Sportsmen's Connection

August 2017



Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation



New Raffle





Tickets \$10 Up to 300 tickets will be sold

Weatherby Vanguard
Sporter .270 Win.;
24" blued barrel w/ walnut stock
Vortex Diamondback Tactical
4-12x40 scope

Generously donated to AZSFWC by member group AZ Chapter of NWTF

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Winner must pass federal background check and make arrangements with JG Sales in Prescott to receive the firearm

> (non-local winner is responsible for any shipping costs)

1st Annual Summit



Thanks to our sponsors, donors, volunteers and everyone who attended!

Summit Chair - Pete Cimellaro

Presenters:

AZ Attorney General Mark Brnovich AZ Game & Fish Commission Chair Jim Ammons AZ Game & Fish Director Ty Gray District Director for Rep. Gosar Penny Pew

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Member Group Activities



for Freedom

Annual commemoration of NATIONAL PATRIOT DAY (9/11);
Sponsored by Arizona State Rifle & Pistol Association—Shotgun Div.
as a benefit for HUNTS FOR HEROES, an Arizona Elk Society program
to help Arizona's returning disabled veterans heal through hunting.







Sporting Clays Tournament At Ben Avery Clay Target Center Phoenix, AZ 85086

100-Target NSCA Sporting Clays Shoot 9 AM Shotgun Start; Registration: 7 AM—9 AM

Unregistered NSCA shooters will be placed in "Hunter Class"

\$75 Registration Fee; Includes Catered Lunch

Mystery Target Competition for 2 Entries to NSCA National Championships

Lots of Raffles for Upcoming Shoots—and more!

NRA DAY 25-Target Fun Shoot

Warm Up for Main Event; Intro for Beginners: 7:30 AM—11 AM \$25/person; includes: Ammo, Targets, Shotguns, if needed



Registration & Squadding call: 602-571-4055 or email asrpashoots@gmail.com



ARIZONA CHAPTER OF BACKCOUNTRY HUNTERS AND ANGLERS 100 HOLE MARATHON

We are raising money for the AZ chapter of BHA! It's a 100 hole golf marathon that is being played on Saturday, September 16.

- I will be playing 100 holes of golf on Saturday, September 16, 2017.
- The Arizona Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers is a nonprofit organization that specializes in conservation of public lands. Check out www.backcountryhunters.org for more info.
 - I have already donated \$1.00 per hole.
 - -I am asking you to partner with me by making a donation of any size to this incredible cause.
- -For every \$50 in contributions, each donor will receive a raffle ticket for a drawing to be held following the marathon.

To donate, please go to www.AZBHA100.com and click on my name. Justin Nelson

ARIZONA ANTELOPE FOUNDATION
BONITA GRASSLAND BOUNDARY FENCE MODIFICATION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

<u>Project Begins:</u> Saturday, September 30th. Please meet at camp at 8:00AM. This is a one day project. If you arrive after 8:00 AM someone in camp will direct you to the project worksite.

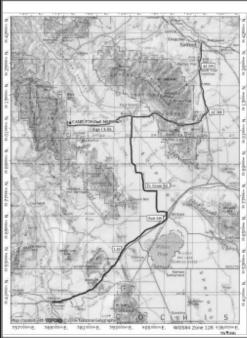
<u>Project Activity:</u> We will be modifying 3 miles of existing boundary fence between the KJ and Bonita Ranches. This will entail removal of the bottom strand of barbed and replace it with smooth wire 16" above ground. The fence consists of wooden and metal t-posts, along with various stay materials. We will fix unrepairable stays and replace with new and add metal t-posts at required locations. We will be able to utilize ATV's along the fence line. Volunteer drop off and vehicle parking is available at the start points Location is north of the High Creek Road, approximately 1 mile west of the Bonita Store.

<u>Pronghorn Benefits:</u> This effort is located in direct proximity to ongoing mesquite removal for the Bonita Grasslands NRCS/G&F restoration project with a goal of improving up to 10,000 acres in the next 4 years. Over the past 7 years, the areas adjacent to and within this project have been grubbed, new waters and boundary fence installed. These projects will help ensure that resident pronghorn and mule deer can safely utilize open grassland corridors without interference due to fence line obstructions. It will assist in accomplishing a key portion of the overall Bonita Plains pronghorn travel corridor improvement project.

<u>NFWF Grant Benefits:</u> All labor hours, materials and mileage will be used to match the AAF's \$430K 9-year grant for our "Southeastern Arizona Grasslands Pronghorn Initiative". The grant has a goal of improving up to 100,000 acres of "Pronghorn habitat connectivity".

Meals: Please provide your own lunch to eat in the field on Saturday. The AAF will provide dinner for all volunteers on Friday and Saturday nights and continental breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

What to Bring: Work gloves (The AAF will have a limited supply), snacks, water, personal gear, orange safety vest (if you have one, otherwise one will be provided).



Directions to Camp:

AAF project/camp site will be on USFS lands, approximately 1.5 miles west of the High Creek Road/Sunset Loop intersection. Access to the site is along a maintained travel corridor route, the site is trailer friendly. It is located approximately 33 miles west of the intersection of AZ 191 and AZ 266, and 35 miles north of I-10 and Fort Grant intersection from exit 340.

Camp GPS coordinates: Datum NAD83 0573543 E/ 3603089 N OR N32.33.46 W110.13.00

From Safford: Drive south 17 miles on AZ 191 to AZ 266. Turn southwest onto AZ 266, continue 19 miles to Bonita School (located just south of 266 on Fort Grant Road). Take High Creek Road (dirt road), located on north side of Bonita School, west approximately 14.5 miles to High Creek Road/Sunset Loop curve. Continue west along fenced travel corridor access road 1.5 miles to Campsite.

From Wilcox (Route2): Turn north from I-10 at exit 340 (past Shell/Truck Stop) on Fort Grant Road. Drive the main paved road approximately 30 miles north (it has several dog leg turns) to the Bonita School. Just north of the school, turn left and proceed west on High Creek Road (dirt road) for approximately 14.5 miles to High Creek Road/Sunset Loop curve. Continue west along fenced travel corridor access road 1.5 miles to Campsite.

Contact: Glen Dickens at (520-247-4907) for project information.

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to info@azantelope.org by September 25th so we can plan to have enough food and tools

Visit our website for a larger printer-friendly map www.azantelope.org

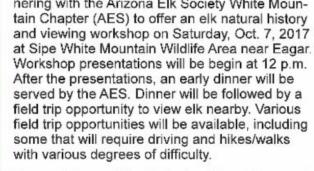
■ ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

2017 ANNUAL ELK VIEWING WORKSHOP

reserve your spot!

Workshop topics will include:

- Elk Natural History
- Elk Management in Arizona
- History of Sipe Wildlife Area
- Reintroduction and Management of Mexican Wolves in Arizona
- · Elk calling
- Wildlife Photography by AZGFD photographer George Andreiko



The workshop will be limited to 60 participants. A \$20/person dinner ticket (payable to Arizona Elk Society by check only) is required for each reservation. The dinner is a fundraiser for the AES.







For more information or to register, call the Arizona Game and Fish Pinetop Office at (928) 532-3680. After registration, please mail checks to Arizona Game and Fish Pinetop Office at 2878 E. White Mountain Blvd, Pinetop, AZ 85935.

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https://servicearizona.com/webapp/vehicle/plates/showInfoPage.do

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