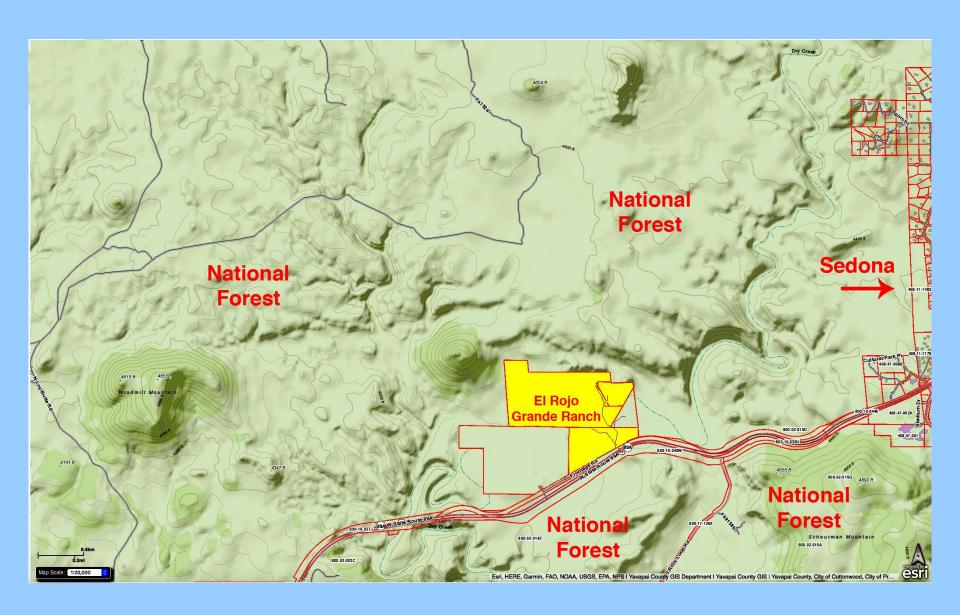
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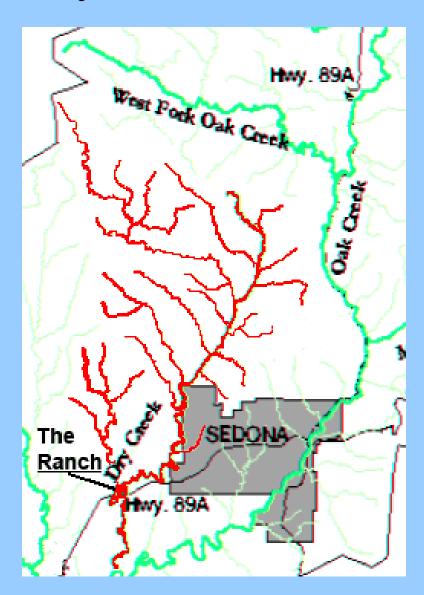
El Rojo Grande Ranch



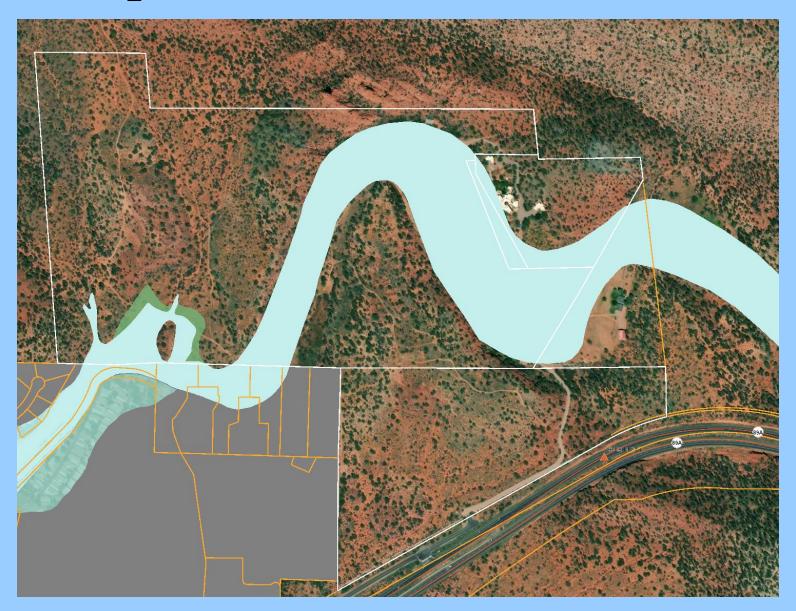
Where is the Ranch?



The Dry Creek Watershed



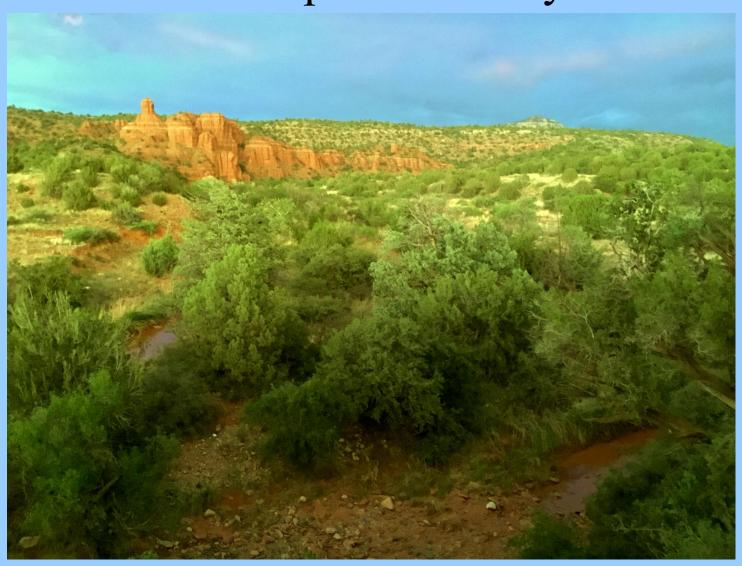
Riparian areas of the Ranch



History

- Karin and Jim Offield developed the property into a horse ranch, with public access for trail rides into the National Forest behind the ranch.
- They opened the ranch for community outdoor events.
- In 2005 they sold the Ranch to Hills Brothers Heirs

Most of the Ranch is still pristine today



El Rojo Grande Ranch is a microcosm of the Sedona area

• A wide diversity of species because of its many ecosystems and habitats:

Mountain

Canyon

Riparian

Chaparral





NAU's 2014 Plant and Animal Study

- 15 species of trees
- 27 species of shrubs
- 5 species of cactus
- 44 species of grasses
- 157 species of wildflowers
- 83 species of birds









ELS is currently in escrow to purchase the Ranch

What is ELS proposing to do with the Ranch?

- Rezone the property for high-density commercial development.
- Build a Mobile home park, with 650 sites with a density of 12 sites per acre.

The ELS Proposed Site Plan Black areas = Bulldozed areas



Construction will involve...

- Removal of virtually all native trees and vegetation, and eviction/destruction of the wildlife
- Leveling of the land + pouring of concrete footings at each of the mobile home sites
- Sewage treatment plant adjacent to the creek.
 (Site has been moved after recent flood)
- Construction of 2 massive bridges across the creek. (Potential dams during heavy flows)

What can you do?

- Email a Statement of Opposition to Tammy.dewitt@yavapai.us
- Attend the Board of Supervisor's hearing on Feb 20th at 9:00 AM and make your voice heard
- The Supervisors will make the Final Decision at the end of that hearing.