



Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation



If you've ever watched Steve Rinella's show "MeatEater", maybe you saw his second episode in Season 8 called "Blue Mountain Bugles". If not, he was bow hunting elk in Washington and made a less than perfect shot on a nice bull. He had a blood trail, but needed to head back out the next day to try and locate the animal. With the help of another hunter who happened to glass the dead animal, he was able to harvest it, but unfortunately lost some meat to spoilage.

In each show he ends with some closing comments. Here's what he said in that episode:

"In describing a life lived close to nature, I talk about the arena of consequence, meaning, this is a place where actions produce results that you have to live with. What happens in the mountains does not stay in the mountains. It goes home with you in the form of a complex cocktail of emotions and physical goods. We got a lot of meat, but not as much as we could have gotten. We killed an elk, but not as well as we should have killed it. All you can do is sift through the complexities, for whatever lessons you can find. Then you move on, better equipped, hopefully, for the next go around."

We all are part of the "arena of consequence" in everything we participate in; be it hunting, angling, shooting, mountain biking, bird watching, hiking, camping, riding, off-roading or even checking cards in our trail cameras.

Regardless of what we enjoy, our individual and collective "actions produce results that you (we) have to live with". Do we take that shot? Do we ride that trail? Do we hike that mountain? Do we go down that road? Do we look ahead at how our current practices could impact the future of what we enjoy?

Right now we are "sifting through the complexities" of the camera issues. There are passionate calls on both ends of the spectrum, on one hand "ban" and on the other "no ban". Is there a solution somewhere in the middle? I don't have that answer, but do wonder how all of this will play out, not next year, but in 10 or 20 years.

On many fronts we are in a changing time. We must think past this season and beyond our tag. We must look at what we do now and think about how it will be viewed in the future. Do we want to control that, or do we want others to do that for us?

There might have been a time when what happened in the mountains stayed in the mountains.

Today and in the coming years, "What happens in the mountains does not stay in the mountains."

Will we be "better equipped" and ready "for the next go around"?

Yours in Conservation,

Jim Unmacht
Executive Director

Please support our Member Group Activities



Southeastern Arizona Sportsmen Club

Habitat Improvement time!!!!!! We have scheduled our first Habitat Improvement Project for Jan 30th!!!!!! Project name is Olsen Springs, and is just a short drive from Safford. We will be meeting at 7:30am at the railroad crossing on upper Solomon Rd just southeast of Safford. We ask that you bring digging and landscaping tools as we will be clearing out brush and digging a trench for a new water line. We will be working on a spring box and installing a new water drinker as well. We will provide lunch, so please rsvp as soon as you can so we will have enough food for everyone.

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MICHAEL GIBBONS - AZ	CHRIS DREAS - AZ	RAYMOND MOLTZ - TX
LARRY WEIGEL - AZ	KELLY J CHURCHILL - WY	BLANE BAKER - MO
	CURTIS WAGNER - AZ	

JANUARY

(2) 125 QT. COOLERS (2) 75 QT. COOLERS (2) 55 QT. COOLERS (2) 35 QT. COOLERS

2018 ELK TAG WINNER

YOU COULD WIN ONE OF EIGHT CANYON COOLERS THAT ARE UP FOR GRABS IN JANUARY!

ALL BUYERS PURCHASING TICKETS ONLINE THROUGH 1/31/21 WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN. MAIL ORDERS DO NOT COUNT. DRAWING TO BE HELD ON OR BEFORE 2/5/21.



Southern AZ Chapter of Quail Forever Has Several Volunteer Opportunities at Buenos Aires NWR

Locating Masked Bobwhite Quail

Your four legged buddies are needed to locate previously released birds that no longer have collars. What a great experience, how many upland hunters can say their dogs pointed MBWQ ? Take your camera and help keep the cause going to re-establish this specie of quail. DETAILS :

** Weekdays---now through February---not around holidays---mornings for couple hours

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Here is another helpful link when ordering your special license plate. <https://servicearizona.com/plateAvailability/plate?execution=e2s3>

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