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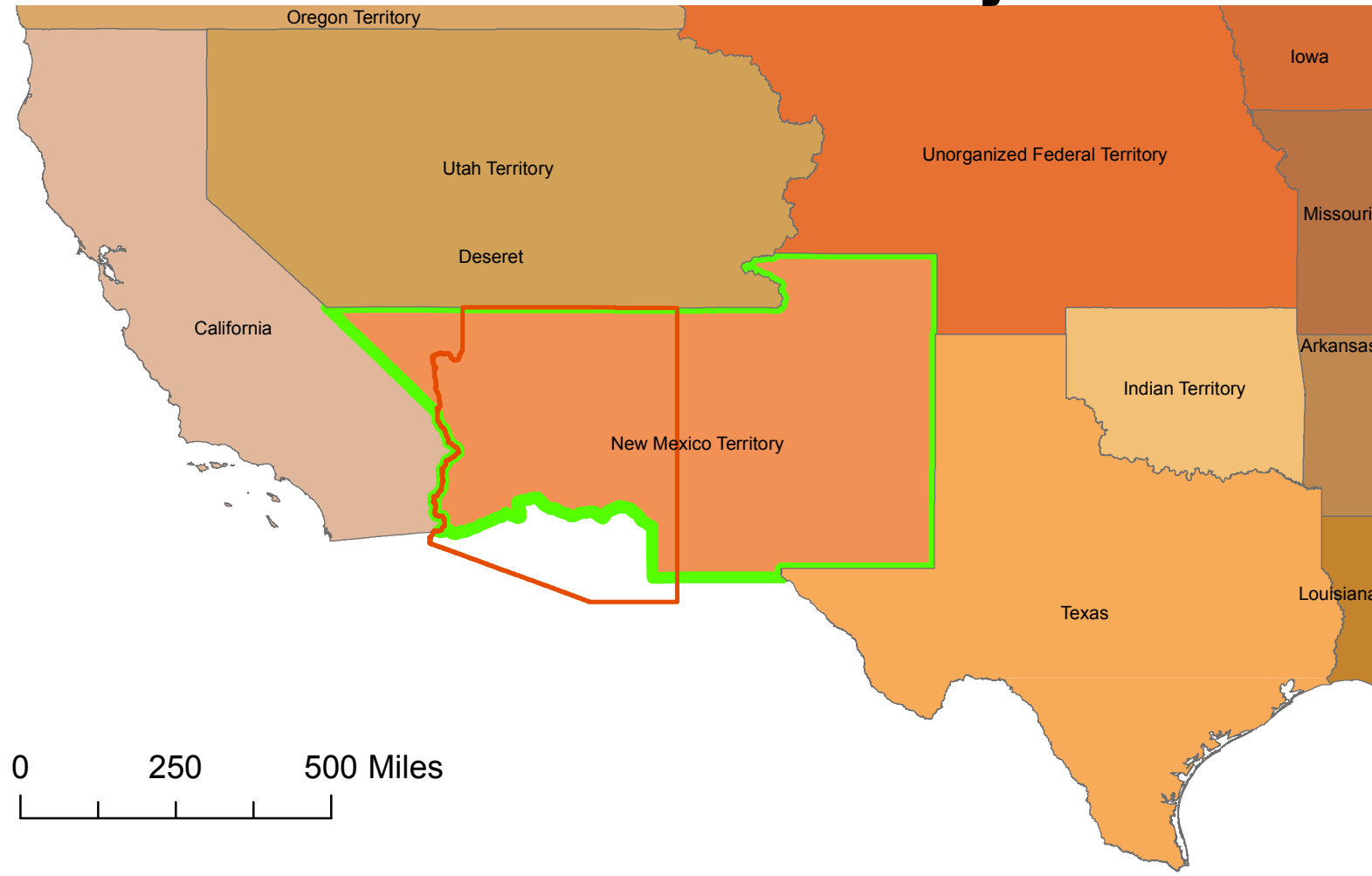
A story of how the state and counties were established (1848-2014)

1848 July- Mexican Cession



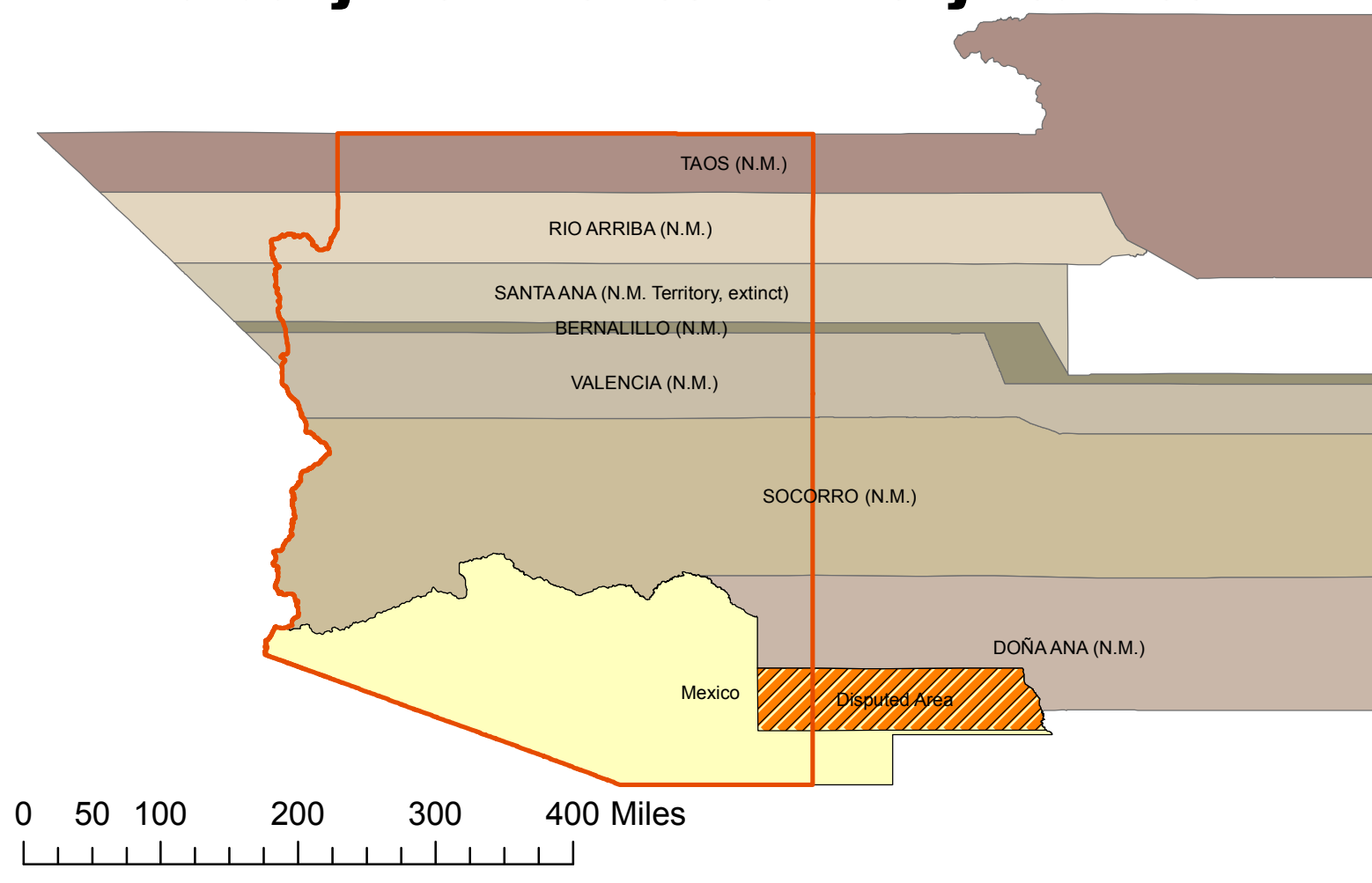
Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo ended the war between Mexico and the United States. Area ceded by Mexico became Unorganized Federal Territory (non-county area) in the United States.

1850 December- New Mexico Territory



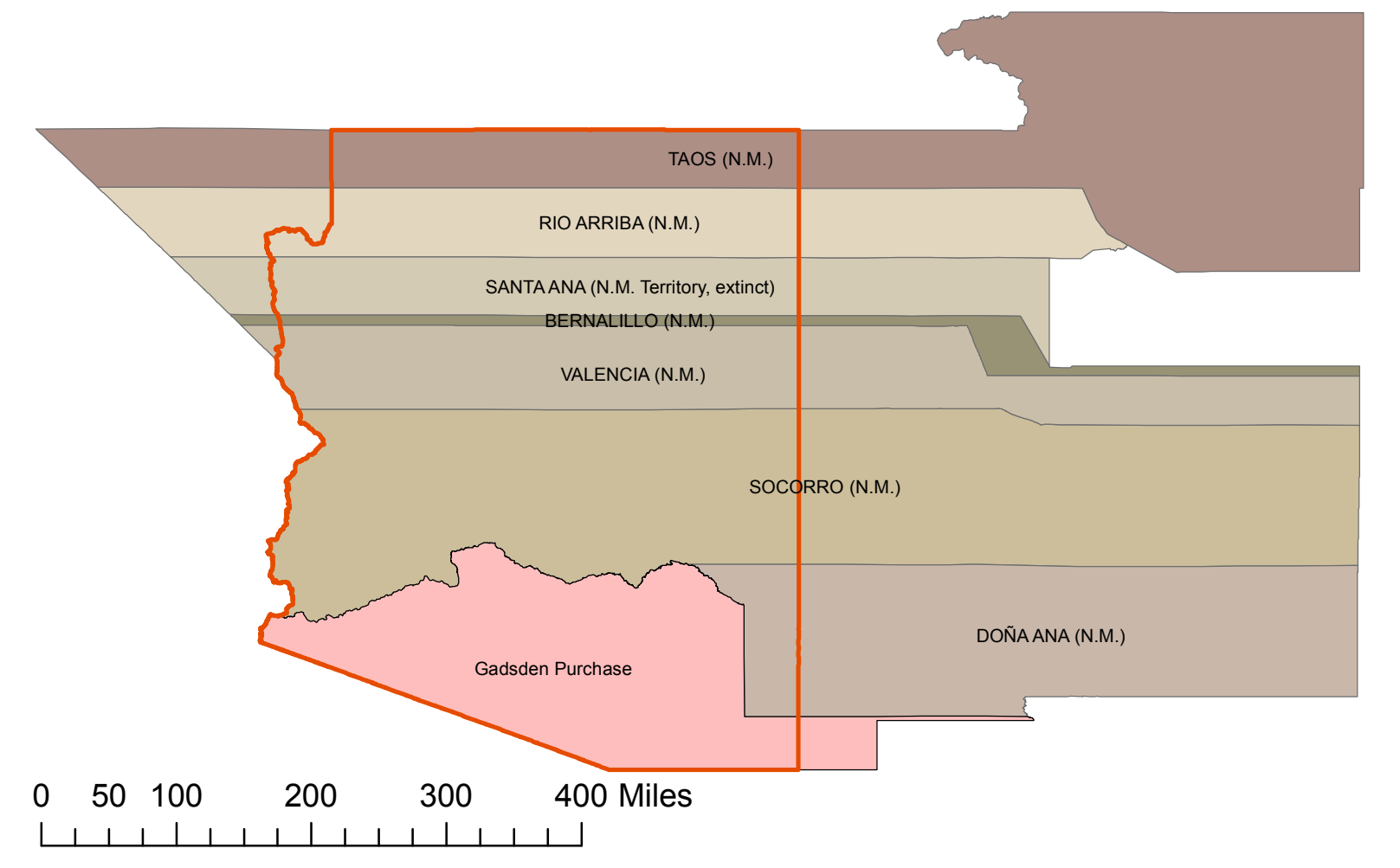
The United States created New Mexico Territory from Unorganized Federal Territory land ceded by Mexico to the United States in the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo (1848) and from territory purchased from the state of Texas (1850).

1852 January- New Mexico Territory Counties



The parts of present Arizona and New Mexico located south of the boundary defined in the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo were part of Mexico; dispute between the United States and Mexico over the international boundary continued.

1853 December- Gadsden Purchase



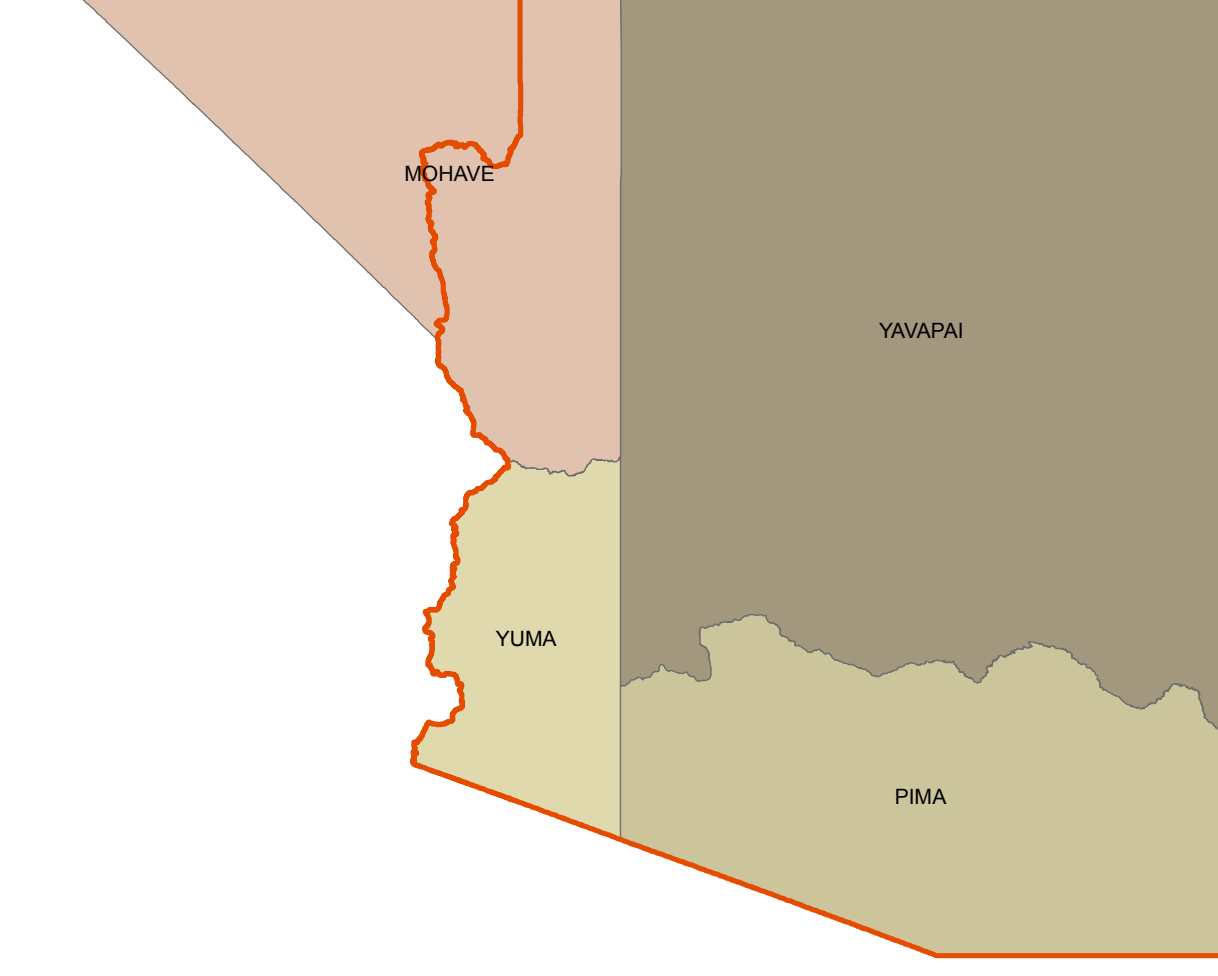
Gadsden Purchase settled the boundary dispute between the United States and Mexico and established the international line at its present location. DOÑA ANA (N.M.) gained entire area acquired from Mexico in the Gadsden Purchase.

1863 February- Arizona Territory Created



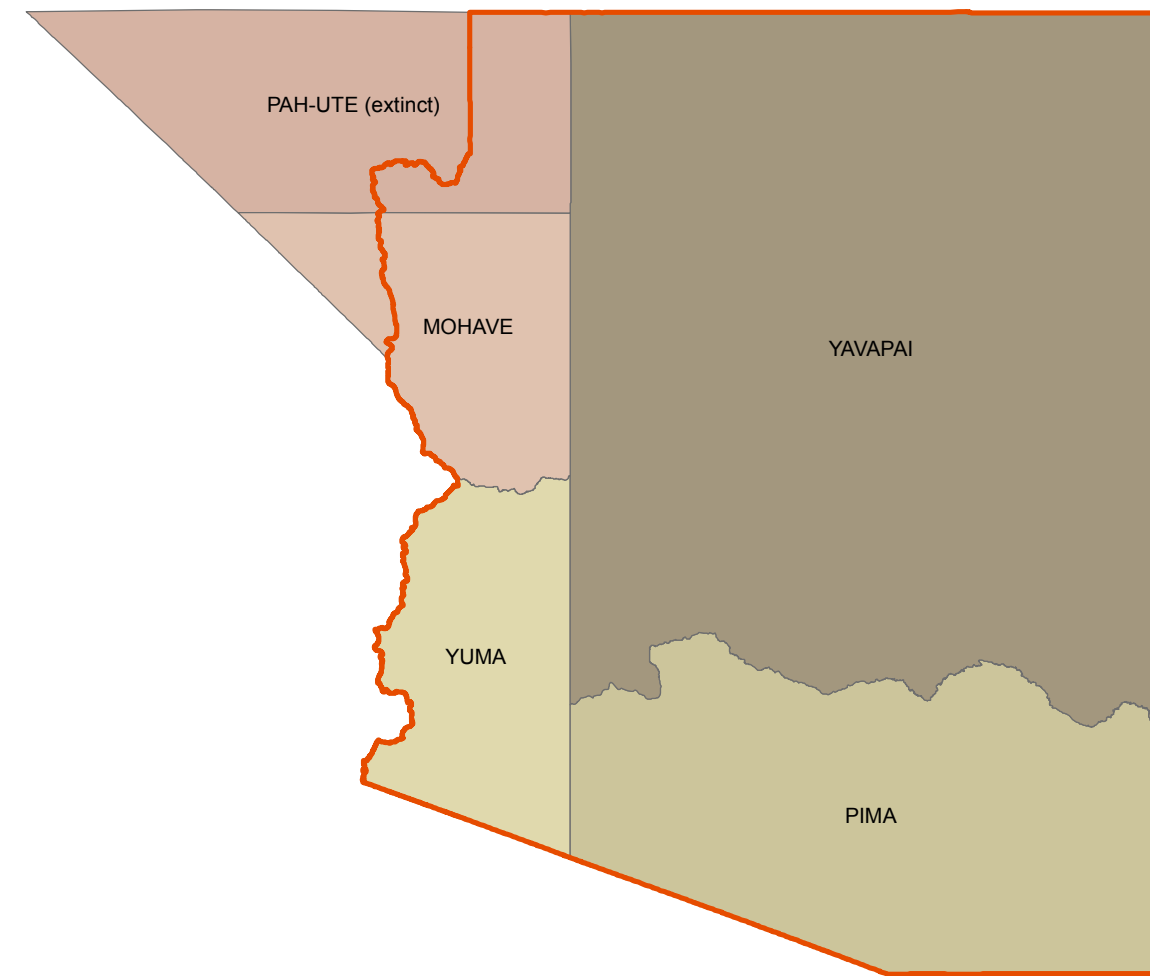
Arizona Territory created by the United States from the western portion of New Mexico Territory and part of present Nevada. All New Mexico Territory counties eliminated from Arizona.

1864 November- Four Original Counties



MOHAVE, PIMA, YAVAPAI, and YUMA, created as the four original counties in Arizona Territory; includes part of present Nevada

1865 December- PAH-UTE County Created



PAH-UTE (extinct) created by Arizona Territory from MOHAVE; included part of present Nevada.

1866 October- Arizona Present Boundary



PAH-UTE (extinct) and MOHAVE lost when the United States transferred a portion of northwestern Arizona Territory to the state of Nevada. Arizona twice petitioned Congress to repeal the act and did not recognize the change until 18 Feb 1871.

1871 February- MARICOPA Created, PAU-UTE Repealed



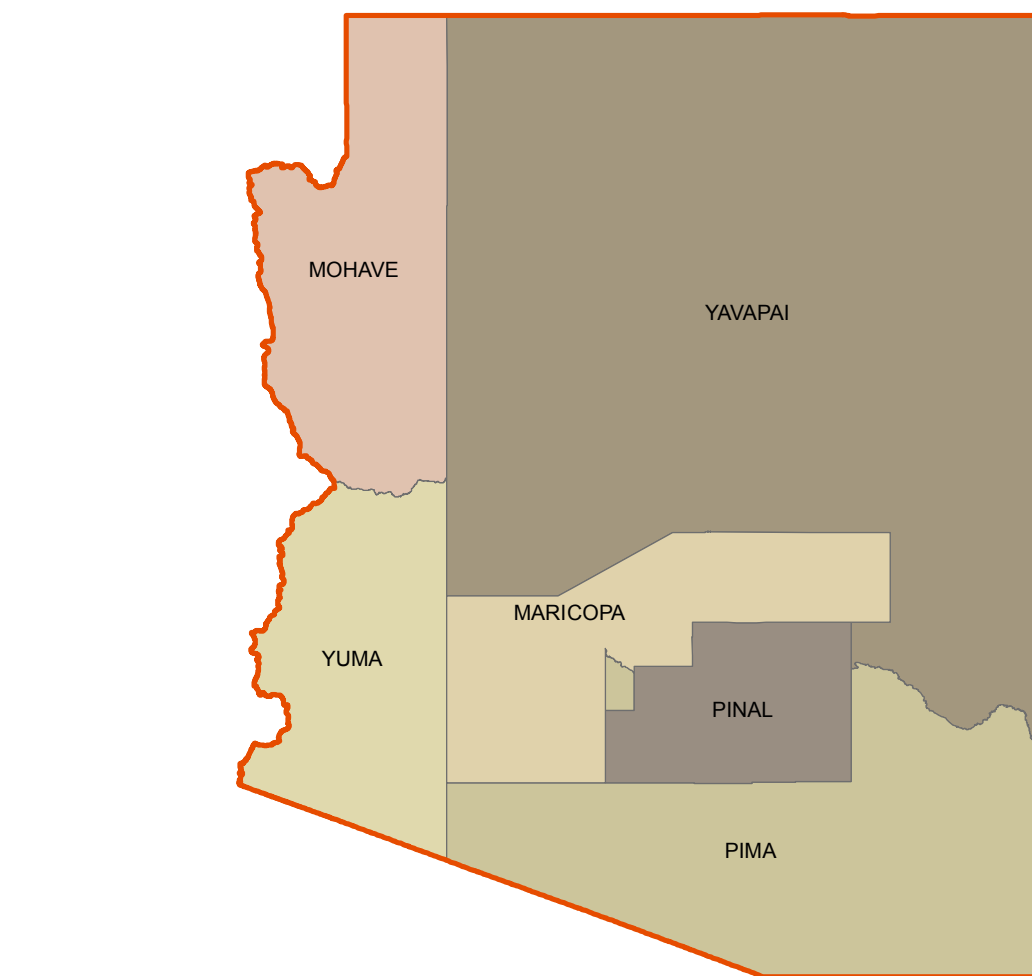
MARICOPA created by Arizona Territory from YAVAPAI. MOHAVE gained all of PAH-UTE (extinct) when the law creating PAH-UTE was repealed.

1873 February- MARICOPA Grew



MARICOPA gained from PIMA.

1875 February- PINAL Created



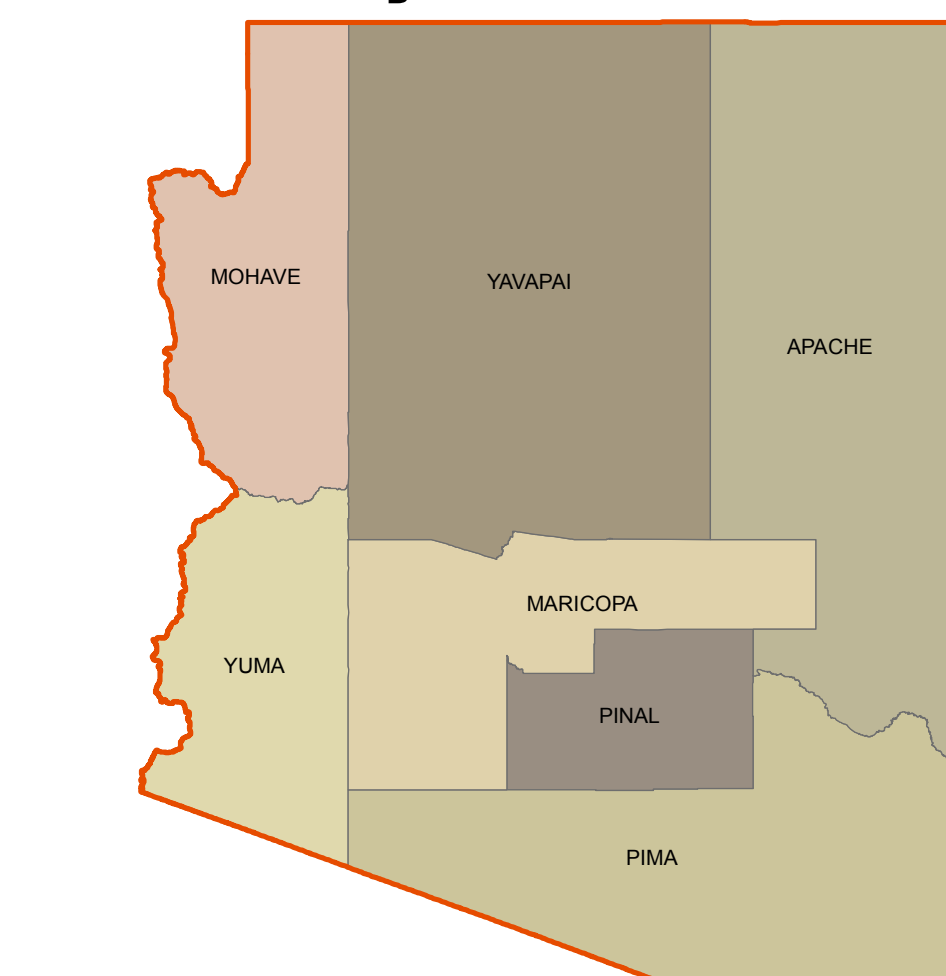
PINAL created by Arizona Territory from MARICOPA and PIMA. PIMA lost to creation of PINAL and was divided into two parts until 9 Feb 1877.

1877 February- Boundary Changes



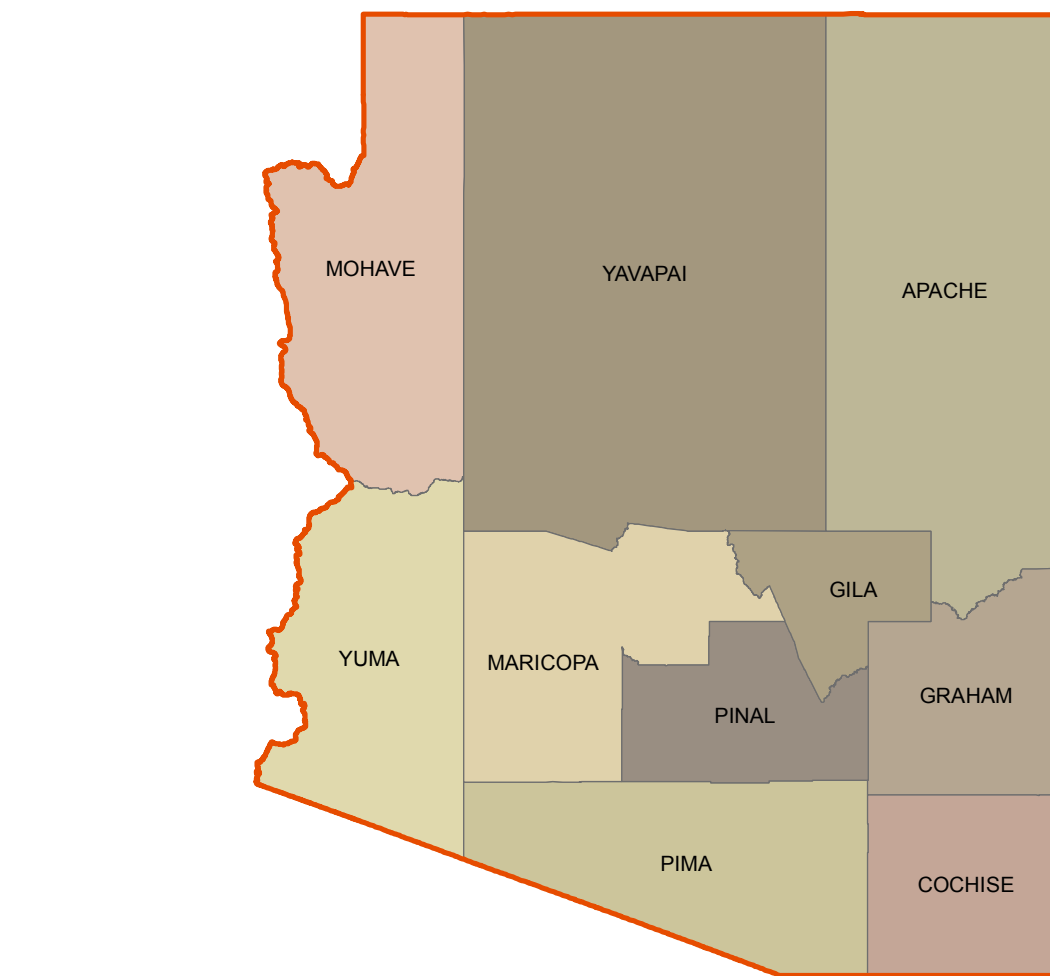
MARICOPA gained from YAVAPAI, lost a small area along the Gila River to PIMA. PIMA gained a small area along the Gila River from MARICOPA. PINAL gained from PIMA. Area gained was the part of PIMA that had been separated from main body of the county on 1 Feb 1875.

1879 February- APACHE Created



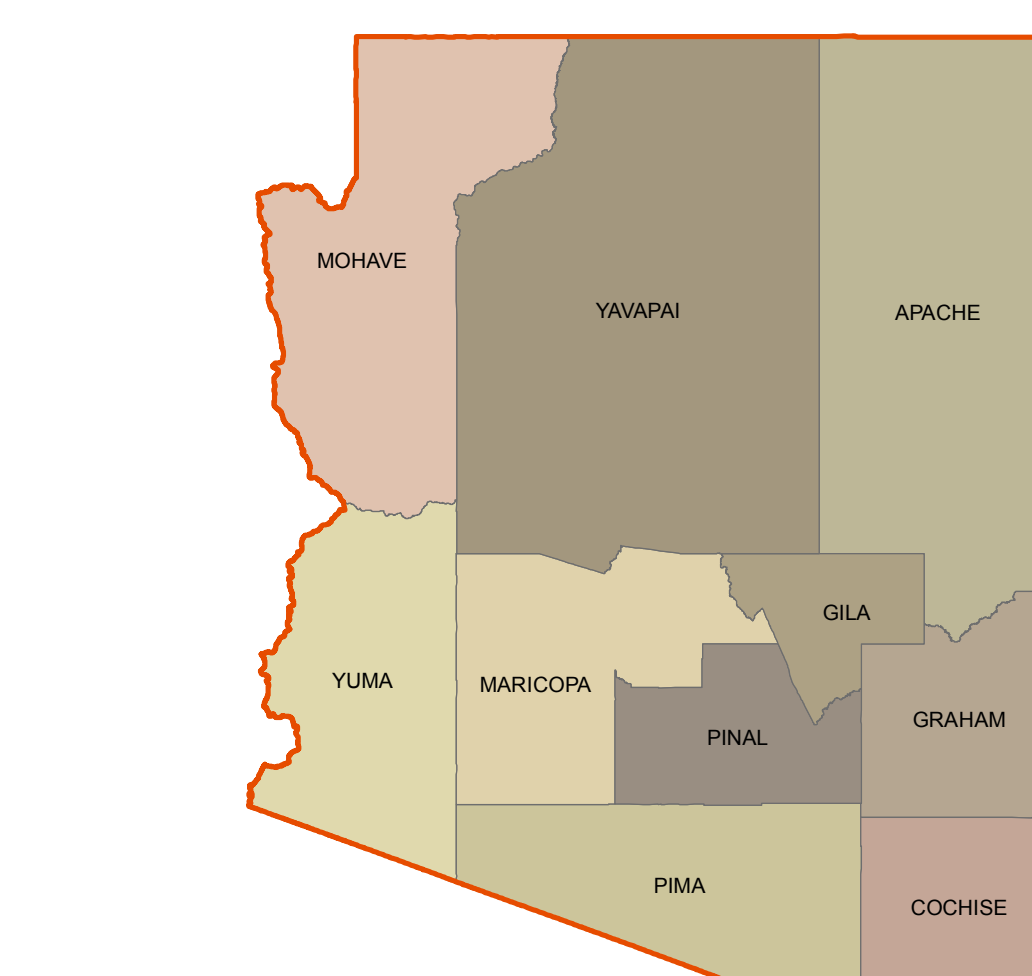
APACHE created by Arizona Territory from YAVAPAI.

1881 February- COCHISE, GILA, and GRAHAM Created



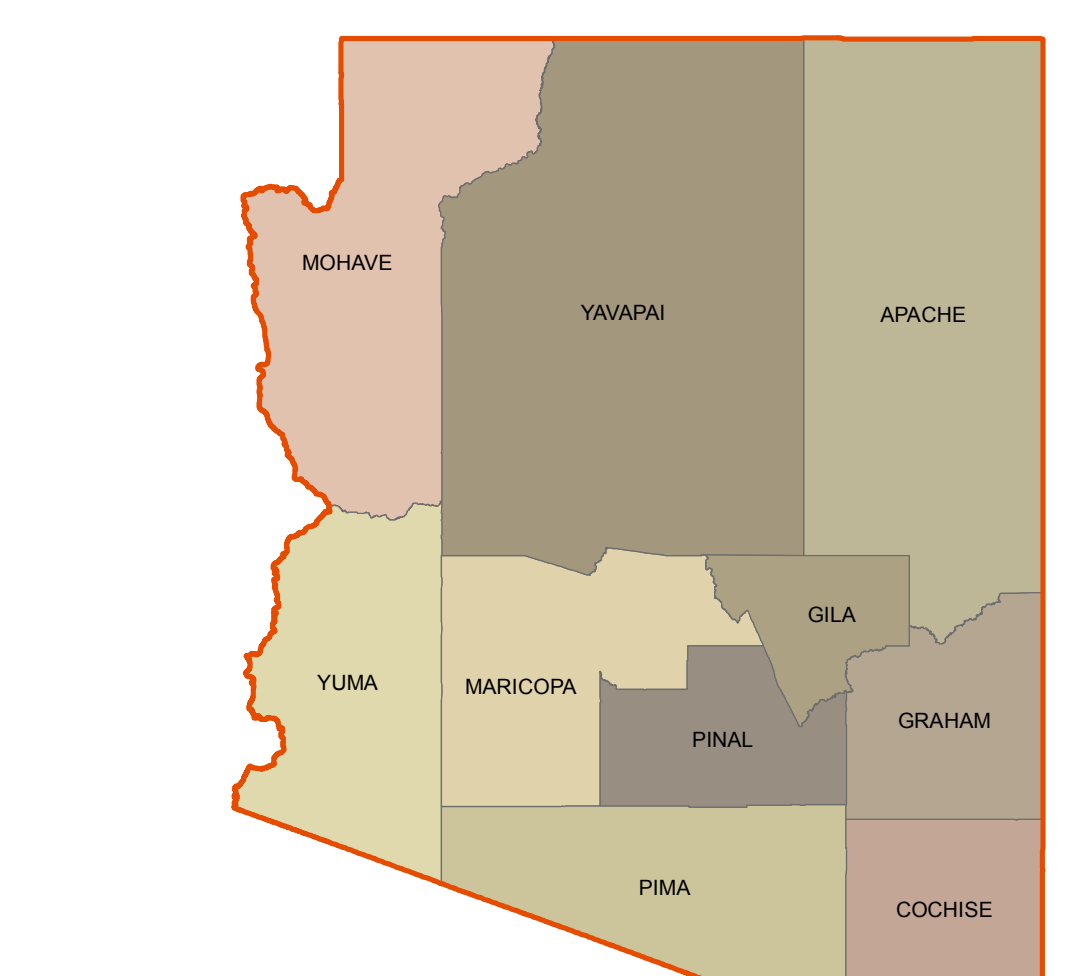
COCHISE created by Arizona Territory from PIMA. GILA created by Arizona Territory from MARICOPA and PINAL. GRAHAM created by Arizona Territory from APACHE and PIMA.

1883 March- YAVAPAI and MOHAVE Exchange



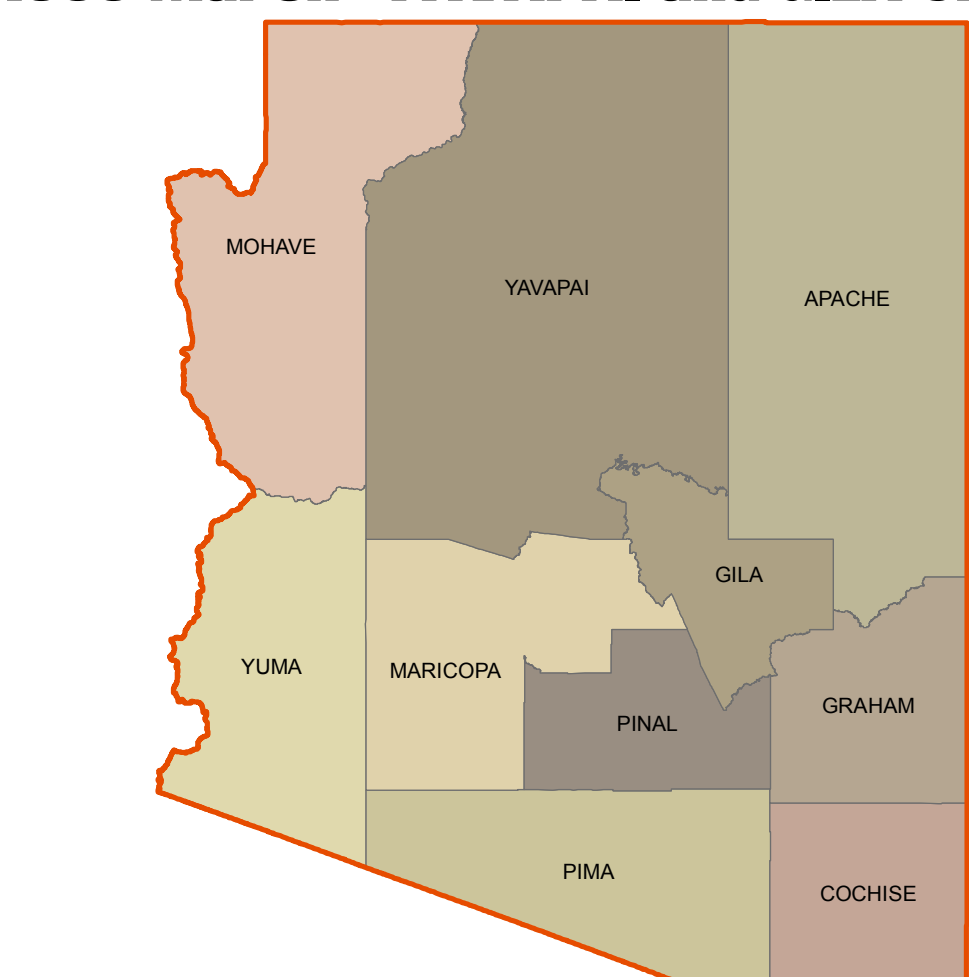
YAVAPAI exchanged with MOHAVE.

1885 March- GILA and GRAHAM Exchange



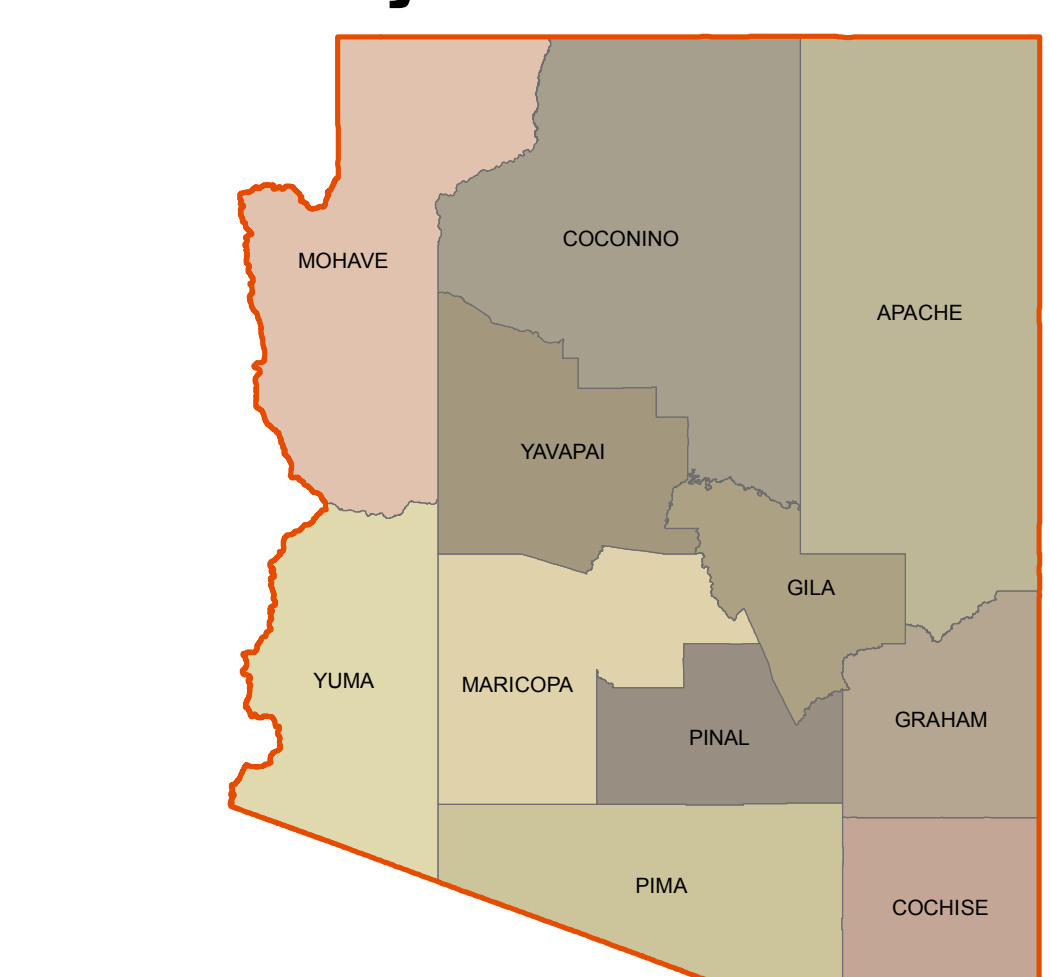
GILA exchanged with GRAHAM.

1889 March- YAVAPAI and GILA Changes



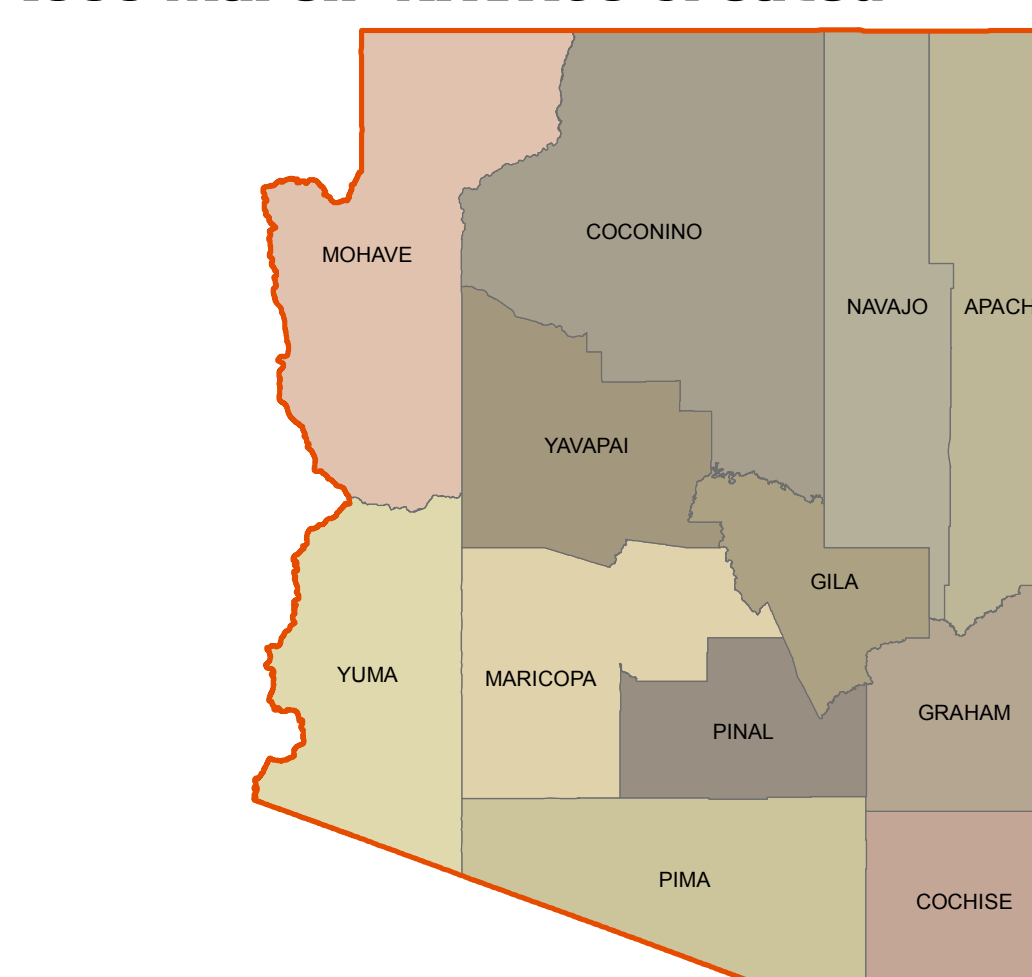
GILA gained from YAVAPAI.

1891 February- COCONINO Created



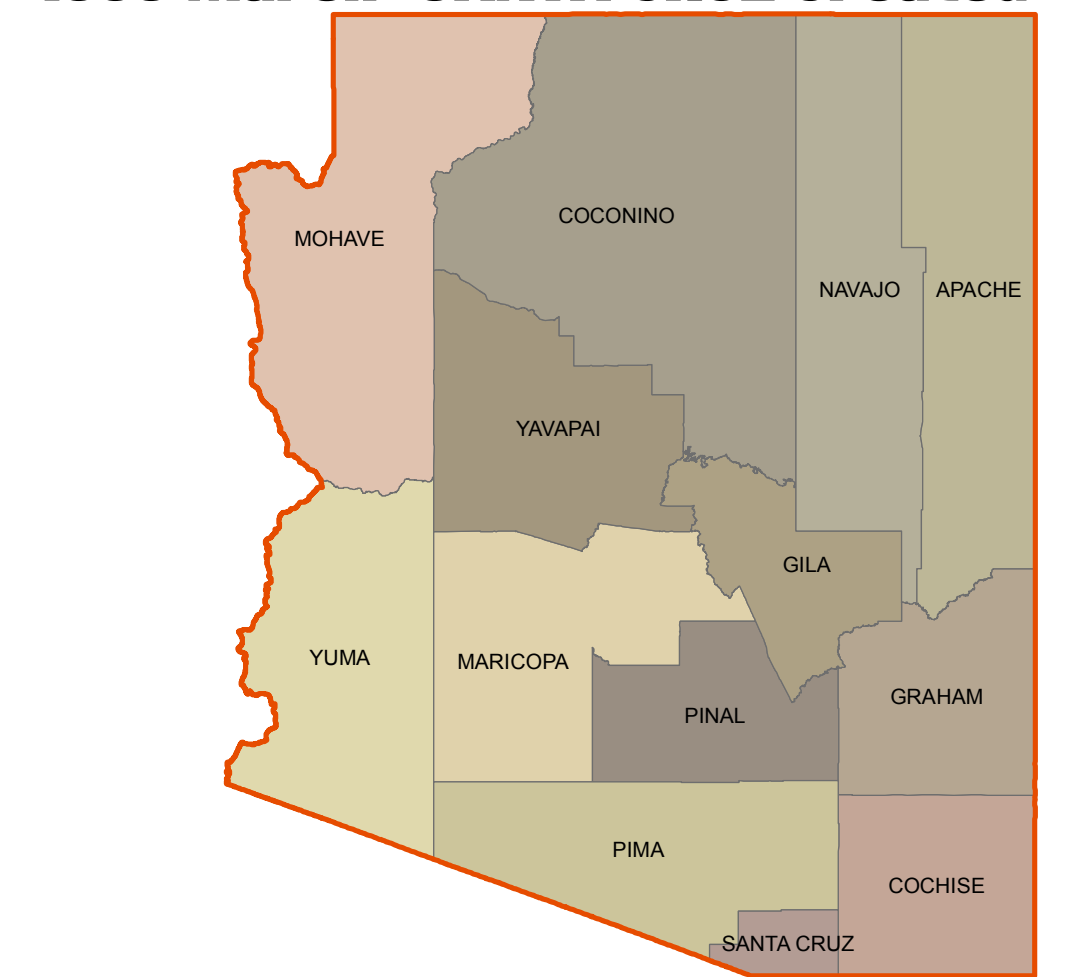
COCONINO created by Arizona Territory from YAVAPAI. GILA gained from YAVAPAI.

1895 March- NAVAJO Created



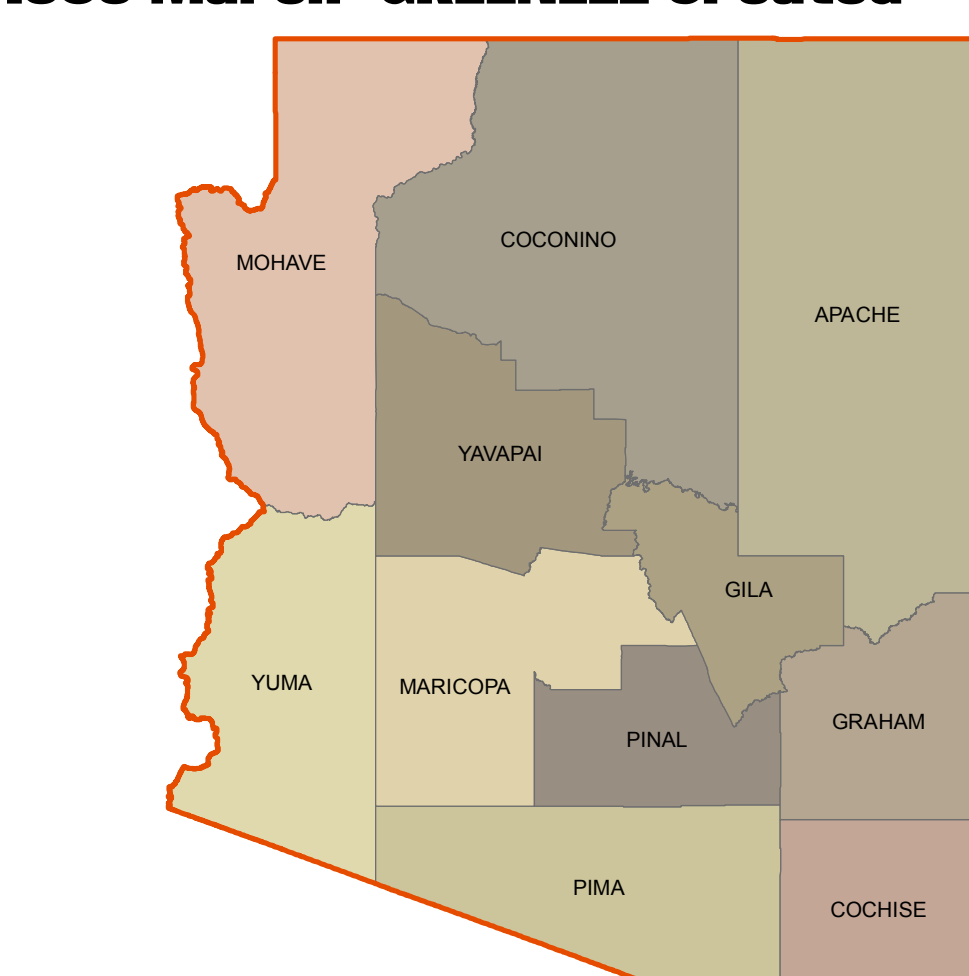
NAVAJO created by Arizona Territory from APACHE.

1899 March- SANTA CRUZ Created



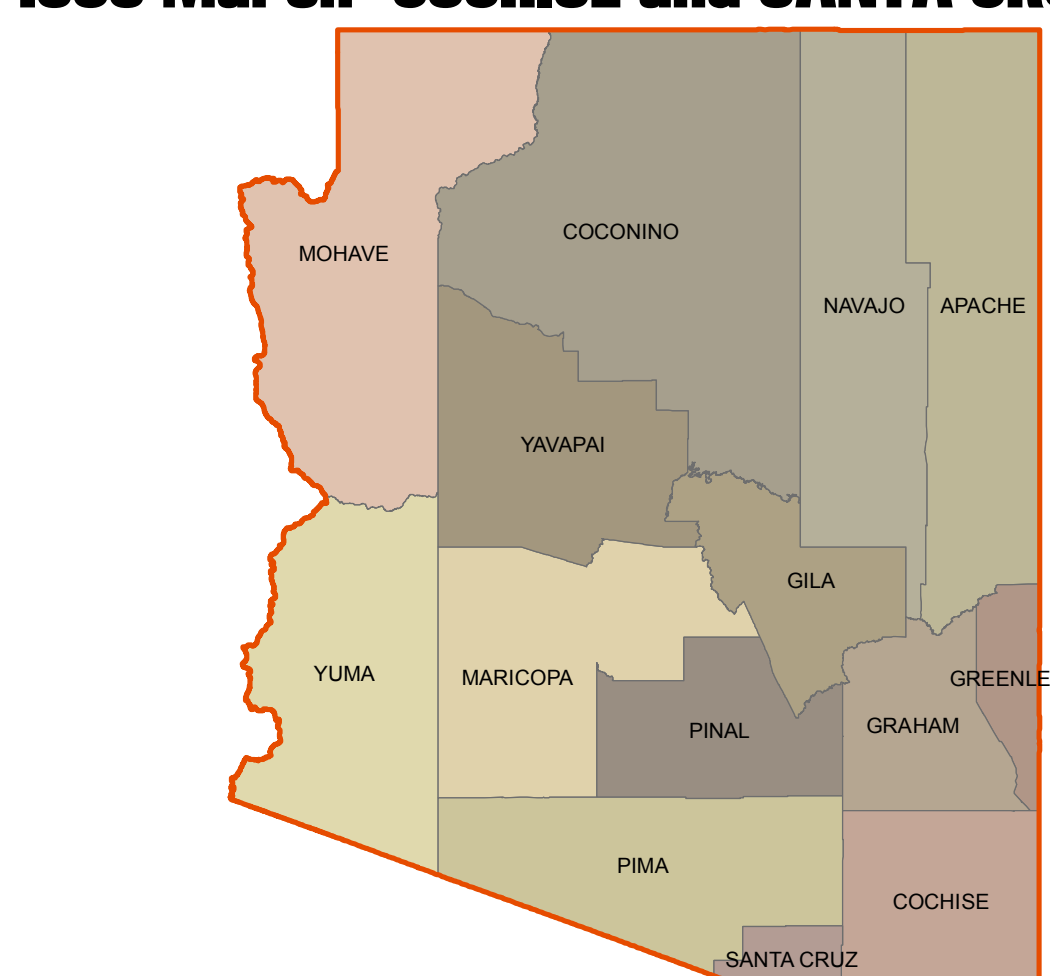
SANTA CRUZ created by Arizona Territory from PIMA.

1909 March- GREENLEE Created



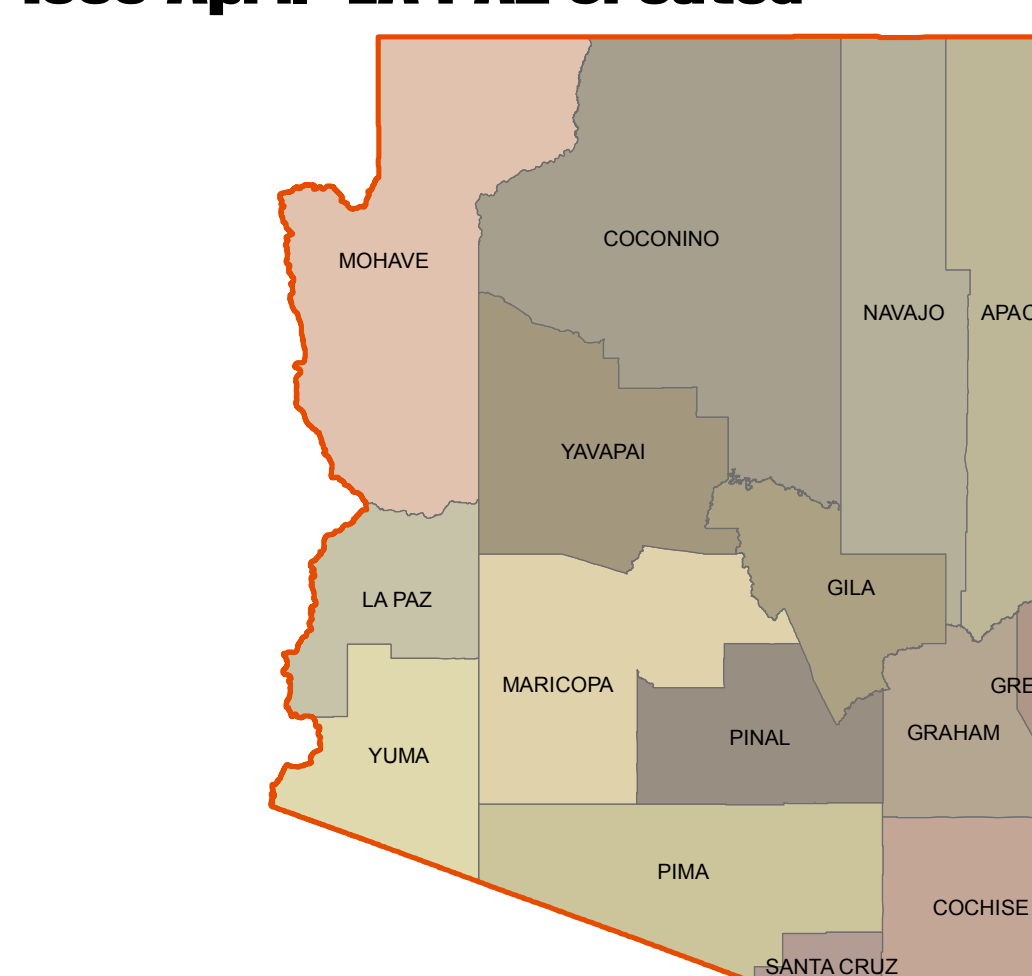
GREENLEE created by Arizona Territory from GRAHAM.

1968 March- COCHISE and SANTA CRUZ Boundary



COCHISE gained from SANTA CRUZ when the boundary was redefined to run along the east line of range 18 east.

1983 April- LA PAZ Created



LA PAZ created from YUMA.

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