



## Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation

If you've ever been to a race track or watched a race, you probably can appreciate the analogy. As 2020 fades away, our election photo remains in the processing stage. Most racing pictures are developed immediately, but alas we wait for the photo to be developed, with a desire to know it was processed correctly.

The Arizona Legislative races are settled, with a few different names downtown, but party splits remain essentially the same. While we're not endorsing either side, a slate similar to this past session gives us a preview of what we might expect come January. Speaker Bowers remains at the head of the House and President Fann is in charge in the Senate. On the House side, Republicans remain in the majority with a 31 – 29 split. The same is true in the Senate, with the Democrats gaining one seat and a 16 – 14 split.

The looming question will likely be dependent on Covid implications - will the next session take place as usual in person, or be some sort of virtual hybrid affair?

It's an interesting time around the country. Ballot box biology won out in CO and Gray wolves are headed their way. The Klamath River in OR now has "rights of a person", not put to a vote but with some courts that really doesn't matter. And don't even think about removing a "recovered" species from the ESA if it's a primary fundraising tool (darned wolves again).

A number of positive conservation related measures came to fruition over the last few months, including; Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA), which included permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), America's Conservation Enhancement ACT (ACE), the Dingell Act and Modernizing Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow's Needs Act. We sincerely hope all of these efforts make a difference in a positive way for wildlife and conservation in the years to come!

In the last few weeks AZSFWC has also weighed in on several land management issues. Those included; support for an LWCF acquisition in the Coronado NF in Pinery Canyon, support for the Coronado NF Public Access Project in the Chiricahua Mountains, support for the Apache-Sitgreaves NF Black River Restoration Project with the **caveat** that feral horses are removed before any money is expended on restoration, and support for the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Recreational Shooting Sports Project.

That gives you a snapshot of where we were at on Thanksgiving Eve. As our "photo" develops, get outside and have a Safe & Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in Conservation,

Jim Unmacht  
Executive Director

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## AZSFWC Member Groups Making the News

Arizona Deer Association has started a 24 mile water pipeline project on the H4 Ranch in Southern Gila County. The ranch recently lost all of their water infrastructure due to the 200,000-acre Bush Fire, where 90% of the H4 allotment burned. Working closely with the Arizona Game and Fish



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## AZSFWC Awards \$40,721 in Grants

Fourth quarter grant applications were presented and voted on at the November 25, 2020 AZSFWC Board meeting. Funding for the grants is available through sales of our special Conserving Wildlife license plate. More information about the license plate and how you can obtain one can be found [HERE](#).

Six grants were approved in the amount of \$40,721 and included the following:

- \$12,500 to Southern Chapter of Quail Forever for the Coronado National Forest Grassland Restoration Habitat Project
- \$10,500 to AZ Outdoor Adventures for their 2021 Youth Camps
- \$6,000 to AZ Elk Society for a Water Hauling Trailer
- \$5,421 to Mule Deer Foundation for the Black Mountain Trick Tank Rebuild
- \$2,800 to Southwest Wildlife Foundation/YVRGC for their Youth Small Game Camp
- \$3,500 to AZ Deer Association for a Water Hauling Trailer

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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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### **December 9 & 10th. Habitat Work**

I just received word from the Oklahoma refuge folks that are delivering the MBWQ chicks, they will be staying an extra day to help improve habitat at Buenos Aires...so now we will be looking for volunteers for December 10 in addition to December 9. Again, please contact me if you can help. Thanks, Jim Littlejohn. [jsl1964@gmail.com](mailto:jsl1964@gmail.com). 520.490.1374.

[Visit the Southern AZ Quail Forever Website](#)

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<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"**.

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to educate and inform sportsmen, wildlife conservation organizations throughout the state and the public at large on important issues related to wildlife and wildlife habitat and to provide, via grants or other sources, funding to conserve Arizona's wildlife populations through habitat enhancement initiatives. The AZSFWC is responsible for managing the conservation license plate program (Wildlife Conservation Habitat 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.



