



**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

July 31, 2026

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RE: Scoping Letter for the Environmental Assessment Addressing the Acquisition of Land and Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of a New Border Patrol Station near Sonoita, Santa Cruz County, Arizona

Dear Mr. Fanning,

United States (U.S.) Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the acquisition of land and the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new U.S. Border Patrol Station (BPS) near Sonoita, Santa Cruz County, Arizona (Proposed Action). The BPS would be sited four miles southeast of Sonoita on an undeveloped parcel that is approximately 40 acres in size (See **Figure 1**). Additionally, a 75.76-acre parcel positioned along State Routes 82 and 83 has been selected as an alternative location for the proposed BPS. The purpose of the new BPS is to accommodate the addition of new agents and personnel intended to enhance border security within the USBP Sonoita Area of Responsibility, with an ultimate objective of increasing the probability of apprehension of those that have entered into the U.S. illegally.

CBP is gathering data and input from tribes, state and local governmental agencies, departments, bureaus, other entities, and individuals that may be affected by, or that would otherwise have an interest in, this Proposed Action. If your agency or organization has particular knowledge and expertise concerning potential environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action, your input is sought regarding its likely or anticipated environmental effects. CBP is also requesting information related to any state and local restrictions, permitting, or other requirements of which CBP should be aware during project siting, construction, and operation.

We look forward to and welcome your participation in the scoping process. Please respond within 30 days of receipt of this letter to ensure your concerns are adequately addressed within the EA. A public review process and comment period for the Draft EA will occur at a later date. Upon completion of the document, CBP intends to provide you with an electric copy for review.

Your attention to this notice is greatly appreciated. Comments can be submitted by email to BPAMNEPA@cbp.dhs.gov or by mail to John Petrilla, CBP, 85 Enterprise, Fourth Floor, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656.

Mr. Fanning
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Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Figure 1. Proposed Action Location

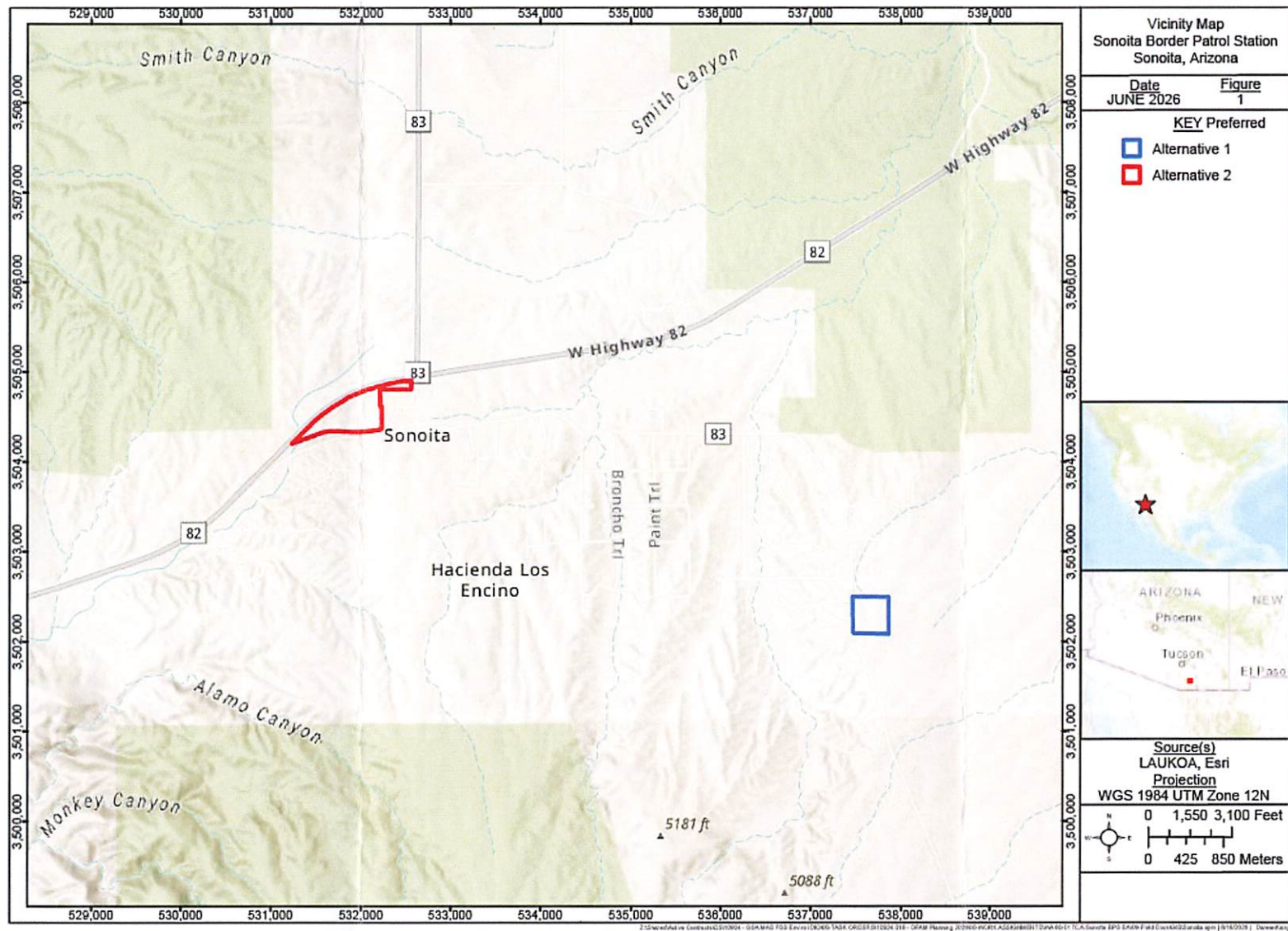


Figure 1. Proposed Action Location