



As the 4th Quarter of 2022 comes to an end, here's recap of some of our recent AZSFWC activity.

First an update on the unauthorized livestock on the Apache National Forest.

The photos are courtesy of Robin Silver. The Forest Service has been capturing and auctioning this livestock, but as you can see, there is a lot more work to do!

Here's a group of feral horses near the West Fork of the Black River on November 26, 2022.



Same date at Boggy Creek, formally habitat of the New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse.



Here's a photo from July 19, 2022 on what healthy riparian habitat should look like.



Our Past President John Koleszar has followed these equid matters closely for AZSFWC. Read his assessment in "[Let Them Be Free](#)" and "[Updates on the Horse Wars](#)".

It's not all about equids, here are other matters AZSFWC has been engaged on.

- Ranching and Wildlife Work Group participation with Game & Fish
- Social Media metrics established, and Administrator hired
- Land and Water Conservation Fund advocacy trip to Washington DC

- Greater Chino Valley Collaborative Recreation Working Group participation and follow up Del Rio Ranch Field Trip
- BLM Travel Management Plans; Black Canyon Corridor, Middle Gila South, and Kingman
- AZ Gubernatorial candidate interview requests and question assessment
- Commission Appointment Recommendation Board Interview attendance
- BLM Middle Gila South Travel Management Plan comment letter submitted, [Click here](#)
- Southern AZ Cattlemen's Protective Association meeting participation in Kearney
- Senate OHV Committee considerations and recommendation
- Tonto NF Land Management Plan Objection Process status preserved, hearing date set
- Renewable Energy discussions and action plan
- Wildlife Waters Redevelopment Criteria survey
- Tonto NF Travel Management Plan Activity; November Action Alert, correspondence to The Wilderness Society, collaboration with the AG's office, Commission and Gila County
- Salt River Horse suit vs Tonto NF, consideration on participation on lack of NEPA
- Great Bend of the Gila Conservation Act, letters to Senator Sinema and Senator Kelly opposing the bill, [Click here](#)

AZSFWC's "Conserving Wildlife" license plate is averaging \$18,835 per month in 2022. This is \$2,169 more per month on average than last year! Check out the Game & Fish home page to see our updated plate image and link, <https://www.azgfd.com/>

Our Ford Raptor Sweepstakes has ended, thank you to all the organizations that helped advertise the fundraiser, as well as everyone that purchased tickets!

Have a Happy New Year!

Yours in Conservation,

Jim Unmacht
Executive Director

L. Gary Stinson Grant Program

AZSFWC Awards Another \$38,000 in Grants

Fourth quarter grant applications were presented and voted on at the November 22, 2022 AZSFWC Board meeting. The following grants were awarded:

- \$20,000 was awarded to the Southern AZ Chapter of Quail Forever for the Coronado National Forest Grasslands Restoration habitat project.
 - \$6,000 was awarded to the Arizona Antelope Foundation for the Jesse White Solar Well Array.
 - \$12,000 was awarded to the Mogollon Sporting Association for wildlife water improvements. *Read more [here](#)*
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Funding decisions will be made at the end of February for this cycle.

**Congratulations to our winner Kevin Szymanski
from Peoria, AZ**

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RAPTOR**

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA QUAIL FOREVER

Family Day

Activities Include:

Trap Shooting
Archery
BB Gun Range
Fly-Fishing/Fly-Tying Intro
GPS Instruction
Animal Footprint ID
Live Bird Hunt Demonstration
Bird Cleaning
Police Dog Demo
Falconry
Free Breakfast & Lunch



****No Fee/All Ages Welcome****

Location: Las Cienegas National Conservation Area, Empire Ranch/Airfield Site (north of Sonoita, AZ)

Time/Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023 (8:00am – 3:00pm)

Sponsored by: Southern Arizona Quail Forever Chapter

Register at AZ Game & Fish Outdoor Skills (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/183101>)

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Salt River Clean Up

Saturday, January 7th
Saturday, January 21st
Saturday, February 4th
Saturday, February 18th
Saturday, March 4th
Saturday, March 18th
Saturday, April 1st
Saturday, April 15th
More information [HERE](#).

Sportsmen's Business Directory

Do you really know who you do business with? Do the businesses you patronize support the things you like to do?

Help us build the Sportsmen's Business Alliance online directory to help you find those businesses.

If you are a business owner, here is an opportunity for you to reach out to like-minded sportsmen & women and support organizations that promote causes important to them.

[Read more HERE.](#)

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AZ Antelope Foundation	AZ Taxidermy Association
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AZ Bowhunters Association	Ducks Unlimited
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AZ Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation	Mule Deer Foundation
AZ Chapter Safari Club International	Outdoor Experience 4 All
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AZ Deer Association	SRT Outdoors
AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society	Southwest Wildlife Foundation
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DONATE

The AZSFWC is responsible for managing the conservation license plate program (L. Gary Stinson Grant 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.



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 L. Gary Stinson Grant 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".**

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