



To say the least, 2020 proved to be a year with an array of descriptions. A promising beginning yielded to a problematic pandemic ending. Tossed in between were challenges, frustrations, successes, failures and even some opportunities.

There were some big conservation success stories this past year, including the ACE Act, GAO Act, LWCF, Dingell Act and others. There were some matters left on the table, like MAPLand, our Tonto NF Sierra Ancha Wilderness Boundary correction, to name a couple.

There were fundraising successes through on-line raffles, and fundraising heartache with banquet cancellations.

The make-up of meetings may have forever changed as we Zoomed for most of the year. While not the same as meeting in person, retaining remote accessibility with this meeting format even when we are able to meet again live will allow more participation and involvement for folks "out of town".

The outdoors became much more popular in the last year, with hunting and angling license sales rising considerably. A benefit for recruitment and retention, and of course funding to Game & Fish. However hundreds and even thousands more people outside will create pressure on the resources and infrastructure.

Firearms sales went through the roof, and as you might imagine, so did ammunition sales. It will take some time for availability of both to settle down to whatever is going to be the new "normal". In the meantime Pittman-Robertson money will be on solid ground for the foreseeable future.

There will be a couple key issues we'll need to concentrate on in the future:

1. Reeducating folks on the importance of "conservation" in the outdoors, and
2. Reinforcing the importance of "ethics" in the outdoors to sportsmen and women, even the experienced ones.

The continuing changes in Arizona's population dynamics will elevate the importance of these two matters going forward.

With that, here's hoping the new year is not only happy, but healthy for all of us!

Yours in Conservation & Ethics,

Jim Unmacht
Executive Director

2020 Ford Raptor Raffle Winner



Congratulations to Jesus Rivera, active military stationed in Las Vegas, NV who was the lucky winner on December 23rd!

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets! You helped make our important work possible!

A special thanks to our partner Sanderson Ford for their commitment to our cause!



Sales of our specialty license plate (see purchasing info below) provide funding to AZSFWC's Wildlife Conservation Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide grants for habitat projects

that are deemed beneficial for all species of wildlife in Arizona. It is also available to help fund hunting and angling recruitment and/or retention activities or wildlife conservation education events or programs.

Any 501c3 within Arizona can apply for project or event funding as long as they are in good standing with the Arizona Corporation Commission. Applications for project funding must be submitted in writing on forms provided by the AZSFWC. Forms and more information about this grant program can be found on our website. <https://azsfwc.org/grant-information/>

Funding decisions for this grant cycle will be made at the end of February.

To see a list of projects/activities that have been funded in the past, click [HERE](#).

Recent Grant Success Story



This past summer the AZSFWC grant program provided funding to the AZ Chapter of the Mule Deer Foundation to repair an important wildlife water. Lennox Trick Tank is a Forest Service wildlife drinker that is located in Unit 7 East on the Coconino National Forest. This catchment had a new apron constructed to efficiently catch rain water and store in the 3,500 gallon storage tank. This portion of the unit has a healthy heard of mule deer and elk in the area surrounding this water catchment. Read more about this project [HERE](#).

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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](#)).

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