



## Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation

It sure seems like the pause button has been eliminated from AZSFWC's daily activities and opportunities as we seemingly Zoom through a virtual reality. The year started fast and at least in the foreseeable future; it doesn't look like it will slow down anytime soon!

As February comes to a close, here is an update on some of what we've been working on.

Wolves – the Mexican wolf population count is underway. We commented on the Mexican wolf 10(j) Recovery Plan and the proposed alternatives offered by the USFWS as mandated by a ruling from the US District Court of Arizona. [Click here](#) to see that letter.

We also commented on the USFWS consideration to expand the Gray wolf territory into Northern Arizona. [Click here](#) to see that letter.

Salt River Project (SRP) – we had some dialog with SRP last fall about how we could partner with them on their watershed rehabilitation projects in Central Arizona. Those discussions have continued, and we are in the process of developing a Memo of Understanding with SRP for future collaboration. In the meantime, the AZ Deer Association was awarded a Stinson Grant to work with SRP on the Hardscrabble Project near Payson. Here is the Press Release: <https://bit.ly/3lidxlL>

Cross F Ranch – we awarded a Stinson Grant to the AZ Chapter of NWTF last year to help The Trust for Public Land acquire this ranch near Aravaipa. The acquisition opened access to 40,000 acres of public land that had been locked up for decades! Here is the AZGFD video highlighting that success: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myWJOzdYTqw&t=1s>

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Travel Management – the BLM is ramping up their Travel Management planning across Arizona over the next several years. There will be 18 different planning areas under consideration that will have an impact on a myriad of outdoor activities. Six of the areas will begin the planning process in 2022.

BLM Solar Planning – a number of solar plans are currently under consideration across Arizona. Variances have been sought near Maricopa, the Vulture City Ghost Town near Wickenburg, and another near Arlington. One can argue the importance of renewable energy, but we also need to consider the impact on our public land and wildlife. You can learn more about it here:

[Phoenix District 2022 First Quarter Solar Variance Project Presentations - YouTube](#)

Verde Recreation Action Plan – the Prescott National Forest proposed this plan to improve recreation opportunities and natural resource conditions on the Verde Ranger District. The plan is intended to address both developed and dispersed camping, road and trail improvements, and river access to name a few. [Click here](#) to read our scoping comments.

Draft Proposed Hunt Guidelines – AZSFWC provided comments to the AZ Game & Fish Department (AZGFD) on their hunt guidelines process, supporting their use of the best available science in managing all of Arizona's wildlife, including game and non-game species and subscribing to the tenants of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. [Click here](#) for our comment letter.

Legislation – Federal level, efforts continue to keep the Tonto NF Cherry Creek and Workman Creek roads open. [Click here](#) to read our latest letter to Senator Kelly.

We are also monitoring H.R.2773 Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA), which we have

been supporting. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2773?s=1&r=9>

State level, we are supporting HB2130 - recreational users; property (liability bill), <https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/55leg/2R/bills/HB2130P.pdf> and HB2408 - Arizona Game and fish; continuation: <https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/55leg/2R/bills/HB2408P.pdf>

We are also monitoring the following bills: SB1040, SB1066, SB1170, SB1377, HB2181, HB2610, HB2830, and HCR2024. <https://www.azleg.gov/#>

And if that wasn't enough for the first two months of the year;

1. Additional comments are due on 30x30 ATLAS in the first week of March,
2. We are reviewing feedback and input on Mandatory Reporting for AZ big game hunts,
3. Established a Conservation Bonus Point Committee to coordinate with AZGFD,
4. Assessing the access issue near the Needles Eye Wilderness area,
5. Investigating the proposed Oak Wells Windmill project - 44K acres in Pinal County,
6. Reviewing the Draft EA for the Pinaleño FireScape Project on the Coronado NF,
7. Reviewing the US Air Force's proposed expansion of their Military Operations Area in Southern AZ. <https://www.arizonaregionalairspaceeis.com/virtual-presentation/>

Finally, we have welcomed two new organizations to our AZSFWC membership so far in 2022, the Mogollon Sporting Association and No Excuse Hunting and Outdoors, along with 5 new individual members. <https://azsfwc.org/membership/>

Yours in Conservation,  
Jim Unmacht  
Executive Director

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## Our Current Raffle Will Close Soon

# SWAROVSKI RAFFLE

## SWAROVSKI dS GEN. II 5-25x52 P DIGITAL RIFLE SCOPE

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**TICKETS ARE \$20 EACH.  
ONLY 400 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.**

The dS automatically displays the correct aiming point and all the data you need in high resolution and in real time. Hunters no longer need to adjust the rifle scope manually, making it much easier to tackle long-range shots. The aiming point is calculated based on precise distance measurement, the angle of fire, the magnification selected, air pressure, temperature, and the ballistic data for your personal firearm/ammunition combination.

The dS Configurator App is used to enter the data on your firearm/ammunition combination and to configure the display. The ballistic curve and your individual display configurations are then transferred directly to the dS quickly and easily via Bluetooth.



**ALL PURCHASERS MUST BE  
PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE  
STATE OF ARIZONA AT THE TIME  
TICKETS ARE PURCHASED.**

**CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE**

Please refer to our website at [www.azsfwc.org](http://www.azsfwc.org) for complete raffle rules and procedures.

## Now Accepting 2022 2nd Quarter Stinson Grant Applications



You must use our new updated application form, which can be found on our website here:

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## Please support our Member Group Activities

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### No Excuse Hunting Outdoors

No Excuse Hunting and Outdoors will hold a contest for the 2021 Outdoorsman of the Year. If you or someone you know has a story about over coming a visual or physical disability to experience the outdoors and would like to enter the contest, please share your story with: Dan Ferraro No Excuse Hunting and Outdoors NoExcuseHunting@aol.com This contest is not limited to hunting or fishing. Any outdoor activity such as hiking, rafting, camping or scuba diving are welcome as long as it shows a passion for nature and the outdoors.

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**BUY OFTEN! WIN BIG!**  
**MONTHLY INCENTIVE DRAWING**


**FEBRUARY**

**YOU COULD WIN A KANSAS WHITETAIL DEER HUNT WITH BELL WILDLIFE SPECIALTIES IN THE FALL OF 2022!**


**SEMI-GUIDED 5-DAY HUNT INCLUDES MEALS AND LODGING. WINNERS CHOICE TO HUNT WITH ARCHERY, MUZZLELOADER OR RIFLE.**

**ALL BUYERS PURCHASING TICKETS ONLINE THROUGH 2/28/22 WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN. MAIL ORDERS DO NOT COUNT. DRAWING TO BE HELD ON OR BEFORE 3/5/22.**

**JANUARY'S WINNERS OF THE SITKA MOUNTAIN JACKET AND PANTS**



TODD RUHLAND - WI	BRANDON MCGEHEE - LA
LARRY LUNSFORD - TX	DOUG OSBORNE - AZ
MARK CALKINS - FL	FREDERICK BEVILLE - CA
EDWARD MEYERS - NV	OTIS LECOMPTE - AL
GREGORY CLARK - NV	JENNIFER RIGHTMYER - PA



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**20 WINNERS PICK THEIR CHOICE OF THESE GREAT PRIZES!** \$100 PER TICKET

WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN WHEN ALL TICKETS ARE SOLD  
CHECK WEBSITE OFTEN FOR SALES UPDATE

Swarovski BTX & STX Eyepiece w/ 95MM Objective and NL Pure 10 X42  
Christensen Arms Mesa 6.5 PRC  
Kenetrek Boots w/ 4 pairs of Montana Socks & Hunting Gators  
Mathews V3X 29" Compound Bow  
Outdoorsmans Palisade 90 Pack System  
Ruger SP101 Match Champion Model #5782 357 Magnum

Swarovski SLC HD 15 X 56 Binoculars  
Tikka T3X Lite Wildland 6.5 Creedmoor  
Vortex Razor HD 27-60X85 Angled Spotting Scope  
Ruger Model #B542 AR-556 EDC 5.56 Nato Rifle  
Outdoorsmans Tall Tripod w/ Pan Handle  
Browning X-Bolt Western Hunter LR 300 PRC  
Hilleberg Nallo 2 Person Tent  
Browning Citori White Satin 28 Gauge 28" Over/Under  
Stone Glacier Sky Talus 6900 w/ Xcurve Frame and Medium Belt  
Ruger Model #19122 PCC 9PG 9MM Rifle  
Vortex Kiabab 18 X 56  
Weatherby Element Synthetic 12 GA 26" Shotgun  
Kuiu PRO 3600 Backpack System w/ Carbon Fiber Frame and PRO Suspension VALO  
Ruger Model #16401 57 5.7 X 28MM Pistol

**ONLY 400 TICKETS SOLD (1:20 ODDS OF WINNING)**

20 winning tickets will be drawn in sequence 1-20. Winners will have their choices of remaining prizes in sequential order. Only one of each prize will be awarded to winners.



*Void where prohibited by law. Residents of the state of Washington are prohibited from purchasing raffle tickets. Prize winners will be responsible for paying applicable tax withholding to ADBSS before prize will be awarded and copy of photo ID will also be needed prior to being awarded prize.*

## 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 Partners



## Members

Alter Valley Conservation Alliance  
Anglers United  
AZ Antelope Foundation  
AZ Bass Nation  
AZ Big Game Super Raffle  
AZ Bowhunters Association  
AZ Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation  
AZ Chapter Safari Club International  
AZ Deer Association  
AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society  
AZ Council Trout Unlimited  
AZ Elk Society  
AZ Flycaster's Club  
AZ Houndsmen's Association  
AZ Outdoor Adventures  
AZ Outdoor Sports, Inc  
AZ Predator Callers

AZ Taxidermy Association  
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers  
Christian Hunters of America  
Mogollon Sporting Association  
Mohave Sportsman Club  
Mule Deer Foundation  
Outdoor Experience 4 All  
South Eastern Arizona Sportsmen Club  
Southern AZ Chapter Quail Forever  
SRT Outdoors  
Southwest Wildlife Foundation  
The Bass Federation  
The Trust for Public Land  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation  
Partnership  
Valley of the Sun Quail Forever

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## Associate Members



**No Excuse Hunting Outdoors**  
**Weapons 4 Warriors**

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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.



**Got Wildlife?**  
Get Your License Plate  
**servicearizona.com**

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".**



