

### 2.3.3 Generalized Land Ownership

The Northern Arizona region is generally composed of Federal, State, Tribal and private land holdings. Throughout all three of the Focus Areas, public land holdings are proportionately higher than other jurisdictions. Particularly, the majority of lands in the study area are USFS land holdings to the south and north. Tribal reservation land is located to the east of the study area with a smaller portion to the west. BLM has jurisdiction over small portions of land in the north and southwest of the study area and the remaining land is a checkerboard of private and State land holdings (Figure 2-8a).

### 2.3.4 Public Land Management Studies

Public lands in the study area are managed by ASLD, BLM and USFS. The ASLD has authority over state lands until they are sold or leased, at which time planning authority is handed over to the appropriate city or county (Figure 2-8a/b).

BLM retains planning authority and control over its lands and rarely sells them to private entities, but will participate in land swaps in order to accumulate larger masses of land or release BLM-owned islands. The majority of the study area is located in the BLM Hassayampa Field Office district as well as the Arizona Strip, Kingman, and Safford Field Offices. Most recently, the BLM developed the *Arizona Strip Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)* which revised the existing RMP for the Arizona Strip Field Office in addition to providing a new management plan for the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, and Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. The *Arizona Strip PRMP/EIS* describes alternatives for BLM and NPS land management north of the Grand Canyon.

The USFS has several national forests located within the study area including portions of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Coconino National Forest, Kaibab National Forest, Prescott National Forest, and Tonto National Forest. The USFS is currently revising the *Apache Sitegreaves National Forest Plan* and has recently released the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Warm Fire Recovery Project* in the Kaibab National Forest. Each of the other National Forest plans are in various stages of being updated.