

Apache National Forest (ANF)

Many of you are familiar with AZSFWC's support for the humane removal of unauthorized livestock on the ANF, <u>click here</u> for more information.



Humane removal on the ANF began last week; however, the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros (ISPMB) filed a complaint to stop the humane removal and sale of the horses. The judge has issued a temporary injunction until a hearing set for July 22nd in Phoenix. <u>Click here</u> to see the complaint. Here is information on ISPMB: https://ispmb.org/

Tonto National Forest (TNF)

Governor Ducey signed HB2340 on May 11, 2016, effectively protecting the horses along the Salt River. On December 28, 2017, the AZ Department of Agriculture AZDA and the TNF signed on to an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Salt River Horse Management Agreement. Click here to see the IGA. That IGA expired on June 22, 2022 and is now up for renewal. Click here for some of the issues that need to be addressed.

The Salt River horses have decimated the habitat and now need to be fed on a regular basis. The negative impact on wildlife and habitat destroyed by these animals is tragic.

For some perspective, The Wildlife Society submitted comments to the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board at their meeting in October of 2018, clearly stating the overpopulation problem and the impact on wildlife and habitat. <u>Click here</u> to read their comments.

Action Needed

Governor Ducey is being pressured to do something similar on the ANF that was done with the

TNF; negotiate an agreement with the Forest Service and keep the unauthorized livestock on the Forest lands.

You can contact the Governor and respectfully let him know you oppose any such effort to establish a similar arrangement on the ANF. Here is the link on the Governor's website for comment: https://azgovernor.gov/engage/form/contact-governor-ducey

Support for the Forest Service's effort to humanely remove the unauthorized livestock is critical for wildlife and the forest habitat.

The Apache National Forest should not become the Apache National Feedlot.

Jim Unmacht Executive Director

L. Gary Stinson Grant Program Success

The AZ Deer Association recently secured a \$20,000 Stinson grant and partnered with SRP to complete the the Hardscrabble Mesa Mastication Project near Strawberry, AZ. This landscape level restoration project reduced the risk of undesirable wildfire and improved habitat for elk, mule deer, and other wildlife species. The removal of woody species should increase herbaceous cover in coming years, improving the wildlife feed value of the land.

Read more here



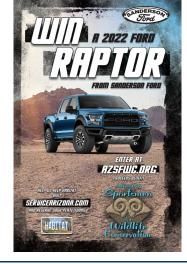


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