



# Department of the Interior Recovery Investments

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## Abandoned Mine Lands Projects

### Need

Arizona has a long history of mining activity, resulting in many potential hazardous sites. These 17 projects will address public safety and use known mitigation methods to make these lands once again safe to the public.

### Recovery Act Funding

Arizona has received \$718,000 through ARRA funding for these types of projects.

### Benefits

Arizona public lands containing abandoned mine shafts and pits will be mitigated through the use of fencing, signs and backfilling methods to seal shafts and openings.



### More Information

A typical (AML) project would be the Historic Times Vein mine located near the town of Oatman, Arizona. The goals of this project are public safety and bat habitat protection. Public lands near the town of Oatman experience a high volume of recreational use from hiking and off-highway-vehicle use. The project will fund efforts to reduce the risks to the public and enhance habitat for various species of bats that inhabit the mine and are considered Arizona State Sensitive species.

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