



On the ground, so to speak:

-The Tonto National Forest just closed their comment period as they prepare to plan for management on 3 million acres of one of the most visited National Forests in the country. The last time this was done was in 1985. We weighed in with comments and you [click here](#) to see the letter.

-After almost 7 years the Prescott National Forest finally came to a decision to proceed with reciprocal easements between the Forest and the Yavapai Ranch, which has thousands of acres of checkerboard lands mixed in with the forest lands. This is a win not only for the Prescott NF and the ranch, but for sportsmen and women when it comes to access. We weighed in with comments and you can [click here](#) to see the letter.

-The Kaibab National Forest has had a couple environmental assessments going on which we have supported of late, including two Miller Pipeline extensions and a Wetlands Habitat improvement project.

-The BLM is currently undertaking a review along the Black Canyon Corridor to do a Travel Management Plan. This study will determine what roads to close, and what roads to leave open. <http://bit.ly/2oMh10C>

-The Department of the Interior is asking for comment on the review of 27 National Monuments over 100,000 acres in size, along with the Antiquities Act that allowed their formation. There are four here in Arizona; Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, Vermillion Cliffs and Grand Canyon- Parashant.
<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=DOI-2017-0002-0001>

Coming soon, follow up on the Grand Canyon bison issues, AZSFWC Individual Membership opportunities, our next raffle and information on our Sportsmen's Summit event at the Ben Avery Clay Target Center set for August 5, 2017.

We'll endeavor to keep you informed!

Yours in Conservation,

Raffle News

Congratulations to Jackson Anderson of Prescott who was the winner in the drawing for the Swarovski spotting scope donated by member group AZ Elk Society. Thanks to everyone who supported important conservation work by purchasing tickets. Coming soon, your chance to win a Weatherby Vanguard rifle in 6.5 Creedmoor caliber.

Grant Success!

Pinaleno Ecosystem Restoration Project (PERP Stewardship)
Year 4 2016-2017, completed March 15, 2017



Year 4 of the PERP Stewardship Project was more productive relative to past years and progress was made in project sub-unit 301 of Treasure Park A Treatment Unit.

Work on this project is logistically challenging and work was not initiated until November 2016 due to our primary contractor having issues obtaining Worker's Comp Insurance. Weather caused a few delays as well, but 54.4 acres were treated and 82 loads of biomass (logs) were removed from the project site. Logs were hauled to a sort yard located on Graham County property and stacked.

In January 2017 an interested party was identified who agreed to purchase all logs previously hauled to the sort yard including those currently being hauled. By mid-March only a few small, short logs remained and



these will likely be sold locally as fuel wood. All proceeds raised through the sale of logs is returned to the project and used as non-Federal match allowing for additional work to occur.

The funding provided by this grant from AZSFWC, \$40,000, enabled the NWTF to provide non-Federal match for an additional

\$160,000.

Read the complete report [HERE](#).

Upcoming Member Activities

Arizona Big Game Super Raffle
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All purchases made into the Arizona Big Game Super Raffle from May 20th thru June 30th, 2017, will be entered* in this "Special Drawing" for a 2017 - Polaris 570 Sportsman ATV !

- Orders must be placed online at www.arizonabiggamesuperraffle.com
- Winner will be drawn on July 4th, 2017
- Retail value - \$ 6,700
- Winner will be responsible for taxes and shipping from Phoenix, AZ

* Enter daily for more chances to win !



CORPORATE/FRIENDS TABLE PACKAGE

AZ Wheelin' Sportsmen Chapter

1st Hunting Heritage Fundraiser

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017

Doors open @4:30pm

Bass Pro Shops

Mesa, Az.



\$750.00 Corporate/Friend Table Sponsors Receive:

- Eight Great Dinners
- One NWTF Sponsor Membership (Includes lapel pin and BOYT soft sided cooler)
- Seven NWTF 1 Year Wheelin' or Regular Memberships
- FMK 9C1 9mm
- Special Recognition at the Banquet

ARIZONA ANTELOPE FOUNDATION GREER FENCE REMOVAL AND MODIFICATION JUNE 10, 2017

Project Location: We will be working on the Apache National Forest a few miles north of Big Lake in the White Mountains.

Project Begins: Saturday June 10th at 7AM (sunrise is 5:00am!) and possibly Sunday 7-11. Meet at camp for all start times. The campsite is located about five miles east of the project site.

Project Activity: We will be modifying approximately 2 miles of existing low hanging four strand fence by removing the bottom strand of barbed wire and replacing with a single strand of smooth wire at a height of 16 inches.

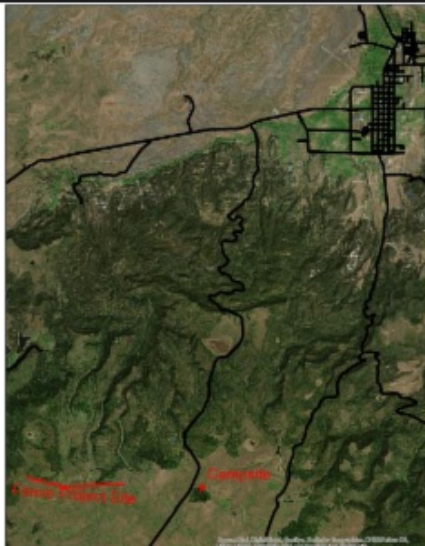
Pronghorn Benefits: The project is located in a high elevation grassland that is key summer range for pronghorn. The pronghorn must cross this fence while migrating between this summer range and lower elevation winter range. Improving this fence will also allow more access to the summer range. Retaining the travel connectivity within the summer range is critical to maintaining this population of pronghorn which summer and reproduce near Big Lake. This project is our second annual project to enhance habitat for these migratory pronghorn. Subsequent projects will work up into the primary summer range modifying and or removing livestock fences.

Volunteer Benefits: All volunteer work hours and mileage will be use as in-kind match for federally funded wildlife enhancement projects including the Arizona Game and Fish Habitat Partnership program.

What to Bring: Workgloves (The AAF will have a limited supply), snacks, water, personal gear.

Meals: Please provide your own lunches to eat in the field on the Saturday work days. The AAF will be providing dinners on Friday and Saturday nights and continental breakfasts with coffee and juice on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Contact: Glen Dickens at (520-247-4907) for project information. If you are planning to attend, **please RSVP** to info@azantelope.org by **June 2nd** so we can plan to have enough food and tools.



Visit our website for a larger printer-friendly map
www.azantelope.org

Directions to Camp: AAF camp site will be located on the north side of Rudd Knoll, which is about 12 miles south of Highway 260 and 14 miles southwest of Eagar.

Travel 38 miles east of Pinetop on Highway 260; turn right (south) on State Highway 261 at mile post 393 (You can also take Highway 60 east from Show Low to Eagar and turn west onto Highway 260 to reach MP 393.); go about 12 miles south on Highway 261 to mile post 400.5 and turn left (east) at the AAF signs located on the north side of Rudd Knoll. Access until this turnoff is paved road and the camping area starts within a ¼ mile of the highway. Please note this is a public camping area, but efforts will be made to "reserve" a specific AAF camping area.

Project Location: The project site is located approximately 3 miles west of camp. Take Forest Road 409 (FR 409) west from State Route 261 about three miles. FR 409 is located about 1 mile north of camp from Highway 261. Work site is located about ¼ mile south of FR 409, and access varies according to the location.

Camping Restrictions: If fire restrictions are in place then no open fires will be allowed. This includes the use of charcoal. Cooking will be restricted to propane stoves.

Northern Arizona Shooting Range Summer Clay Target Shoots

June 10th - 11th, 2017: DEAD SNAG SHOOT @ FLAGSTAFF TRAP & SKEET CLUB, NASR:

What: ATA Registered Trap Shoot with 3 Events

Cost: \$30.00 PER EVENT + DAILY FEES FOR ATA \$3.00 AND ASTA \$3.00

Where: Northern Arizona Shooting Range Trap Fields 1-5

When: June 10th

Time: Registration and practice begins at 8:00 am - Event #1 starts at 9:30 am

June 10th - 11th, 2017: June Bug Registered Sporting Clays Match:
What: This is a challenging and fun, 12-station course. You will shoot 100 targets (pairs "on report" and "true" pairs). Come and enjoy shooting sporting clays on one of the most scenic sporting clays courses in the state!

Cost: Registration is \$50 per day and "Class" and "Lewis" options will be available.

Where: Northern Arizona Shooting Range (NASR) Sporting Clay Course

When: June 10th - 11th Time: Saturday (1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Sunday (9:00 a.m. - noon)



ARIZONA ANTELOPE FOUNDATION

HUNTER CLINIC
TROPHY SCORING

PRONGHORN RECOGNITION & FUNDRAISING BANQUET

JUNE 17, 2017



TROPHY SCORING 9:00AM - 4:00PM

CLINIC REGISTRATION 11:00-12:00 CLINIC 12:00-4:00

RECOGNITION & FUNDRAISING BANQUET 4:30PM - 10PM

EMBASSY SUITES PHOENIX-TEMPE

4400 SOUTH RURAL ROAD

TEMPE, AZ 85282

FOR ATTENDANCE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEB SITE

WWW.AZANTELOPE.ORG

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June Water/Habitat Project: Date: June 24, 2017: Location: Peterson Tank, AZGFD Unit #27. Come up to the cool pines in June and help us on this water/habitat project. Located about an hour north of Morenci on the Coronado Trail. Project site is easily accesible for light 4x4 vehicles.

Save the Date

**First Annual Sportsmen's Summit
August 5, 2017
Ben Avery Clay Target Center
Stay tuned for details.**

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Members

Welcome to our newest members, Christian Hunters of America, Lookout Mountain Outdoors, The Ranch at Southfork and Western Hunter. We are happy they are on board along with the following:

1.2.3.Go...	Anglers United	AZ Antelope Foundation
AZ Bass Federation Nation	AZ Big Game Super Raffle	AZ Bowhunters Association
AZ Catfish Conservation Assoc	AZ Chapter NWTF	AZ Chapter SCI
AZ Council of Trout Unlimited	AZ Deer Association	AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society
AZ Elk Society	AZ Flycasters Club	AZ Houndsmen's Association
AZ Outdoor Sports	AZ Shooting Sports Education Foundation	AZ Taxidermy Association
Back Country Hunters & Anglers	Christian Hunters of America	Coconino Sportsmen
Kahuna's Kids	Mohave Sportsman Cub	Outdoor Experience 4 All
South Eastern AZ Sportsmen Club	SRT Outdoors Inc	Southwest Wildlife Foundation (YVRGC)
The Bass Federation Arizona	TRCP	Valley of the Sun Quail Forever
White Mountain Lakes Foundation	Xtreme Predator Callers	

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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.

