

AZ Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation GRANT COMPLETION REPORT

Project Title: Water Trailer

Organization: ADBSS

Event/Project Completion Date: Sept. 1, 2021

Project Location (Include info such as event center, hunting unit, etc.):

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AZSFWC Recognition:

AZSFWC Logo and Link to AZSFWC on organization's website? (attach screen print image) Yes No

License Plate Image w/link to MVD on organization's website? (attach screen print image) Yes No

AZSFWC Logo displayed at event? (attach photo(s)) Yes No

AZSFWC recognized in all marketing materials & post event articles? (attach all samples) Yes No

List any social media recognition of AZSFWC (include all screen print images)

Was there any media or press coverage? (attach copies if available) Yes No

List any other recognition? Trailer was wrapped including AZSFWC logo and Wildlife License Plate graphic

Summarize Project Accomplishments : Trailer will be used by AZGFD and ADBSS personnel to haul water to Region V water catchments, benefiting large and small game as well as other wildlife

Measurable Results (Fill in all that are applicable):

Attendees (If project was an event, list total # of participants, excluding staff, visiting parents, etc): _____

Visitors (If the project is an interpretive display, list total # of annual visitors): _____

Brochures, Pamphlets, etc. (If the project is a brochure, publication, poster or video, list the total produced and distributed): _____

Other (please explain):

Budget (specifically describe how AZSFWC funds were used; e.g. program promotion, type of equipment, materials and/or supplies, etc.) **ATTACH COPIES OF ALL RECEIPTS:**

Budget Item	Planned	Actual
Purchase of water trailer	18,690.	18,690.
(AZBGSR funded \$8,345. Balance was paid by ADBSS funding and private contributions)		

Project Cooperator(s) (please include any in-kind contributions):

Cooperator (no abbreviations)	Amount Contributors \$
Wall Blush Graphics – vehicle wrap including logos of all contributors	750.

Photographs



ADBSS Water Trailer Update

by Charlie Kelly

Up until the late July monsoon storms,

Arizona had suffered from an extreme drought, and water hauling, which traditionally is a seasonal need, has been going on year-round for the last two years. Arizona Game and Fish personnel, and many volunteers from numerous wildlife organizations around Arizona, have hauled hundreds of thousands of gallons to wildlife catchments, including ones used heavily by bighorn sheep.

ADBSS Board member Eric Hunt, who works closely with the Region IV AZGFD staff, reached out to them recently to see what the ADBSS could do to assist in this water hauling effort. They relayed to Eric that they were literally running the wheels off of their existing water hauling trailers and were in desperate need of new equipment. Eric put together a request for the ADBSS board to purchase a new 1,000 gallon custom water trailer, which was approved with the caveat that he raise at least 50 percent of the cost from donations and additional sponsors. He quickly put together a funding request and shared it on social media, circulated it to our ADBSS e-news subscribers and listserv members, and posted it to our website. It was also included in our previous issue of the *Ram's Horn*.

The outpouring of support from our membership was phenomenal! Our members showed that they are truly dedicated to preserving Arizona's precious desert sheep herds, as well as other wildlife that are so dependent on water to survive in a harsh desert environment. The Society also submitted a grant request to the Wildlife License Plate Grant Program administered by Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation, and solicited a grant from the Bass Pro/Cabela's Outdoor Fund. Both grant applications were approved and we are grateful to both AZSFWC and Bass Pro/Cabela's for their timely support. Generous donations were also received from the Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club/Southwest Wildlife Foundation, Eastern Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation as well as the Friends of Ironwood Forest. During our May 1st annual fundraiser, we conducted an "Ask" receiving another round of donations from many folks including longtime supporters Randy Liljenquist/Universal White Cement, and Tim and Shirley Tate/Teepee Sand & Gravel.

With the outstanding response from all these donors, a decision was made to not only purchase a second trailer for Region IV, but also a third one, to aid in the water hauling efforts in the Tucson and southern Arizona areas served by Region V. As we were closing in on fully funding the third trailer, Ron and Karen Yee generously offered to pay the remaining balance in a final show of support from a couple of our long-time supporters and volunteers. Ron also serves as an ADBSS board member. A special thank you to Brian Hamm and the Friends of Ironwood Forest for making the Region V trailer a reality. ADBSS Past President Joe Sheehy was also a huge help in putting together the Tucson trailer, thanks Joe!

As you can see from the list of donors and sponsoring organizations, over 100 folks and groups made this project a reality. A final thanks to ADBSS Board member Eric Hunt for spearheading this huge accomplishment, which will benefit bighorn sheep and other Arizona wildlife for years to come!



THANKS TO THESE GENEROUS DONORS WHO FUNDED THIS EQUIPMENT!

Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society
Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation
Bass Pro – Cabela's Outdoor Fund
Southwest Wildlife Foundation – YVR&GC
Eastern Chapter Wild Sheep Foundation
Universal White Cement – Randy Liljenquist
Friends of the Ironwood
Brian Hamm
Ron & Karen Yee
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