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Biotic Communities Of Southwest



Synopsis

This full color map includes all of Arizona, New Mexico, Sonora, Chihuahua, and Baja California Norte, and portions of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Texas, Coahuila, Sinaloa, and Baja California Sur.

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Customer Reviews

Might need to return this... It is enormous, which wouldn't be a problem if this were a multi-purpose map. For example, I would want the color overlays to be transparent so one could see elevation. That's huge for anyone studying biotic communities. But it's also huge for a big map. My house is small and while I would love a large map that covers my wall, if it does it needs to address multiple needs. When looking at a map I'm trying to learn about where I'm at. Elevation change is huge and very highly correlated with biotic communities...so it's very hard for me to look at a map that doesn't include that. Unless I want to spend the time drawing mountain ranges on this map it's pretty useless to me... I would learn a lot doing that but unfortunately time and energy are in short supply around here.. I really wanted to like this because I respect David Brown's work. Darn it!

"Biotic Communities of the Southwest" is a superb cartographical effort - if you have a wall this large. But it is out of date in two senses. First, the map was published in 1980. Thirty years in the southwest is a LONG time (see "The Changing Mile" by Turner, Webb, Bowers, and Hastings). The map is still a good approximation, but one must use it with caution. Second, you need a big, blank wall or a large table to use it. Even though it is dated, it could be reprinted at one quarter its size and

still be useful as a wall map. It should absolutely be on a CD to be opened in a graphic format of one sort or another - PDF would be fine.

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