

For Sale: \$10,000/Acre

±100.83 Acres of Agriculturally Zoned Land Located in an Opportunity Zone

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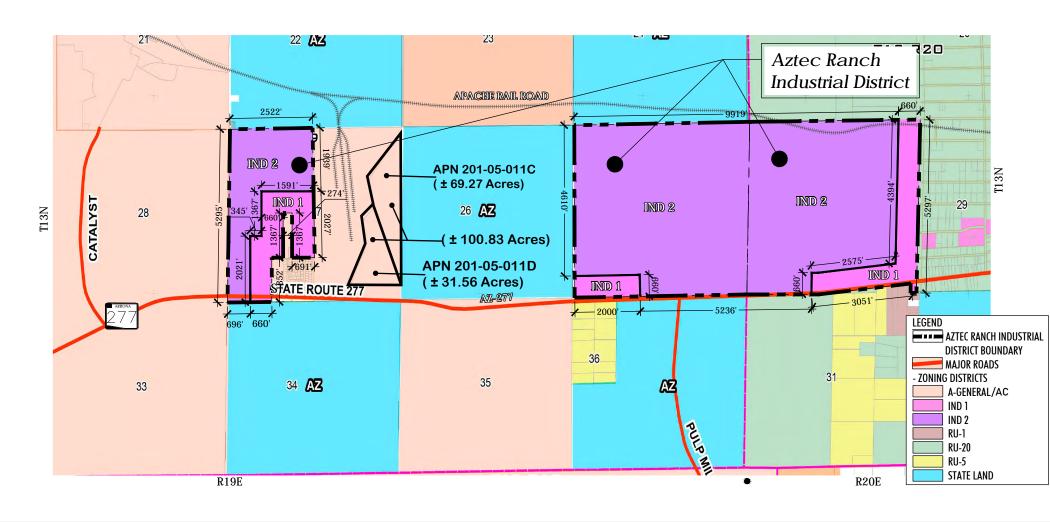






# Zoning

- The Novo BioPower Site is zoned agricultural.
- All lots (other than the ±100.83 acre Novo BioPower, LLC site) and proposed entries and exit spurs are conceptual.





# **Property Details**

#### Highlights

- Located in Navajo County, AZ, 13 miles west of Snowflake.
- Adjacent to State Route 277.
- Served by the Apache Railway, a shortline railroad that connects Snowflake & the site to the BNSF line at Holbrook.

# Novo BioPower Site





#### Area Overview

#### Infrastructure

- Serviced by the Apache Railway with access to BNSF at Holbrook.
- Ready access to:
  - Electrical power via adjacent 12kV and 69kV power lines. and a large electrical substation (Zeniff) with capacity.
  - Natural gas via an adjacent 8" high-capacity pipeline.
  - Water via 9,000 gallon per minute (15,000 acre feet per year) pipeline.

#### Location

- I-40 (4-lane, east-west interstate) is located 40 miles to the north.
- I-17 (4-lane, north-south interstate) is located 120 miles to the west.
- 24-hour average yearly temperature is 57 degrees; 270+ sunny or partly sunny days per year.

#### Community

- Business friendly, expedient and supportive local government.
- The nearby communities of Show Low, Snowflake and Taylor are ideal for families and have excellent schools, quality medical institutions and a strong local college system.
- Northland Pioneer College (NPC), an accredited college offering associate degrees and technical training, has four campuses in the nearby area.
- NPC has active employer-focused job training programs and will adapt its programs to suit the needs of new employers.











#### Area Overview (con't)

#### Labor

- Navajo County Unemployment Rate: 6.8%.
- Apache County Unemployment Rate: 10.4%.
- Apache County + Navajo County Labor Force: 63,000+.
- Major Local Employers:
  - Novo Biopower: 60 skilled employees.
  - Tri-Star Logging: 50+ employees; receives 5+ skilled applicants for every opening.
  - Walmart: Opened Spring 2016.
  - Smithfield (hog raising and pork production facility): 150 employees.
- High job demand.
- Local employment resource, NE AZ Innovative Workforce Solutions, is available to assist with screening applicants and subsidizing onthe-job training.
- Arizona is a right-to-work state with few unions.









Tri-Star Logging





# Major Local Employers Map

#### Novo Biopower: Tri-Star Logging: Copperstate Farms 50+ employees (truck drivers, heavy 60 employees 1,300 applicants for 100 positions; Salaries from \$10/hr to \$150K/vr equipment specialists) applicants were from across AZ and US Consistent pool of 10+ highly-skilled Salaries from \$16/hr to \$125K/yr Per Director of HR, "We have received a applicants (walk-in or word of mouth) 5+ applicants per job opening (walk-in, great variety of very qualified applicants awaiting job opening community college or referred by LDS and I have been very impressed at the Nova Star Wood Products Church job placement service) diversity of skills and backgrounds" ~20 employees Apache Railway Salaries from \$10/hr to \$80K/yr ~20 employees (1/2 highly skilled; some trained by local vocational program) Salaries from \$13/hr to \$95k/yr Copperstate Farms Tri-Star Logging Novo Biopower & SITTE Novo Star **Former Catalyst** Paper Mill Valmart **Apache Railway** Forest Energy Corp Not pictured: 10 miles north of site Not pictured: 20 miles south of site ormer Catalyst Paper Mill 150 employees 20 walk-in applicants per month w/o Employed between 200-400 skilled advertising workers from 1961 to 2012 Walmart Have used NE AZ Innovative Workforce Opened March 2016 No issues maintaining a steady Solutions to vet applicants thereby saving Hundreds of applicants for ~200 jobs workforce time and money



# Major Local Employers

#### **General Comments**

- Hundreds of skilled and semi-skilled workers, many with large local families and deep ties to the area, have left in search of employment. Some, and perhaps the majority, would return if given the opportunity to work.
- As evidenced by testimonials from major local employers, there is little need to advertise for jobs.
- For employers that need assistance, NE AZ Innovative Workforce Solutions, a local resource for statewide ARIZONA@
  WORK program, will:
  - 1. Vet applicants and pair them with potential employers based on skill level and job description; and
  - 2. Subsidize on-the-job training by reimbursing the employer 50% of an employee's wages during training.

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