

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT
HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL**

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Cunningham Pass Land Acquisition	Project No.
Region/GMU: Region 4, Unit 44A	HPC: Southwest
Project Type: Private Land Acquisition	
Project Description: Purchase 50 acres of private land located in Cunningham Pass to ensure habitat connectivity for bighorn sheep in the Harcuvar Mountains.	
Wildlife Species to Benefit: Bighorn Sheep	
Possible Funding Partners:	
Implementation Schedule: Beginning: 2007 Completed: 2007	

PROJECT FUNDING

SBG Funds Requested: \$75,000
Cost Share Funds: \$75,000 (ADBSS)
Total Project Costs: \$150,000

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Applicant: Dave Conrad	Address:
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	Yuma, AZ 85365
AGFD Contact and Phone No. (If applicant is not AGFD personnel)	
Coordinated with: Bill Luffy, ADBSS	Date: 2-8-07
Applicant's signature:	Date:

NEED STATEMENT/PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

Cunningham Pass is situated near the center of the Harcuvar Mountains (Fig. 1), which contain 176 sq. mi. of bighorn sheep habitat. Subdivision and home development are planned on 280 acres of patented mining claims in Cunningham Pass. Development of this property will likely create a barrier for movement of bighorn sheep between two large contiguous blocks of public land. The area currently contains the paved road from Wenden to Alamo Lake, a buried natural gas line and power lines but remains unfenced open range.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department and its cooperators have completed 4 bighorn sheep transplant operations and constructed 4 water developments in support of the transplant effort with a total cost of about \$350,000. Radio telemetry tracking has documented that Cunningham Pass is commonly used as a movement corridor by collared sheep.

The developer purchased the 280-acre parcel in 2005 for \$2000 per acre. A marketing brochure for the property indicates the developer intends to provide water and septic service to each lot and is asking between \$30,000 and \$40,000 for the various lots the property has been subdivided into. No realty appraisal has been done, however, until the improvements proposed have been completed it is anticipated the appraised value will be similar to the original purchase price.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Purchase approximately 50 acres of private land for about \$3000 per acre or less and preclude development or disturbance in order to maintain a movement corridor for bighorn sheep.

PROJECT STRATEGIES:

Purchase the parcels depicted in blue (Fig. 2) and erect post/cable barriers along portions of the property boundary to preclude excessive disturbance in order to maintain a movement corridor for bighorn sheep.

PROJECT LOCATION:

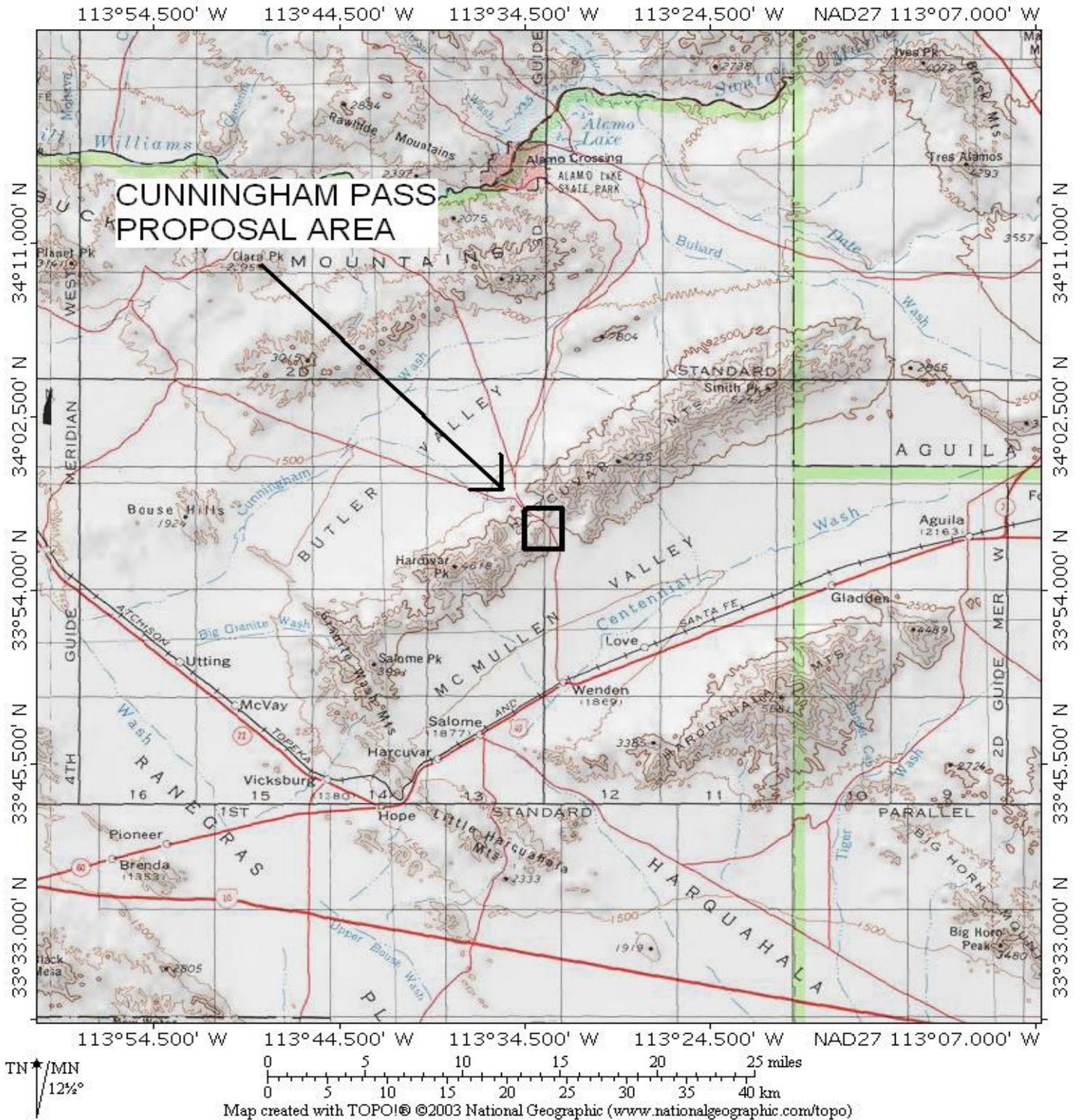


Figure 1. Cunningham Pass Vicinity Map

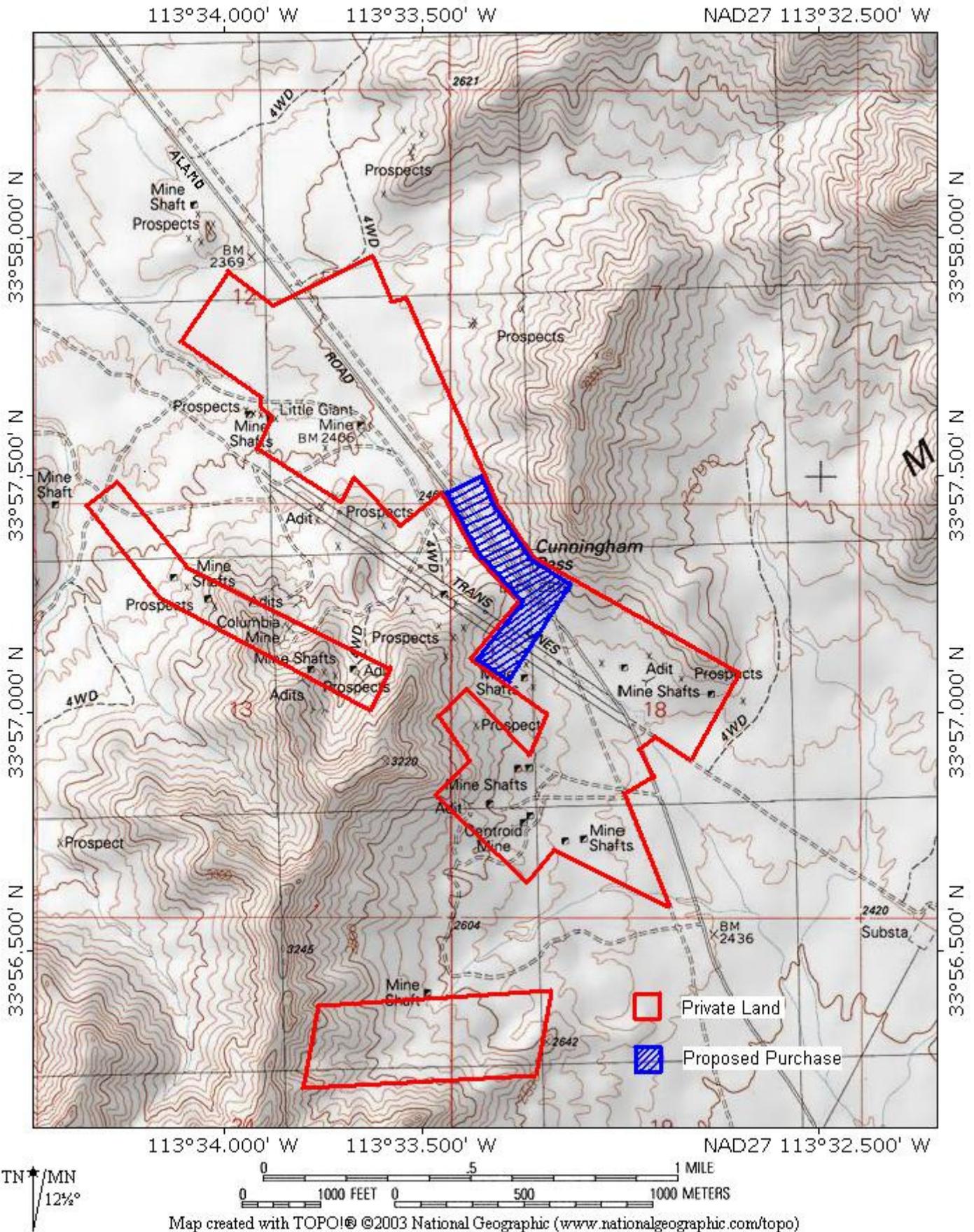


Figure 2. Cunningham Pass Proposed Acquisition

LAND OWNERSHIP AT PROJECT SITE

Private property owned by Don Krayeski (Saguaro Acres)
(602) 864-8706
(602) 677-3368
1-800 343-7996

IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT?

No

HABITAT DESCRIPTION:

Upper Sonoran Desert Scrub

ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:

Purchase 50 acres at about \$3000/ac (Tag Fund)-----	\$75,000
(ADBSS)-----	\$75,000
Total-----	\$150,000

LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:

Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society would contribute 50% of the required money.

PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:

Local Wildlife Manager will conduct at least monthly inspections of the property to protect against incursions and disturbance.

PROJECT MAINTENANCE:

Monthly inspection of post/cable barriers.

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:

Dave Conrad

