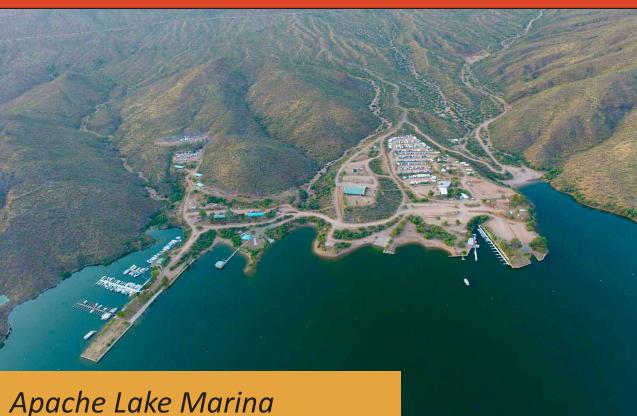
Recreational



Apache Lake

- Formed in 1927 upon completion of Horse Mesa Dam
- Motorized and non-motorized boating
- Trout and warm-water fishing
- Scenic backdrop
- Tonto National Forest permits required for some areas/ activities

Apache Lake Marina

- Privately operated
- Offers amenities that include lodging, boat rental, and an RV park

Trailheads

- Includes Tortilla Trailhead
- Approximately 0.22 miles southwest of the review area at Milepost 221.1
- Parking area
- Trail access

Visual Resources/ Scenery



Fish Creek Hill Viewpoint/ **Overlook and Fish Creek Vista**

- Day-use area immediately north of SR 88 at MP 222
- Parking area
- Hiking
- Access to Fish Creek Vista
- Wildlife viewing, including bighorn sheep

Apache Lake Vista

- Day-use area at the intersection of Forest Road 79 and SR 88 near MP 229.2
- Views of Apache Lake and nearby mountains

Fish Creek Canyon

- Near Fish Creek Bridge at MP 223.5
- Views of wildlife and the canyon







SR 88

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- Eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places
- Designated by the Tonto National Forest as a Scenic Byway due to impressive slopes, cliff faces, lake vistas, and historic importance
- Constructed by Bureau of Reclamation in 1903 as part of the Roosevelt Lake Dam
- Became a state highway in 1922
- Designated as an historic road in 1986

Historic Bridges

- Dry Wash Bridge
- Fish Creek Bridge
- Lewis and Pranty Creek Bridge

Wildlife Movement

Sald Eagle

 Located within the Superstition Mountains -Mazatzal Mountains Wildlife Linkage, which connects the Superstition Wilderness Area to the Four Peaks Wilderness Area

Threatened, Endangered, and US **Forest Service Sensitive Species**

- Bighorn sheep
- Yellow-billed cuckoo

- Southwestern willow flycatcher Bald and golden eagles • Vegetation and rare plants
- Monarch butterfly
- Sonoran desert tortoise

Migratory Birds

 Protections under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)

Environmental Resources State Route 88 (Apache Trail), Milepost 222 to 229

Wilderness Areas





Superstition Wilderness Area

- Located within/immediately south of the review area outside the existing ADOT easement
- Designated as a Wilderness Area in 1939
- Expanded to the current 160,200 acres in 1984
- Contains a well-developed trail system; primary purpose is for recreation
- Managed by the US Forest Service

Four Peaks Wilderness Area

- Located north of the review area and immediately north of Apache Lake and the Salt River
- Established in 1984
- Includes 60,740 acres
- Managed by the US Forest Service
- The Four Peaks are widely recognized landmarks in Central Arizona

Washes and Creeks

- Fish Creek
- Lewis and Pranty Creek

