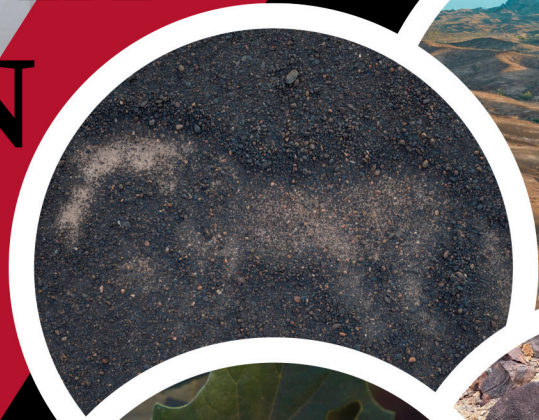


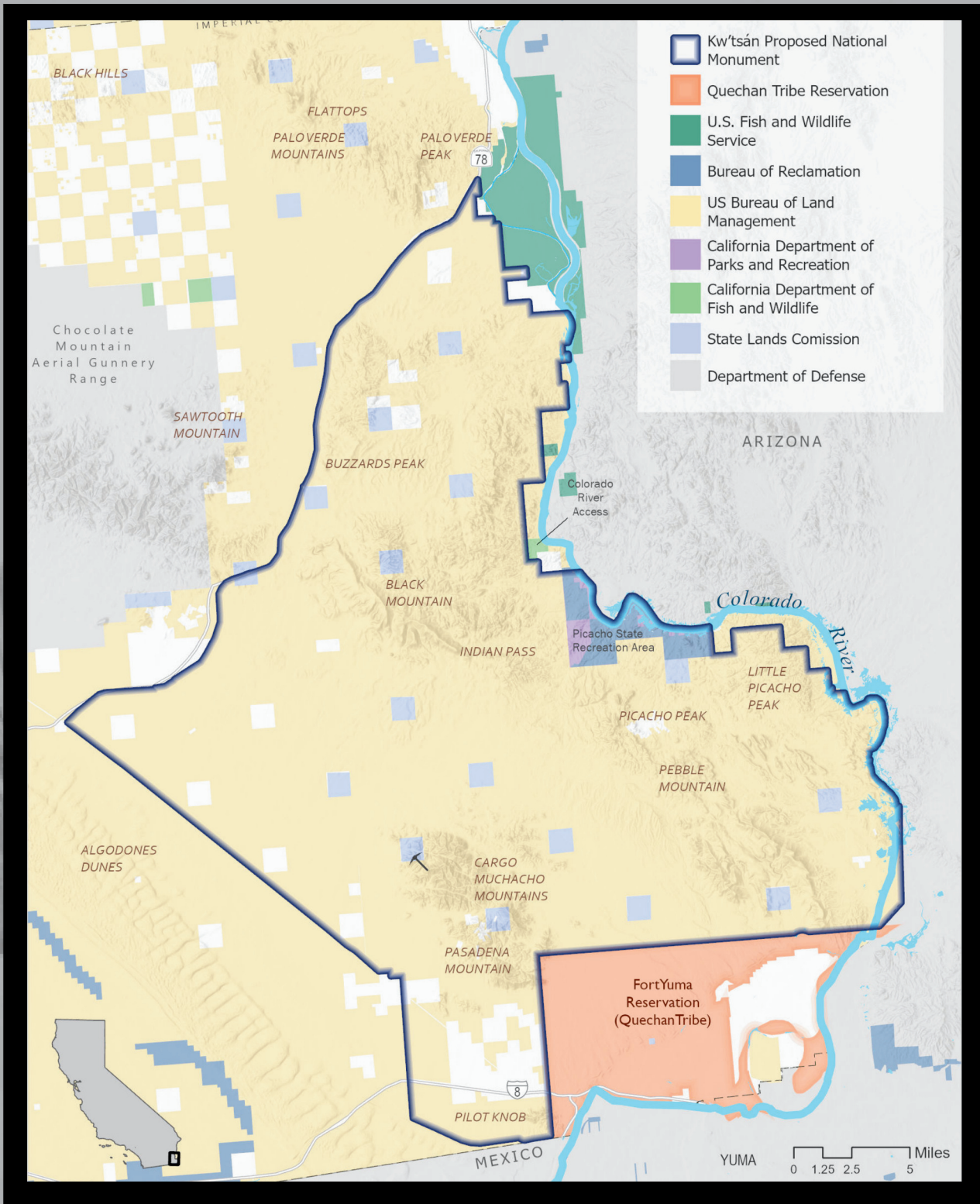
FORT YUMA QUECHAN TRIBE



KW'TSÁN NATIONAL MONUMENT PROPOSAL



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The **Kw'tsán National Monument** will protect over 390,000 acres of the Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe's homelands, located in Imperial County, California. These lands, currently managed by the Bureau of Land Management, contain incredible cultural, ecological, recreational, scenic, and historic values that must be preserved for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

The Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe has proposed this new national monument and the Quechan people remain committed to the preservation of cultural values, belief systems, life ways, traditional practices, and the sovereign legal rights of Native American people.

The Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribal Council is requesting that the Biden Administration designate this new monument through the Antiquities Act, and establish an inter-governmental stewardship agreement between the Tribe and federal agencies. This would mean that Quechan values, knowledge, expertise, and worldviews will be incorporated into the new monument management plan.

Tribal citizens will be able to continue conducting ceremonies, cultural activities, and gatherings within the protected area.

The proposed national monument is part of a greater cultural landscape, connecting Avi Kwa Lal, Palo Verde Peak, the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument, and Spirit Mountain in Avi Kwa Ame National Monument. The boundary incorporates the Indian Pass Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Pilot Knob (Avikwalal), Singer Geoglyphs (ACEC), Buzzards Peak, and Picacho Peak Wilderness areas.

A **Kw'tsán National Monument** would:

- Provide protections for wildlife, cultural places, sacred sites, scenic features and other conservation values.
- Create an opportunity for the Quechan Tribe to collaborate with agencies on all steps of the monument management planning process and implementation of day-to-day decisions.
- Prevent new harmful activities, including staking new mine claims and large industrial development within its boundaries.
- Welcome visitors from all over the world to experience the beauty and significance of the culturally rich and ecologically important landscape.



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The proposed Kw'tsàn National Monument encompasses sacred sites and artifacts of great cultural importance to our Tribe and surrounding communities. We urge federal authorities to ensure that the Antiquities Act is employed diligently to safeguard these sites, granting them the highest level of protection and respect they deserve.

Anaymatt kutt uu ook kavah show'k (protect our culture)



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