



## Arizona Gov Forced To Dismantle \$80 Million Cargo-Container Wall He Just Built

### Description

Under the duress of a federal lawsuit, **Arizona Governor Doug Ducey has agreed to dismantle two long sections of border wall the state built out of stacked shipping containers capped by concertina wire.**

Agreeing to an aggressive border-obliteration deadline, **Arizona will yank all the containers away by Jan. 4,** and without damaging natural resources as it does.

**The announcement comes as the Supreme Court evaluates the legality of the Trump-era Title 42,** which lets agents block asylum claims at the border, purportedly to limit the spread of contagious diseases amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Originally set to expire Dec 21 under a court order, any eventual removal of the policy is expected to spark a major influx of migrants.

Earlier this month, the U.S Interior and Agriculture departments filed suit to stop the construction of the makeshift wall, **seeking “a declaration that Arizona’s use and occupancy of lands owned by the United States without the required permits or other authorization constitutes unlawful trespasses.”**

The container wall is at the southern fringe of U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation lands and easements. The wall was also challenged by environmentalists. Started in [August](#), the project had filled about [a third](#) of the length of border that was planned.



**The cargo-container wall winds its way along the Arizona-Mexico border (Ivan Pierre Aguirre/[New York Times](#))**

In its [filing](#), the government said the “hundreds of double-stacked, multi-ton shipping containers... **damage federal lands, threaten public safety, and impede the ability of federal agencies** and officials, including law enforcement personnel, to perform their official duties.”

**Ducey’s office portrayed the development as a victory, suggesting that he’d been assured the federal government would itself soon begin closing the gaps in the border wall.** “Finally, after the situation on our border has turned into a full blown crisis, they’ve decided to act,” his spokesman said. “Better late than never.”

That version was challenged by the **Center for Biological Diversity’s Russ McSpadden, who said the federal government hasn’t said it will build a wall in sections where the containers are today.**

According to the *Arizona Republic*, **Arizona has spent more than \$80 million to procure 1,167 cargo containers** and stack them along remote stretches of the frontier in Yuma and Cochise counties. The state is now compelled to spend more money taking the wall down — and McSpadden said the state is also obligated to repair the damage it did to federal land.

**Ducey is in the waning weeks of his tenure, as Democratic Governor-Elect Katie Hobbs waits in the wings.** Her November opponent, Kari Lake, is [awaiting a decision](#) by Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Peter Thompson after a two-day [trial](#) in which the Lake campaign sought to prove that major election problems in the county were created “intentionally” *and* “did actually affect the election.”

**We’ll have to see what Arizona will do with all those shipping containers now.** Lake [suggests](#)

they could be repurposed as housing. If and when Title 42 vanishes, it's easy to imagine they'll be filled with Latin Americans.

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