



Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation



While the Dog Days of 2020 endure, there still is a great deal going on that could or would impact our passions. Here's a snapshot.

Our Federal land management agencies have a number of different projects in the works. The Coronado NF has a couple open for comment open right now. The first is the Chiricahua Access Project which is proposing opening up public land at three access points that are currently blocked by private land. A very good thing for outdoor recreationists!

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57856>

The Coronado is also assessing additional landscape restoration in the Pinaleño ecosystem. This proposal is similar to the project AZSFWC helped fund through the NWTF a couple years ago.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56958>

The Bureau of Reclamation has put forth a project proposal to build a water pipeline from Lake Powell to Southern Utah. A number of questions come to mind, including; does the Colorado River system and Lake Powell have enough water to sustain such a venture, and how will the mule deer migration routes be affected by such a project? Interestingly enough, the water level at Lake Mead remains low and now there's talk Arizona and Nevada will have to consider cutbacks in their allotments.

<https://www.usbr.gov/uc/DocLibrary/EnvironmentalImpactStatements/LakePowellPipeline/index.html>

The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) was recently signed into law by the President. A big win for wildlife, conservation and outdoor recreation! AZSFWC lobbied for the Land and Water Conservation Fund for a long time, and GAOA now permanently funds that program. Most of the funding will go towards repairing public-lands infrastructure in our national parks and the massive maintenance backlog on our public lands.

While GAOA was successful, other important bills haven't reached the President's desk yet. Some include the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA), America's Conservation Enhancement Act (ACE), the Modernizing Access to our Public Land Act (MAPLand), and inclusion of Wildlife Crossings Program language in America's Transportation Infrastructure Act. AZSFWC will continue to watch and monitor these bills.

And finally out of Bristol Bay, Alaska the Pebble Mine controversy continues. AZSFWC has not taken a position on this issue since it's not an Arizona matter. That doesn't make it any less significant however, and we understand a decision on the mine might come as early as next week.

You can learn more about it here.

<http://www.savebristolbay.org/bloghost/2020/8/18/bipartisan-support-to-stop-pebble-puts-pressure-on-president-trump>

<https://anchor.fm/sporting-classics/episodes/Bristol-Bay-Pebble-Mine-Yea-or-Nay-ei3nct>

Two of our member organizations, Trout Unlimited and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers are opposing the mine. You can read their statement [here](#).

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BUY TICKETS

Upcoming Member Group Activities & Events

This is very fluid given response to COVID-19. Many groups have had to cancel or postpone activities. Be sure to check with a group for up to date info.



AOA has been providing outdoor recreation and back country camps for at-risk youth and adults with special needs for more than 20 years. Some of these fun activities include hiking, fishing, dutch oven cooking, wildlife identification, swimming, campfire talks, and conservation projects.

AOA's Fundraising Sporting Clays shoot had to be cancelled this year due to COVID-19. We had anticipated raising at least \$20,000 with this event and are now asking willing participants to provide a [\\$200 contribution to AOA](https://azoutdooradventures.org/ways-to-help/donations/) (<https://azoutdooradventures.org/ways-to-help/donations/>). Those who donate between now and September 30, will be entered into a drawing for either a CZ

shotgun or a \$500 Cabela's gift card—the winner's choice. If at this time, you are unable to participate, we thoroughly understand. Things are difficult for many at this time in our country's history. However, remember that any contribution will be an enormous help. Thank you for your continued support, and may you stay safe and healthy during this time.

100 Big Bangs for Freedom



by Shotgun Division of
Arizona State Rifle & Pistol Association
in commemoration of
NATIONAL PATRIOT DAY (9/11)

Saturday Sept. 12th

Sporting Clays Tournament

At Ben Avery Clay Target Center
Phoenix, AZ 85086

100-Target NSCA Sporting Clays Shoot
8:30 AM Shotgun Start; Registration: 7 AM—8:15 AM
Unregistered NSCA shooters will be placed in "Hunter Class"

\$75 Registration Fee
Options: \$10 Lewis Class; \$10 Back to Class

Purchase Online Registrations at:
<https://shotgundivisionasrpa.square.site>

Prize for Mystery Target Champ: 2 Entries to 2020 NSCA National Championship
Lots of Online Raffles: Firearms—and More!



Registration Info:
602-571-4055; asrpushoots@gmail.com
Squadding Info: 602-904-2798;
benaveryshootingclays@gmail.com

Charity benefit on behalf of:
HEROES RISING OUTDOORS
an **Arizona Elk Society** program to help
Arizona's returning disabled veterans heal
through outdoor activities and hunting.



Kahuna's Kids Mentoring Kids Fishing Derby Event

October 10, 2020
Patagonia Lake

[More information](#)



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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. (More info [HERE](#)).

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>

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.

