

HOT DESERT

The Western

The Western Desert extends over 200,000 square kilometres and is located in the south west of the USA.

The Western Desert comprises three deserts, the Sonoran Desert, the Mojave Desert and the Chihuahuan Desert. It extends across several states including California, New Mexico and Arizona.

The Western Desert has a low population density with the majority of its inhabitants living in large cities such as Las Vegas and Phoenix, Arizona.



development opportunities

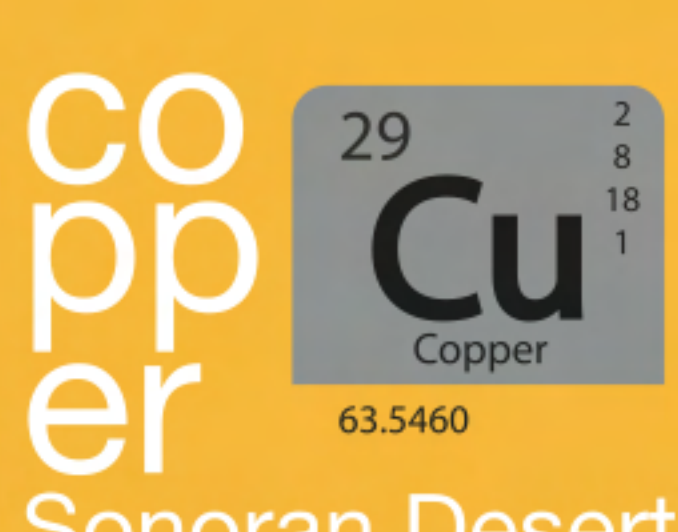
minerals



coal mined



rare elements Mojave Desert



copper Sonoran Desert



uranium Grand Canyon

energy



Lake Mead



Sonoran Arizona 100K homes



Arizona oil

commercial farming

aquifer extraction Coachella Valley



irrigation Lake Mead



tourism



Grand Canyon



Lake Mead

31M visitors



each year

development challenges

high temperatures



49°C

very hot



high evaporation



water supply



55 mm



Hoover Dam Colorado River



population growth in cities such as



= water pressure

inaccessibility

lack of surfaced



access limited to major cities



Chicago



California