

Twas the night before the Season and all through the woods, Not a hunter was stirring, no one had the goods.

The tags were lined up, all neat, in a row, But the weather turned bad, and many needed a tow.

Animals were hunkered down with the year closing in, With enviros out fundraising, begging money for their bin.

Arizona deflected another initiative this year, But not so in Colorado, with a wolf push in high gear.

New Mexico's Commission had turned on a dime, But Arizona's group pretty much stayed with the line.

Contests are done on the predator scene, As social acceptance became a critical mean.

Trophy vernacular has gone out of sync, Now we simply need to get sportsmen to think.

Cameras have always taken pretty good pix, It's time for fair chase to govern the fix.

Recruitment Retention and Reactivation, are all key, But educating the voters is paramount you see.

An election is coming, and consequences too,

How it plays out, governs what we can do.

So ponder your blessings and have a great Season, But be thoughtful and careful, as we have plenty of reason.

Jim Unmacht **Executive Director** 

### AZSFWC Awards \$23,800 in Grants

Fourth quarter grant applications were presented and voted on at the November 26, 2019. Funding for the grants is available through sales of our special Conserving Wildlife license plate.



Five grants were approved in the amount of \$23,800, bringing total funding in 2019 to \$156,075! Grants approved this guarter included the following:

- \$2,400 to the AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society for their White Canyon Water Pipeline habitat project
- \$3,000 to the Mesa Varmint Callers for their Youth Javelina Camp
- \$6,400 to the Southern AZ Chapter of Quail Forever equipment supporting their Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation programs
- \$8,500 to the SW Wildlife Foundation/Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club to support their 2020 Youth Fishing & Outdoor Clinic
- \$2,000 was awarded to AZ Outdoor Sports for their Picket Post Beginner Hunt and Shoot Event

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