



Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation

AZSFWC's "Conserving Wildlife" license plate revenue benefits Habitat, Education, and Youth Recruitment. Arizona vehicle owners have over 80 license plate options available for their cars, trucks, and trailers.

Our plate was ranked 11th in revenue for the first half of the current fiscal year compared to all the available specialty plates. That means money for wildlife and funds for the L. Gary Stinson Grant Fund. <https://azsfwc.org/grant-information/>

We recently completed our Stinson Grant review for the first quarter. AZSFWC awarded \$44,724 for six Stinson Grants. Those grants were awarded to:

- Arizona Outdoor Adventures for their Youth Outdoor Camps
- Arizona Wildlife Federation for their Bridges to BOW Program
- Arizona Antelope Foundation for Pronghorn Translocation
- Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited for their "Trout in the Classroom" Program
- Arizona Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation for their Marvin Robbins Memorial Youth Turkey Hunt Camp
- Tucson Audubon for their Open Pipe Death Traps Project

Read more [here](#).

From 2012-2022, AZSFWC awarded 217 Stinson Grants totaling \$1,322,388. The grants were distributed between Habitat-53%, Recruitment-24%, and Education-23%. For more information on our grant history go here: <https://azsfwc.org/license-plate-fund-projects/>.

If you are an Arizona resident, you can get your plate here: <https://azmvdnow.gov/plates>

Our 2nd Quarter Stinson Grant application period ended April 1st, and the submitted applications are now under review.

Other updates from 1Q '23.

BLM Jove Solar Project comments, [click here](#).

Tonto NF Land Management Plan Objection comments, [click here](#).

BLM Middle Gila South Access and Travel Management Planning comments, [click here](#).

Coming up in 2Q '23.

Colorado Gray Wolf 10j, comment period ends April 18, 2023.

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/FWS-R6-ES-2022-0100-0791>

Yours in Conservation,

Jim Unmacht, Executive Director

L. Gary Stinson Grant Program

In August of 2021, \$1000 was awarded to Tucson Audubon Society for their "Open Pipes are Death Traps" habitat project. Open pipes are relatively common in rural and working lands. However, they are a hazard on the landscape and cause death to birds and other wildlife. The educational brochure below was produced with the funding.

Learn more about birding and how to make southern Arizona better and safer for birds and wildlife.

Check out our Habitat at Home program! Your yard can be full of birds and butterflies. Learn how to reduce hazards to birds.

TUCSON AUDUBON SOCIETY
HABITAT at HOME



Field trips and information about birds of Southeast Arizona can be found at:
TUCSONAUDUBON.ORG

TUCSON AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Excuse me as I partner with Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation. Thank you!

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OPEN PIPES ARE DEATH TRAPS!

You can prevent the needless deaths of birds and other wildlife.



TUCSON AUDUBON SOCIETY

THESE DANGERS ARE ALL AROUND!

Often called "Death Pipes," vertical, open pipes are a hazard on the landscape and can cause the gruesome death of birds and other wildlife that become trapped and perish within.



These pipes are often used as fence posts or to anchor a gate. They can also be used as sign posts, or to mark a boundary or a mining claim. Vent and irrigation pipes are also a danger if uncovered.



Bluebirds are the most likely victims, but many species are vulnerable to this threat.

COVER THOSE PIPES!

If you find open, vertical pipes on your property, cover them to prevent trapping birds, lizards, and other animals.

Here are several ways that you can eliminate this threat:



Buy and install a pipe cap. Cover the top with cement to create a cap.

If you need water or air flow, cover the opening with screen or 1/2-inch hardware cloth and secure with a pipe clamp.

REPORT OPEN PIPES

While enjoying public lands, be on the lookout for "death pipes!"

Please report the exact location of these pipes using our online system. We will work with land owners and managers to cover pipes and prevent needless deaths of wildlife. You will be informed of these work days if you reported a pipe.

Scan this QR code with your smart phone to report a death pipe.

Learn more and view our web-reporting system at: TUCSONAUDUBON.ORG/DEATHPIPES

The project also included outreach, creation of an online reporting form, and active removal or modification of pipes to eliminate the hazard. Read more [here](#).

MONTHLY 50/50 CASH RAFFLE



Tickets
\$5 Each

The winner of this monthly raffle splits the pot with AZSFWC! A new raffle and pot will commence at 12:00 am on the 1st of the month. Buyers through 11:59 pm on the last day of the month will have a chance to win before the pot is closed and reset.

There are no limits on the number of tickets sold or the number any one person can purchase. Winner will be drawn at random and announced on or before the 5th of the month.



ALL PURCHASERS MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD & PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA AT THE TIME TICKETS ARE PURCHASED.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE

Please support our Member Group Activities

MULE DEER, MOUNTAIN LION, AND COUES WHITETAIL RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

ROUND TWO SPECIES TICKET SALES
MARCH 1ST – APRIL 30TH!
MULE DEER • MOUNTAIN LION • COUES WHITETAIL



The Arizona Big Game Super Raffle is now called Conservation First USA. Same great Arizona Special Big Game Tags and now every ticket is just \$10!



Buy Often, Win Big BONUS Drawings

One lucky person will win \$500 in cash, and five more will each win \$100 cash! All buyers purchasing tickets online through April 30, 2023 will be eligible to win.

Each transaction is another chance to win BONUS CASH!



100% of funds raised from Arizona Special Big Game Tag raffles goes directly to the AZ Game & Fish Department for wildlife conservation.

AZ Big Game Super Raffle (DBA Conservation First USA) recently changed the rules to require the online purchased of raffle tickets to be made within the state of Arizona. **You do not have to be an Arizona resident, just IN Arizona when the ticket is purchased.** We changed our rules this year to comply with Federal regulations that prohibit us from selling online raffle tickets online across state lines. Non-residents may participate; however, the ticket purchase transaction must take place in the state of Arizona. If you travel to Arizona you may purchase tickets while you are here. If you don't live in or travel to Arizona but have friends or family who do, they can purchase tickets on your behalf.

Scan this QR Code
with your smart phone.

Must be 21 years of age and present in the state of AZ to purchase tickets.

Visit conservationfirstusa.org for complete rules.



Upcoming Events

R-C Pond and Christopher Creek area conservation projects
Mid-April, early May

2023 Fish Camp (Volunteers needed)
June 4 – 10, June 11 – 16; & June 18 – 23

<https://az-tu.org/>

Upcoming Events

AZGF Spring Gould's Turkey Surveys
April 14-16

Earth Day Work at SAQF Habitat Project
April 21 & 22 9am - 1pm

<https://www.saquailforever.com/>





Western Outdoor News 41st Annual Lake Havasu Striper Derby

Friday May 5 4:00 – 6:30 PM – Team Check In

Saturday May 6 Fishing 5:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday May 7 Fishing 5:00 AM - 1:00 PM; Award 3:30 - 5:00 PM

<https://anglersunited.org/>

Sportsmen's Business Directory

Do you really know who you do business with? Do the businesses you patronize support the things you like to do?

Help us build the Sportsmen's Business Alliance online directory to help you find those businesses.

If you are a business owner, here is an opportunity for you to reach out to like-minded sportsmen & women and support organizations that promote causes important to them.

[Read more HERE.](#)

Corporate Partner



Members

Alter Valley Conservation Alliance
Anglers United
AZ Antelope Foundation
AZ Big Game Super Raffle/Conservation First USA
AZ Bowhunters Association
AZ Chapter Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
AZ Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation
AZ Chapter Safari Club International
AZ Council Trout Unlimited
AZ Deer Association
AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society

AZ Outdoor Adventures
AZ Outdoor Sports, Inc
AZ Predator Callers
Christian Hunters of America
Diablo Trust
Ducks Unlimited
Mogollon Sporting Association
Mule Deer Foundation
Outdoor Experience 4 All
Southern AZ Chapter Quail Forever
Southwest Wildlife Foundation/YVRGC
The Trust for Public Land

Associate Members



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Affiliate Members



Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to educate and inform sportsmen, wildlife conservation organizations throughout the state and the public at large on important issues related to wildlife and wildlife habitat and to provide, via grants or other sources, funding to conserve Arizona's wildlife populations through habitat enhancement initiatives.

[DONATE](#)

The AZSFWC is responsible for managing the conservation license plate program (L. Gary Stinson Grant Fund). The fund is derived from the sale of wildlife conservation license plates and member organizations as well as non-member organizations are eligible to apply for those funds.



By purchasing this plate you will be making a contribution to Arizona's wildlife and wildlife habitat. Seventeen dollars (\$17) of each twenty-five (\$25) special license fee will go to AZSFWC's L. Gary Stinson Grant Fund. AZSFWC will review and approve all grants from the special license plate program revenues. These grants will fund important outdoor recreational and educational opportunities and on-the-ground wildlife habitat restoration and enhancement projects. (More info [HERE](#)).

These plates can be purchased online and can also be personalized. To order an AZSFWC Conservation License Plate go to: <http://www.servicearizona.com> Click on "Personalized/Specialty Plates" then if you wish to personalize it, check its availability. Once you have verified the availability of your personalization, or if you only want to order the AZSFWC Conservation Special Plate, click on "Order My Plate". Order your plate as a sequential shelf plate for \$25.00 per year or as a personalized plate for \$50.00 per year.

Here is another helpful link when ordering your special license plate. <https://servicearizona.com/plateAvailability/plate?execution=e2s3>

The AZSFWC Conservation Plate gives all Arizonan's an opportunity to contribute to programs that benefit our wild creatures. **Step up and support "Wild Arizona".**

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