



The AZSFWC Board completed the 4th Quarter Grant assessment at the November meeting by awarding \$53,235 in grants from our L. Gary Stinson Grant Fund. You can see where this money will go below.

For the year, AZSFWC awarded a total of \$266,885.00 in grants, all thanks to the "Conserving Wildlife" license plate holders. <https://azsfwc.org/license-plate-2/>

Arizona's Legislative Sessions always prove to be interesting and at times challenging. In the First Session of the 57th Legislature earlier this year, we dealt with bills targeting Landowner tags, Designating a Rancher on the Commission, attacks on Public Land and others. AZSFWC's opposition helped stop the first two bills and keep the Public Land efforts in check.

As we get closer to the Second Session beginning on January 12th, we suspect we'll see similar bills arise again in the new year and we will remain vigilant. And already dropped, is HB2058 for another attempt to mandate a rancher serve on the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. <https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/57leg/2R/bills/HB2058P.pdf>

You can read AZSFWC's position on the first attempt [here](#), and note our position is unchanged.

We're also watching and monitoring Washington DC.

The Federal Public Lands debates continue, even though past efforts to make unprecedented changes we're successfully blocked on most fronts. Proposed Administrative policy changes will also be scrutinized, from the ESA, NEPA, and WOTUS to name a few.

Congress will be interesting; with proposals like nullifying National Monuments, expanding the buffer along our Northern and Southern borders, mineral extraction, the Arctic NWR, "wild" horses and burros, and who knows what else.

In the Courts, your guess is as good as ours, as there is never a dull moment on that front.

Access to public lands continues to remain a focus of AZSFWC, so as you recreate around Arizona, you can help us identify access issues by completing and sending us this form. <https://azsfwc.org/report-your-public-land-access-issue/>

Finally, we wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

Yours in Conservation,
Jim Unmacht
Executive Director

L. Gary Stinson Grant Program

Fourth quarter grant applications were presented and voted on at the November 25, 2025

AZSFWC Board meeting. Six grants were approved and include the following:

- \$8,700 was awarded to Wildlife Water Works for construction of two water trailers.
- \$15,000 was awarded to the AZ Council Trout Unlimited for their 2026 Fish Camp
- \$1,455 was awarded to Valley of the Sun Quail Forever for their joint Cast & Blast event with AZ Council of Trout Unlimited
- \$14,000 was awarded to the AZ Council Trout Unlimited for their 2025-2026 Trout in the Classroom Education program
- \$10,080 was awarded to Valley of the Sun Quail Forever for the 2026 ASRPA Cactus Clays Beginners Clay Target Sports program
- \$4,000 was awarded to Arizona Foundation for Wildlife for their 2025 Fall Family Camp

Read more about these grants [HERE](#).



Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) organization in existence for at least 2 years, in good standing with the AZ Corporation Commission and have a physical presence of a chapter or other unit in Arizona. Additional eligibility requirements, instructions and program information can be found [HERE](#).

Applications for project funding will be submitted using our online submission form [HERE](#) and funding decisions will be made by the AZSFWC Board at the end of February 2026.

Please support our Member Group Activities



ALTAR VALLEY
CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

Highway Clean Up

January 31, 2026

[Info](#)

SAQF Banquet
February 7, 2026
Sonoita Fairgrounds

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A graphic for the Conservation Cup II event. The background is dark and textured. On the right side, there are several red shotgun shells and a large orange target. The target has a circular logo in the center that reads "WILDLIFE FOR TOMORROW" at the top, "EST. 1990" on the sides, and "CONSERVATION CUP" at the bottom. The text "SAVE THE DATE" is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, "CONSERVATION CUP II" is written in green, and "3-7-26" is written in orange script. At the bottom left, the address "BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CENTER 5060 W SKEET STREET PHOENIX, AZ 85086" is written in green.

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CONSERVATION CUP II

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA QUAIL FOREVER

2026 Family Day

Activities Include:

- Trap Shooting
- Archery
- BB Gun Range
- Fly-Fishing Intro
- Animal Footprint ID
- Live Quail 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 7, 2026 (8:00am – 1:00pm)

Sponsored by: Southern Arizona Quail Forever Chapter

Register at AZ Game & Fish Outdoor Skills (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/229476>)

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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.



Not Just Another Pretty Plate

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: <https://azmvdnow.gov/plates>

Scroll through the page, to the "See All" button. Plates will be listed alphabetically with our plate entitled "Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation". Click on the plate and follow the prompts. Order your plate as a sequential shelf plate for \$25.00 per year or as a personalized plate for \$50.00 per year.

The plate is also available for all categories of trailers as well as with the International Symbol of Access for Disabilities.

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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