



When you embark on a vacation and rack up 4270.1 miles behind the wheel over the course of 12 days, the windshield time results in a great deal of reflection, occasionally some scenic views, too many bad roads, inevitable monotony, and observing a lot of people that shouldn't be driving! So, with that back drop, here's a glimpse of what AZSFWC has been engaged with and working on of late.

Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan

AZSFWC continues to support the Recovery Plan and submitted comments on 5/16/22 for the proposed Second Revision, [Click here](#) to see that letter. Advocates continue to demand no borders and no population limits in spite of historical range, social considerations, and cross fostering success. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is now considering an "experiment" with the Endangered Species Act, which could have serious ramifications in Arizona.

<https://www.courthousenews.com/u-s-proposes-experimental-populations-of-endangered-species-outside-historic-habitat/>

Feral Equids

Unauthorized livestock, feral horses and feral burros continue to proliferate unchecked in many cases. Habitat destruction is having a dramatic impact on our wildlife. Our Apache-Sitgreaves brochure puts the matter in perspective, [this brochure](#) says it all.

"HOWL for Wildlife" has joined us in supporting the effort to inspire the Forest Service to humanely remove the unauthorized livestock from the forest.

<https://www.howlforwildlife.org/feralhorses>

BLM Travel Management

The Bureau of Land Management is ramping up their planning efforts across Arizona. There will be 18 different planning areas which will impact a myriad of outdoor recreation activities. Three are underway or close to completion as of this writing; Bouse Cactus Plain, Kingman Field Office, and the Black Canyon Corridor. AZSFWC is communicating with the BLM to ensure there are opportunities for input.

Public Land Renewable Energy Projects

Renewable energy projects on public land continue to gain attention and along with it, concerns. The BLM is considering a number of variances for renewable energy projects with thousands of acres under consideration in Arizona. The BLM manages 12.1 million acres in Arizona. So far variances have been sought near Maricopa, the Vulture City Ghost Town near Wickenburg, and another near Arlington.

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/renewable-energy>

These projects aren't unique to BLM lands either, as the State Land Department (SLD) overseeing 9 million acres of State Trust Land is also being targeted for wind and solar fields. There is a proposal in Pinal County called the Oak Wells Windmill project, which would encompass 44K acres. AZSFWC is working on learning more about that project.

One can argue the importance of renewable energy projects, but we also need to consider the impact on public lands to our wildlife, habitat, and loss of recreational access. And in the case of the SLD, the public's inability to provide input on proposed projects.

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Expansion and Lead Ammunition & Tackle Ban

Over the last couple of years, the USFWS has undertaken a successful expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities across the Refuge system. More expansion and some contraction is underway.

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/FWS-HQ-NWRS-2022-0055-0001>

The Center of Biological Diversity (CBD) has petitioned the USFWS to end the use of lead ammunition and lead fishing tackle on all NWR's.

<https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/legal-petition-aims-to-phase-out-toxic-lead-ammo-fishing-tackle-on-national-wildlife-refuges-2022-06-08/>

AZSFWC wrote our AZ Senators on 3/18/22 imploring them to stop the behind closed doors discussions. [Click here](#) to see the letter. We continue to monitor developments.

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/releases/17cc716b-a401-4fb1-a503-184baa167a89>

Tonto NF Sierra Ancha Wilderness Roads

AZSFWC wrote Senator Kelly on 2/9/22 seeking his help for a legislative remedy regarding the closure of Cherry Creek and Workman Creek roads in the Tonto National Forest. Both roads meander along and slightly overlap the wilderness boundary. [Click here](#) to read the letter. We did not receive a response. In April, AZSFWC signed on to a Common Interest Agreement with the State of Arizona (Commission & Department) and Gila County to explore our collective options.

Recovering America's Wildlife Act, RAWA

AZSFWC has supported RAWA since 2019. We joined the Alliance supporting RAWA through AFWA (Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies) on 4/25/22.

<https://www.fishwildlife.org/afwa-acts/alliance-americas-fish-and-wildlife>

H.R.2773 passed in the U.S. House on 6/14/22.

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

S.2372 awaits a vote in the U.S. Senate.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2372>

Other Matters of Interest

AZSFWC continues to monitor developments of "America the Beautiful" aka 30x30 initiative. We joined the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation and 44 other National organizations in submitting comment regarding "ATLAS" on 3/7/22. [Click here](#) to see the letter.

We submitted comments supporting the rerouting of the AZ National Scenic Trail on the Kaibab NF on 3/11/22 as part of the Mangum Fire reconstruction.

We submitted comments supporting the Draft EA for the Pinaleño FireScape Project on the Coronado NF on 3/25/22.

We submitted a letter of support on 4/18/22 for the Land and Water Conservation Fund application to have the BLM purchase the Enterprise Ranch in Maricopa County to enhance outdoor recreation access to the adjacent BLM lands.

We submitted objection comments on 5/23/22 to the Tonto NF Land Management Plan.

We are drafting a letter of support for the Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Expansion with the caveat that hunter access be preserved similar to the existing YPG lands.

AZ Game & Fish Commission and Department Input

AZSFWC continues to provide input and comments to the Commission and Department on a variety of subjects. Some of those included the following:

1. Draft Proposed Hunt Guidelines, comment provided on the 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.

2. Provided input to the Commission regarding how they incorporate Mandatory Harvest Reporting into the system to not only enhance the collection of harvest data, but also help hunters understand their feedback is invaluable to species management.
3. Established a Conservation Bonus Point Committee to coordinate with AZGFD in assessing the concept and viability of such an option.
4. Provided comment to the Kaibab NF supporting the House Rock Wildlife Area Improvements for Bison Management proposed by the Department.

All letters of comment and input can be found on our website <https://azsfwc.org/news/>

Stinson Grants and Conserving Wildlife License Plate Revenue

In the first half of 2022 we have approved \$111,692 in Stinson Grants for habitat conservation projects, youth recruitment and education programs. We are averaging \$18,506 per month in plate revenue which is almost \$2K above last year's average for the year. Read about grants awarded on our website <https://azsfwc.org/license-plate-fund-projects/>

Membership News

Since our last update, we have added Ducks Unlimited and the Diablo Trust to our AZSFWC membership roll, along with 6 new individual members! At our June meeting we have another group application for review and also 3 new individual applications.

If you're interested, here's the link to our Membership page. <https://azsfwc.org/membership/>

Yours in Conservation,
Jim Unmacht
Executive Director

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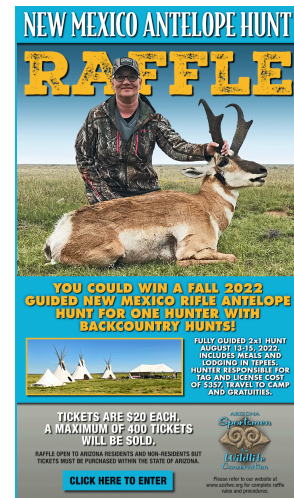
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The AZSFWC is responsible for managing the conservation license plate program (L. Gary Stinson Grant Fund). The fund is derived from the sale of wildlife conservation license plates and member organizations as well as non-member organizations are eligible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



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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>

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