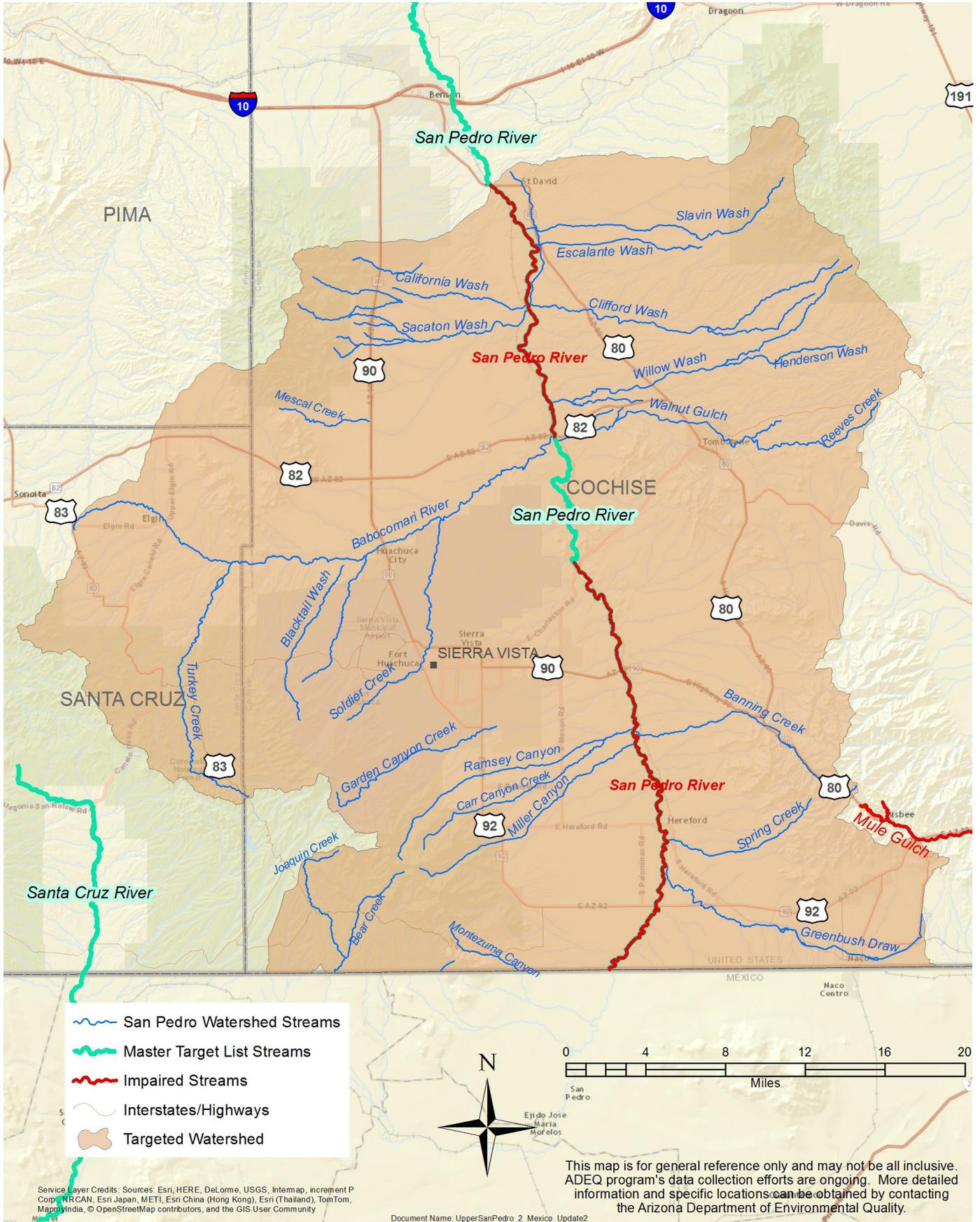
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San Francisco River (Blue River to Limestone Gulch)/Blue River  
Impairment: E. coli bacteria

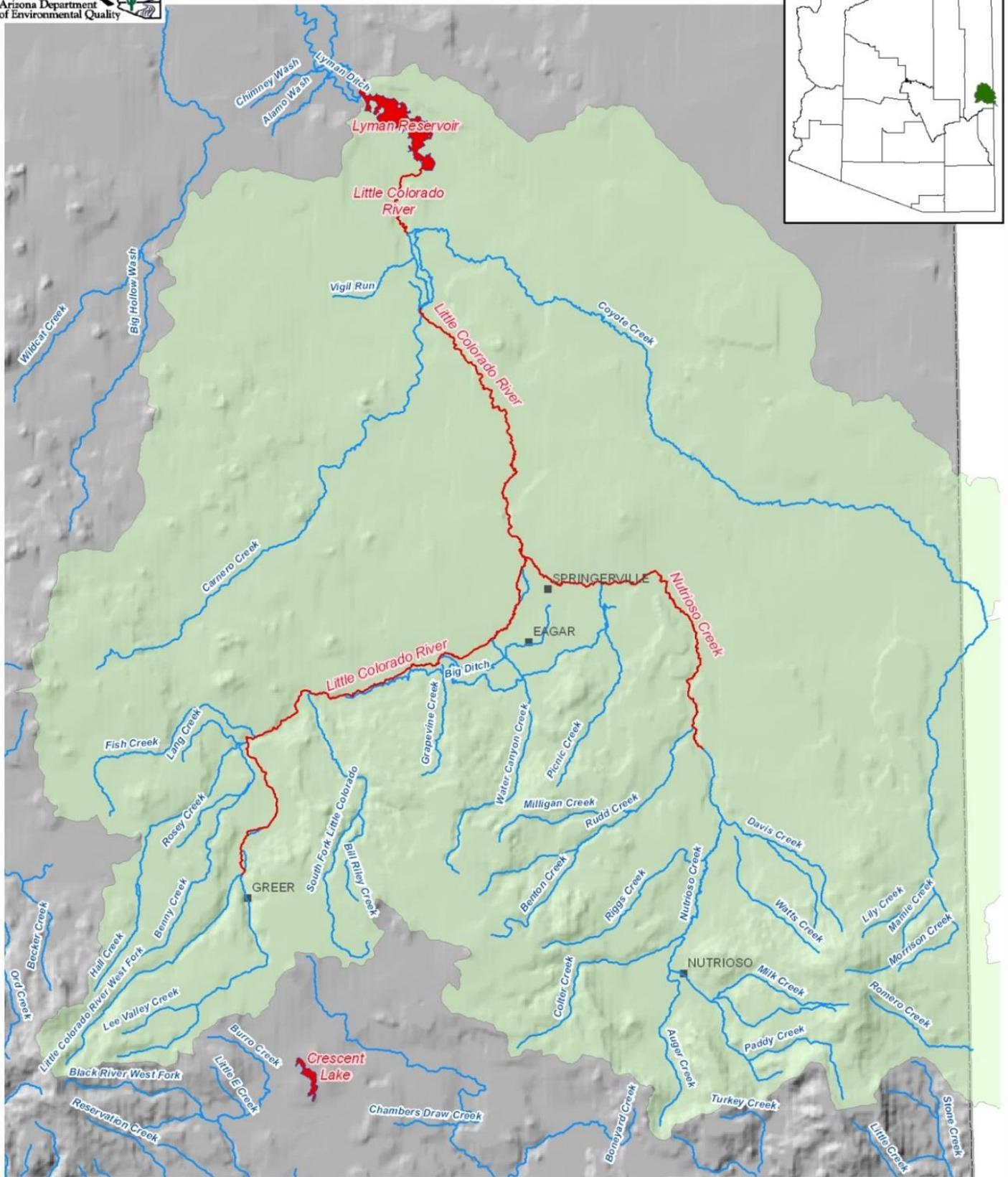
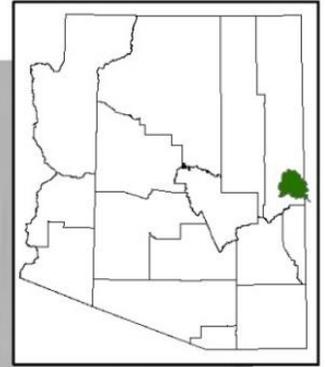
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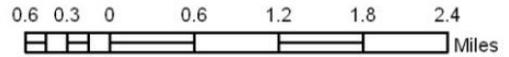
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San Pedro River (from Mexico border to Dagoon Wash)

Impairment: E. coli bacteria



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**MAP OF SECONDARY PRIORITY AREA**

Little Colorado River (from West Fork LCR to Lyman Lake) (Reaches 1-4)  
Impairment: Sediment/turbidity