We continue to market our license plate at every opportunity we can. Notably this year, we purchased an ad for the AZ Game & Fish website instead of the hunt regulations. More people will see the license plate ad on the website than in the paper regulations.

We think it’s paying off! Last month we topped $15,181.00 in license plate proceeds, which exceeds any previous month’s reimbursement. That number is comprised of new sales and renewals, totaling 893 plates, so for every Conserving Wildlife license plate sold, AZSFWC receives $17.

If that trend continues, we’ll have even more opportunity to impact wildlife and habitat in the future.

Grant requests are reviewed on a quarterly basis, in February, May, August, and November. All grant requests are screened by our License Plate Grant Committee, and they make a recommendation to the entire Board on funding the request, or not. The next deadline to submit an application is August 1. For information on the process, click HERE.

This past May, we approved grant requests to the following applicants:

- Backcountry Hunters and Anglers for OHV education
- AZ Bowhunters for Archery equipment
- AZ Chapter of NWTF for the Pinaleno Ecosystem Restoration
- AZ Council of TU for Trout in the Classroom program
- Outdoor Experience 4 All for their Family Campout and Crawfish removal efforts

Grant totals for the second quarter totaled $67,700.00. For a list of grants funded over the last decade plus, click HERE.

If you don't have your plate yet, it's time!
In the winter of 2014-15, the Coconino Sportsmen were approached by the AZGFD Wildlife Manager for GMU 12AEast and asked if we would be interested in making repairs to numerous Forest Service trick tanks on the N. Kaibab ranger District. We scheduled a meeting in Fredonia with AZGFD and Forest Service representatives, representatives of the Coconino Sportsmen and the Arizona Elk Society(AES), even though there are basically no elk in the area under discussion. The Forest Service provided maps and a brief background on the area and it was decided that the Forest and the Department would provide a list of up to 25 trick tanks most in need of repair. The Coconino Sportsmen agreed to provide substantial funding and some volunteer labor for work in the summer of 2015 and after receiving Board approval, the AES would provide volunteer labor, use of AES tools, vehicles and other supplies. The AZGFD provided lodging at the Jacob Lake G&F check station and in early June of 2015, a group of 6-7 AES volunteers and a couple of Coconino Sportsmen volunteers traveled to Jacob Lake and started repairs. Many of the trick tanks had not been maintained or visited in several years or more and most were not functioning at all. During the
time spent that summer, repairs were made to 14 trick tanks, bringing them all up to a functioning level. Because many of these tanks were built on location, the variation from tank to tank was very problematic with various length support brackets, hardware sizes, drinker configurations, valves and float assemblies used and numerous other challenges. We felt we had done a pretty good job as far as we went and both organizations were in agreement that a return trip in 2016 was needed. .... More HERE.

Coconino Voices: Federal management of public lands best by Tom Mackin as published in the AZ Daily Sun

County Supervisors Archuleta, Babbott, Fowler, Metzger, and Ryan recently took a stand for our public lands. On June 7, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution opposing efforts to transfer ownership of national public lands to the state of Arizona or local governments, outside of already established processes. Representing those of us who enjoy Arizona's 23.6 million acres of publicly accessible National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands, the Board of Supervisors acknowledged that the state wouldn't be able to pay the bills if it were to assume the costs of federal programs on public lands. Never mind paying for restoration projects or other improvements; Arizona wouldn't be able to afford the cost of fighting its own forest fires. The resolution comes at a time when the Arizona State Legislature's Federal Land Transfer Study Committee is actively examining processes to transfer public lands to state ownership. The U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources, for the first time in history, passed legislation (H.R. 3650) that would sell off millions of acres of our public lands. The Board championed the idea that healthy, properly managed lands can contribute to the county's economic and social health. Simply put, they concluded... Read more HERE.

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We now offer advertising on our E-newsletter. Please contact us at info@azsfwc.org for ad space pricing and availability.
Conservation License Plates - Get yours today!

Look at our beautiful license plate. 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 conservation 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.

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. You can have many of your questions answered here:

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

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".

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. The AZSFWC is responsible for managing the conservation license plate program (Wildlife Conservation Habitat 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.