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These projects will impact a significant amount of wildlife habitat. In this part of the world with its scarcity of rainfall, the effects on wildlife will be magnified. Therefore I strongly urge planners to listen to the biologists and spare the best areas of native habitat. In particular the Mason Draw is very good desert grassland and a rich area of wildlife habitat and this site should be abandoned unequivocally. Moreover the southern portion of the Red Sand area is also good grassland and this area should be altered to avoid impacts to the grassland portion. The Aden Hills area is mostly creosote and poor habitat area and could be developed. Also the need for copious water makes all of these sites questionable. Water needs should be a large factor in siting decisions. While many people from other parts of the country might think of this region as "just desert", in fact it is an incredible area of wildlife diversity which has its own unparalleled beauty. But it is also a very fragile environment due to its aridity. Any development for power should absolutely minimize impacts on these qualities.