Arizona Legislation

As of March 1st a total of 1289 Bills had been posted. Of those, 8 had passed both the House and Senate, 6 were signed by Governor Ducey and 1 was vetoed. Finally, 96 Memorials and Resolutions were put forth and 5 of those were passed.

HB 2272  This legislation would extend residency privileges in big game draws to the youth dependents of active duty service members who qualify as residents of Arizona. Passed the House 59-1-0. Unanimously passed out of Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee.

HB 2433 Legislation eliminating the word and definition of "trophy" from Game & Fish statute language. Passed the House 44-16-0. Bipartisan support passing out of Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee.

HB 2271 Public Lands Day, designating the first Saturday of April each year as Public Lands Day. Passed the House 60-0-0. Unanimously passed out of Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee.

HB 2547 Public Lands Management Department, establishes the Arizona Department of Public Land Management to provide for public land management by the state. Passed the House 31-29-0. Referred to Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee.

HCM 2005 The Legislature urges the U.S. Congress to decline to designate the Great Bend of the Gila River and the surrounding areas as a national monument. Passed the House 31-29-0. Passed out of Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee.
HCM 2007 The Legislature urges the U.S. Congress to act to prohibit federal agencies from recommending and identifying Arizona’s public lands as wilderness areas without express congressional consent and state and local support. Passed the House 31-28-1. To be heard in Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee.

SB 1520 Livestock definition; Feral Goats; for the purpose of livestock regulations, the definition of "livestock" is modified to exclude feral goats. Passed the Senate 29-1-0. Sent to the House.

Congressional Legislation

S.47 Lands Package; President Trump signed this bipartisan legislation, which among many things, permanently authorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund, allows for the LaPaz County Land Conveyance and approves the land exchange between Bullhead City and the Bureau of Reclamation (via the Bureau of Land Management) trading a piece of property in town with over 1000 acres in the Black Mountains.

Ninth Circuit Ruling

Much of the time "we" aren’t enamored by the news out of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, but they got one right, with a big win for sportsmen and women here in Arizona! The Ninth Circuit affirmed the District Court’s grant of summary judgment to the Forest Service in an action challenging travel management plans implemented by the Forest Service to permit limited motorized big game retrieval in three Ranger Districts of the Kaibab National Forest.


Jim Unmacht Executive Director

AZSFWC Approves $59,137 in Grants

First quarter grant applications were presented and voted on at the February 26th AZSFWC Board meeting. Five grants were approved in the amount of $59,137 and included the following:

- $25,000 was awarded to the AZ Antelope Foundation (AAF) for mesquite eradication spot treatment.
- $1875 was awarded to the AZ Trout Unlimited Council (AZTU) to support their 10th Annual Native & Wild Trout Conference.
$20,000 was awarded to the AZ Chapter of NWTF to support AZ Game & Fish Department's Public Outreach Program for Watchable Wildlife.

$5,000 was awarded to Tucson Audubon Society for their "Bringing Lucy's Warblers Home" project.

$7,262 was awarded to the AZ Chapter of NWTF to support their 2019 Marvin Robbins Youth Turkey Camps.

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

Support Our Member Group Activities

**Special Drawings to Benefit Youth Hunting Camps and Water Catchment Projects in Arizona**

- **Kansas Whitetail**
  - Only 200 tickets will be sold at $25 each

- **Canyon Cooler**
  - Only 100 tickets will be sold at $10 each

- **Sitka Ascent Pack**
  - Only 100 tickets will be sold at $10 each

- **Custom Mattress**
  - Only 100 tickets will be sold at $10 each

**Tickets only available online at www.azsci.com**
10th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference
April 11, 2019
9:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.

Arizona Game and Fish Department Headquarters
5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ

Sponsored by AZGFD and AZ TU State Council

Topics

• Keynote Speakers:
  - Ty Gray: Director - Arizona Game and Fish Department
  - Chris Wood: CEO and President – Trout Unlimited

• Southwest Native Trout Strategy and Projects

• Lees Ferry: Glen Canyon Dam (Tailwater) Management Plan

• Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI)

• Forest Watershed and Stream Restorations

• Citizen Science Programs

• Native and Wild Trout Recovery Programs in the Southwest

• Conservation Awards for Distinguished Service

• Many Other Topics

Free lunch and BBQ following the conference will be hosted by
Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation and
Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited.

Information and registration at www.az-tu.org.
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019
RUSTLER S ROOSTER AT THE ARIZONA GRAND RESORT
5383 SOUTH 48TH STREET • PHOENIX, AZ 85044
DOORS OPEN: 3:30 PM • CONCERT: 4:00 PM • DINNER: 6:00 PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
WE WILL BE AUCTIONING THE COMMISSIONERS’
TAGS FOR MULE DEER & COUES WHITETAIL DEER
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT WWW.AZDEER.ORG
DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS 3/20/2019
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

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TICKET PRICES:
$75 FOR INDIVIDUAL TICKETS
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INCLUDES:
A SPECIAL ACOUSTIC HOUR WITH
ACCLAIMED COUNTRY SINGER
BRYAN WHITE!
ALL TICKET PRICES INCLUDE THE BRYAN WHITE CONCERT HOUR

Please Join Us!
for the
4th Annual
Valley of the Sun Quail Forever Banquet
Saturday, March 30, 2019
The VOS Quail Forever is holding its annual fundraising event on Saturday, March 30th at Ben Avery Pavilion. Please invite a fellow hunter, Conservationist, or friend to join us in having a great time for you, your spouse and kids.

Ben Avery Pavilion
5060 W Skeet Street, Phoenix, AZ 85036

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| Membership, Fun Shoot and Meal| $120       |
| Membership and Meal           | $65        |
| Spouse / Life Member Meal     | $35        |
| Youth (18 and under)          | $20        |
| Youth (18 and under) Fun Shoot and Meal | $45 |
| Event Sponsor                 | $250       |
| Table Sponsor                 | $1,000     |

Membership includes QF membership, entry in the fun shoot and meal at banquet.
Membership and Meal includes QF membership and meal at banquet.
Spouse / Life Member Meal includes just a meal for banquet for life members or to accompany a member.
Youth (18 and under) includes meal at banquet.
Youth (18 and under) Fun Shoot and Meal includes meal and fun shoot.
Event Sponsor includes ad in event brochure, one membership and 2 meal tickets.
Table Sponsor includes 4 memberships and 8 meal tickets.

To Purchase Tickets or for more information contact Taylor Lee at 701-870-2735  
or by email at taylorklee12@gmail.com  
or online at https://www.pheasantsforeverevents.org/event/3619
BUCK SPRINGS/ HOUSTON DRAW
Riparian Restoration Project

SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 8-9, 2019
We Really Need YOU!
Volunteer To Join Our AWARD WINNING Project Team!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO HELP: Individuals, Families, Corporate Group Volunteers,
Scouts, Conservation Partners, etc.

PROJECT WORK TASKS:
- Riparian Restoration
- Tree Thinning
- Rock Structure Building
- Stream Channel Shaping
- Meadow Log Fence

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:
- All Weekend
- Friday - Trailer Hauling
- Friday Noon - Set-Up
- Saturday - Work Project
- Sunday - Work Project, Tear-Down
- Trailer Hauling/Unloading

WE'RE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE!
ARIZONA ELK SOCIETY
SELECTED BY THE US FOREST SERVICE FOR
RISE TO THE FUTURE
PARTNERSHIP NATIONAL AWARD
FOR 2017 PROJECT:
LONG VALLEY MEADOW RESTORATION PHASE 1

THANK YOU!
TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERS
THAT HELPED US ON THIS PROJECT!

MARVIN ROBBINS MEMORIAL JUNIORS
SPRING TURKEY HUNTING CAMP
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April 19-21, 2019 at Colcord Ridge Campground
In northeastern Unit 23 - South of Hwy 26 on the road to Young, AZ

Regular Sponsors & Supporters
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VOLUNTEER & MENTORS
NEEDED TO HELP OUR
YOUTH TURKEY CAMP!

Be Someone Who Matters...To Someone Who Matters

KIDS SIGN UP NOW!
FREE
Mentored Hunting Camp
OPEN TO KIDS AGES 10 and UP
(Kids 10-13 Must Have Hunters Ed)

Presentations provided where to hunt in Units 3C, 4A, 4B and 23. Units 23 and 3C are draw permit units. Hunt units 4A and 4B are over the counter junior tags.
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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](http://www.servicearizona.com)).

These plates can be purchased online and can also be personalized. To order an AZSFWC Conservation License Plate go to: [http://www.servicearizona.com](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. You can have many of your questions answered here: [https://servicearizona.com/webapp/vehicle/plates/showInfoPage.do](https://servicearizona.com/webapp/vehicle/plates/showInfoPage.do)

The AZSFWC Conservation Plate gives all Arizonans an opportunity to contribute to programs that benefit our wild creatures. *Step up and support "Wild Arizona".*

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