

Ah the anticipation of the Fall Draw! "Will I finally get that long sought after tag?" Surely a short term concern, and good luck with that in the coming weeks!

Let's look long term for a moment too. Some people think the threat from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is gone. They came to Arizona, lost and won't come back.

That is pretty short sighted if you really think about it. Demographics alone should tell anyone who cares that Arizona is a fast changing landscape. Growing of course, over 7 million residents now, but with folks that don't hunt or fish, and have no idea who is controlling, managing or even responsible for our 800 species of wildlife.

A couple weeks back the HSUS made sure all of social media knew they were in a Tucson classroom "teaching" children about animals. Just recently, they also put on a law enforcement seminar in Pinal County for a full day course on investigation training, resources for animal fighting and cruelty, and networking...with 14 agencies involved, including representatives from 7 Arizona cities, 5 Arizona Counties and 2 Tribal Nations.

How can anyone think HSUS or for that matter any other "animal rights" or anti-hunting group is going to give up on Arizona?

Last month I said this..."On the other hand, people like HSUS, PETA, Animals First Arizona, AZ for Wildlife, and the AZ Animal Defense League as examples, are motivated by a guttural hatred of the pastimes many sportsmen and women enjoy. They don't take time off from it either, it's ingrained in them."

It's not just about hunting either. Anglers, you don't have to go too far

back to appreciate the assault on lead fishing tackle. While the current Administration "fixed" that for the time being, it's by no means off the anti's agenda. I found this video the other day too, the anti's don't discriminate. https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=z9LwbJGh3OE

So as you wait with excited optimism in the coming days for your credit card statements and possible news of the "tag", or as you spend quiet days on the water with rod & reel in hand, please also start thinking about what's on the horizon here in Arizona.

The Commission has instructed the Department to form an advisory committee to assess future funding options to supplement education efforts going forward. It will be critically important that dedicated funding be set aside for educating the public about Game & Fish, their role in managing wildlife, along with the roles sportsmen and women play in wildlife conservation.

Watch for more on this in the coming weeks.

Jim Unmacht Executive Director

Member Organization Spotlight



We hear a lot about the need for outdoor activity; this is especially true with boys and girls. So many children miss out on the wonders of nature! At Arizona Outdoor Adventures, we believe every child, particularly underprivileged children, should have the opportunity to

experience healthy outdoor activities and receive affirmation that a more positive life can be experienced through the "RCs" of life: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, and especially making Constructive Choices.

With children, somebody has to be available to take them. Arizona Outdoor Adventures is willing and has been for over the past 20 years. We are committed to providing children with these opportunities and ask you to partner with us. The 2018 Camp Season is starting. These back-country tent camps provide children with opportunities to make unforgettable memories in the outdoors.

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