Areal extent of U.S. - Mexico border area, by subarea

[Data from digital coverages; all areas are rounded to nearest 5 SQUARE MILES]

SUBAREA NUMBER AND NAME	TOTAL AREA, in square miles	AREA IN MEXICO, in square miles	AREA IN U.S., in square miles	FEDERAL LAND IN U.S., in square miles
1. Pacific Basins/Salton Trough	14,000	4,870	9,130	6,355
2. Colorado River/Sea of Cortez	22,590	8,370	14,220	12,970
3. Mexican Highlands	21,840	5,395	16,445	9,665
4. Mimbres/Animas Basins	12,450	6,185	6,265	3,380
5. Rio Grande--Elephant Butte Reservoir to above Rio Conchos	28,940	5,760	23,180	10,835
6. Rio Grande--Rio Conchos to Amistad Reservoir	34,630	13,910	20,720	1,495
7. Rio Grande--below Amistad Reservoir to Falcon Reservoir	12,910	7,840	5,070	60
8. Lower Rio Grande Valley--below Falcon Reservoir to the Gulf of Mexico	10,240	6,155	4,085	70
Total	157,600	58,485	99,115	44,830

As shown in the above table, about 63 per cent of the border area lies in the United States and 37 per cent lies in Mexico. Within the U.S. part of the border area, the Federal government owns or administers approximately 45 per cent of the land; about 91 per cent of the land in the U.S. part of the Colorado River/Sea of Cortez subarea is owned or administered by the Federal government.

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