

Sonoran Institute

The Sonoran Institute promotes community decisions that respect the land and people of western North America.



- Respect for land
- Respect for people
- Prosperity
- Conservation
- Sound information
- Civil dialogue
- Practical solutions



Offices

Home

Tucson

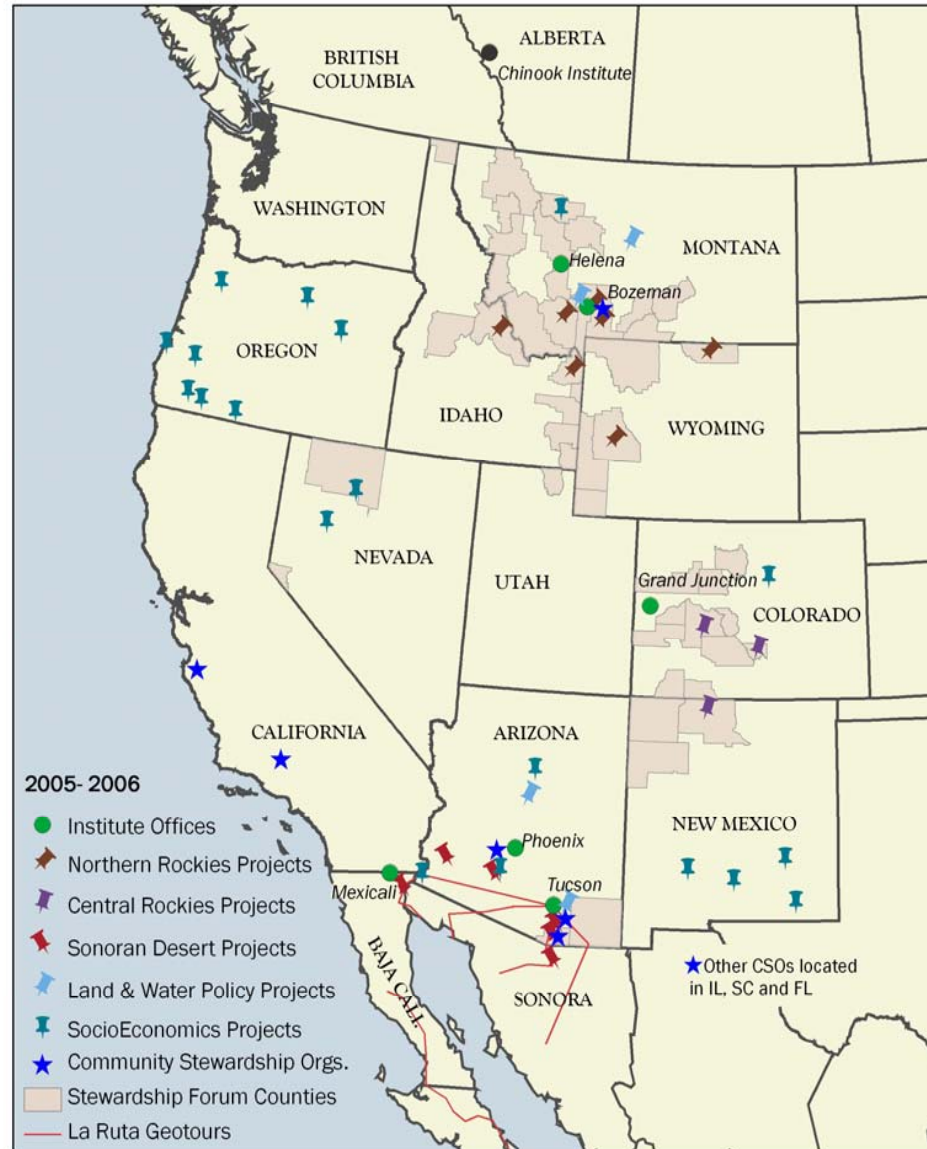
Regional

Bozeman • Phoenix • Grand
Junction

Field

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Through its place-based programs and thematic programs, the [Sonoran Institute](#) offers **tools, training, technical assistance, and sound information** for managing growth and change. We encourage **broad participation, collaboration, and big-picture thinking** to create **practical solutions.**



Sonoran Desert



Spanning southern Arizona in the U.S. and northern Sonora in Mexico, the Sonoran Desert is one of the most important ecoregions in the world.

The Sonoran Desert is threatened by poorly planned growth, diminishing water resources, overgrazing, invasive species, and fragmented wildlife habitat.

Collaborating with communities and partners in the U.S. and Mexico, the [Sonoran Desert Program](#) works to **conserve and restore unique natural and cultural assets of the region.**

The Sonoran Desert Program focuses on the following issues:

Urban Growth

Sustainable Ranching

Sustainable Water Resources and Watershed Management

Priority Conservation and Protected Areas

Native Peoples and Conservation

Northern Rockies

With spectacular beauty, famous national parks, and thriving communities, the northern Rockies region is one of the country's fastest growing areas. This growth brings challenges that threaten the unique quality of life and open landscapes so many value.

The [Northern Rockies Program](#) works in partnership with residents, organizations, and officials to **conserve natural and cultural assets and the quality of life in Montana, Idaho, and northern Wyoming.**



Central Rockies



The Central Rockies region is one of ancient sacred sites, rich mineral deposits, and incomparable beauty. It is a major source of the West's water and the destination of countless tourists.

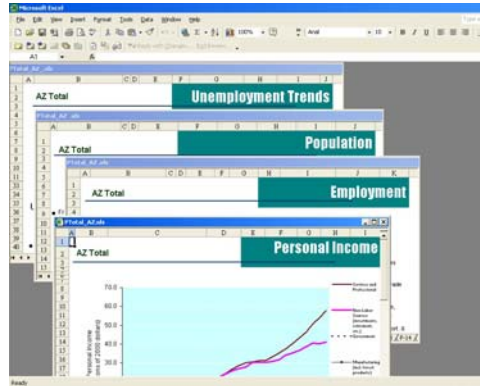
Through partnerships and local stewardship, this program works to strengthen local economies and **conserve and restore the natural and cultural assets of Colorado, northern New Mexico, and southern Wyoming.**



The Central Rockies Program is home to the Sonoran Institute's new **Energy Impacts and Policy** program.

Through partnerships, sound information, training, and technical assistance, this program assists communities with resource development issues and with protecting natural and cultural assets that will assure prosperity and quality of life into the future.

Socioeconomics



The West is changing and growing, which presents new challenges for communities and land management agencies. Land-management decisions affect the economic health of communities in subtle and complex ways. Understanding trends and opportunities helps communities and land managers make informed decisions.

Collaborating with communities and land managers across the West, the [Socioeconomics Program](#) **provides information, research, training, and assistance to promote economic prosperity and conservation.**

Land and Water Policy

The health of expanding western communities depends on planning that balances the need to rebuild underutilized city centers with the need for high-quality development on the metropolitan edges, where most of this growth will continue to occur.

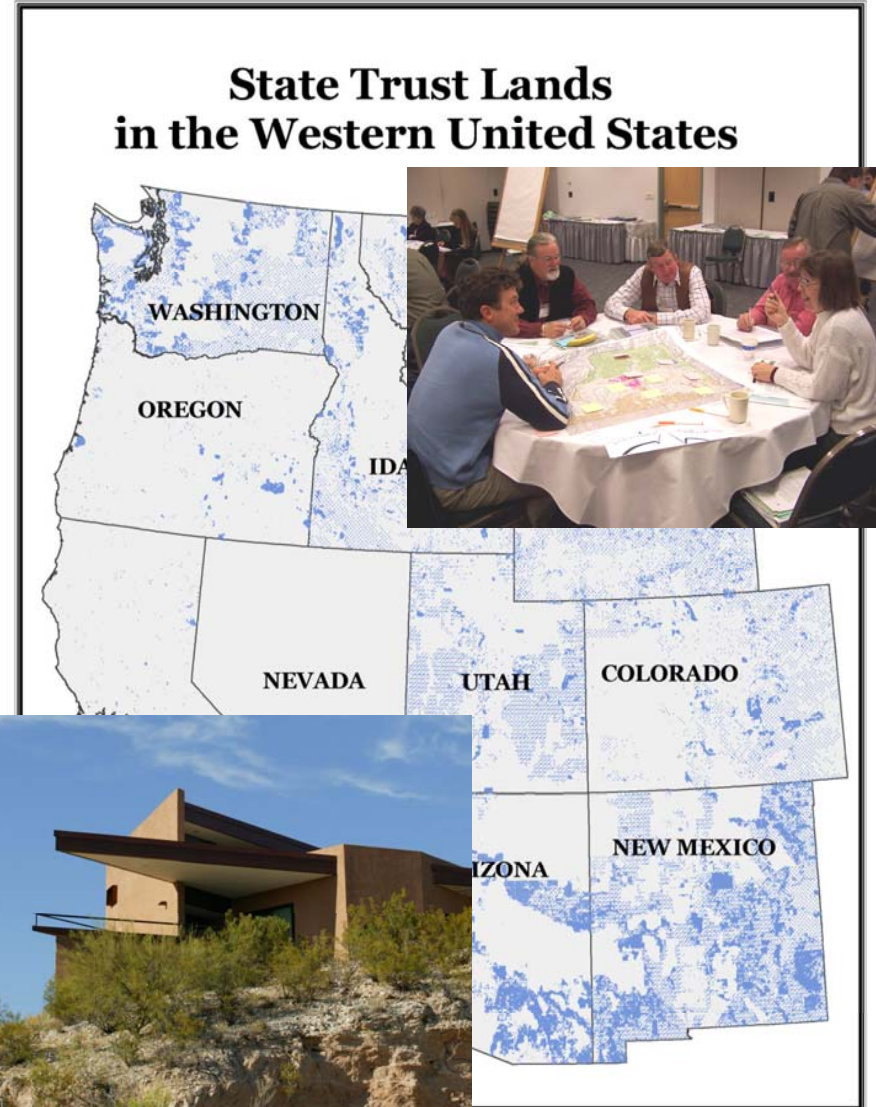
The Land and Water Policy Program works with communities—citizens, government officials, businesses, and other organizations—to **promote growth and development policies and decisions that protect air, land, and water in the American West.**

Our projects include:

Building from the Best

[State Trust Lands](#)

[Western Community Stewardship Forum](#)



Conservation and Land Development

This program includes the [Community Stewardship Organization](#) (CSO) Network, which **integrates conservation and long-term stewardship into the real estate development process.**

Through a commitment by the developer to fund and participate in a long-term, comprehensive, voluntary conservation and restoration program to accompany a development project, CSOs are institutionalizing conservation and community-building commitments in land development.





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