

# SOPORI RANCH



## ACQUISITION

Welcome to the Sopori Ranch. The ranch acquisition consisted of two phases, both in 2009. The Ranch is 14,600 acres of fee and grazing leases and lies adjacent to the County owned Rancho Seco. The purchase of this ranch supports the Pima County Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan and allows for a continuous expanse of unfragmented desert grassland. Sopori will continue to be a working ranch with the previous owner acting as the land steward under a formal management agreement.

## WILDLIFE

The landscape of the Sopori Ranch is topographically diverse ranging from desert grasslands with perennial and native annual grasses to riparian drainages and mesquite bosques. Because of this habitat diversity, Sopori Ranch is home to cattle and a rich biological mix of wildlife. Sopori contains Priority Conservation Areas for several species including Abert's towhee, Bell's vireo, western yellow-billed cuckoo, lesser long-nosed bat and the rufous-winged sparrow. More commonly found are javelina, mule deer, gila monsters, and hundreds of species of birds.

## ARCHAEOLOGY AND MINING

Sopori Ranch lies within a low to high area of archeological sensitivity. There are several sites found along the Sopori Wash and its tributaries but only two known sites are found within the County owned parcels. The property has not been fully surveyed.

## ACCESS

Pima County and the Arizona Game and Fish Department have developed a cooperative recreational access agreement on the Sopori Ranch. When entering and exiting this ranch, please be sure to sign the in and out sheet in accordance with this access agreement. Be alert for illegal border crossers and drug smuggling activity while visiting.

## REPORTING PROBLEMS OR VIOLATIONS

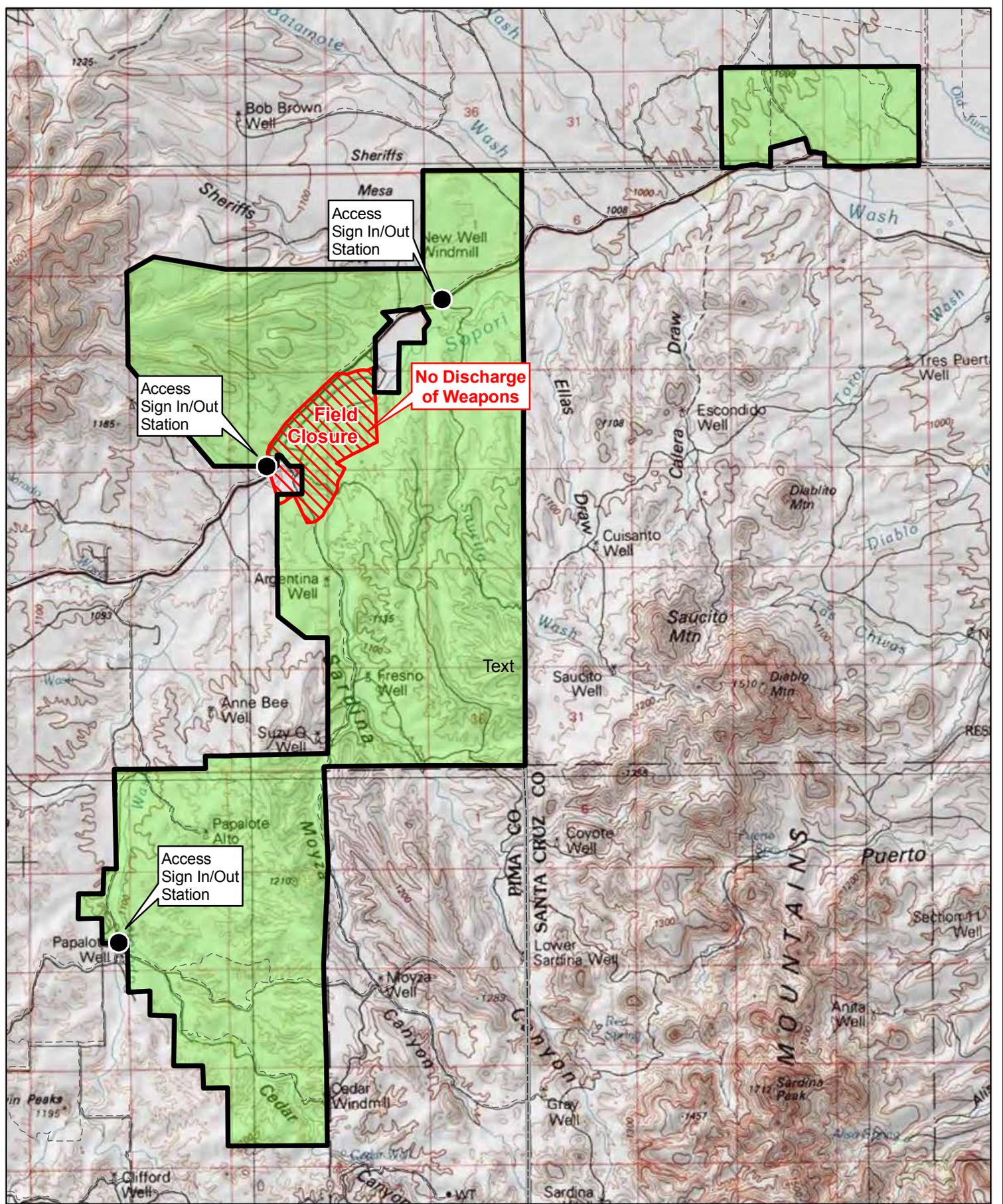
- For Law Enforcement Emergencies, please call 911
- For Property Violations, call Pima County NRPR: 520-724-5000 M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- For Vandalism or Wildlife Violations, call AZ Game and Fish OGT Line: 1-800-352-0700

## RULES

- Stay on the designated roads and trails; all off-road travel is prohibited.
- Please keep all gates closed unless wired open.
- Do not discharge firearms within a ¼ mile of occupied buildings or posted areas.
- Do not camp near water holes or livestock waters.
- Do not cut firewood.
- Do not remove or disturb any natural or cultural resources.

***Thank you for respecting Pima County's Sopori Ranch.***

For more information and complete Park rules, please see the NRPR website at: [www.pima.gov/nrpr](http://www.pima.gov/nrpr)



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- Access Sign In/Out Station
- ▨ Field Closure
- ▭ County Ranch Boundary
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