



Hunting seasons, cooler weather, maybe some rain, elections, and of course vigilance.

In honor of National Hunting and Fishing Day across the country set for September 28th, Governor Hobbs has recognized that day here in Arizona too. [Click here](#) to see her Proclamation. Thank you, Governor!

In Colorado, Proposition 127 made the ballot and scientific wildlife management is at stake. Colorado voters narrowly put Gray wolves on the landscape a couple of years ago, so there is some real concern this attack on mountain lions and bobcats could pass. Here are a couple links about the effort to bring forth the facts and counter the proposition.

<https://wildlifedeservebetter.com/>

<https://savethehuntcolorado.com/>

Recall in 2017 the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) made a similar ballot initiative run in Arizona. Fortunately, that effort failed to make the ballot, however we knew that wasn't going to be the end of their drive. While there wasn't an initiative in this election cycle for Arizona, HSUS did add staff in our state, so they haven't gone away.

Conserve and Protect AZ (CPAZ) was formed to fight these efforts. CPAZ has been relatively dormant the last few years, however that is changing. The organization is recharging in order to be ready for the next campaign. [Click here](#) to read about those plans and how you can help.

Arizona's initiative process requires any proposal to meet a certain threshold of signatures to get the issue on the ballot. As you might expect, most of those signature gathering efforts are centralized in our urban areas, where most of the people reside, essentially leaving rural Arizonans on the sidelines.

That scenario could change this year. Proposition 134 will be on our ballot. If passed, this would require any future initiative to have a representative sample of signatures from every county based on our legislative districts, effectively balancing the playing field. [Click here](#) to read more about this proposition.

Finally, AZSFWC has commented and weighed in on the following matters:

- Supported the [Yavapai Ranch Phase IV Land and Water Fund Conservation Fund Grant](#)
- Supported the [AZGFD-ADOT Kachina Village Overpass Project Grant](#)
- Supported the [AZGFD-ADOT State Wildlife Connectivity Plan Grant](#)
- Supported the [Coconino National Forest Inner Basin Waterline Wildlife Waters Project](#)

In the meantime, have a great Fall!

Yours in conservation,
Jim Unmacht
Executive Director

L. Gary Stinson Grant Program

Third quarter grant applications were presented and voted on at the August 27, 2024 AZSFWC Board meeting. The following ten applications were approved in the total amount of \$83,665:

- \$15,000 Southern AZ Quail Forever – Coronado NF Grasslands Restoration
- \$40,000 AZ Elk Society – Perrin Ranch Grassland Restoration
- \$1,000 Valley of the Sun Quail Forever – Pollinator Project for Fall 2024
- \$4,915 AZ Trappers Association – 2024 Fall Family Camp
- \$4,000 AZ Raptor Center – Education Outreach Program
- \$2,000 Tucson Audubon – Project Death Pipes
- \$4,000 AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society – Sheep Hunter Education Clinic
- \$5,750 AZ Deer Association – Youth Deer/Elk Camps
- \$2,000 AZ Chapter NWTF – Robbins Butte Dove Hunt
- \$5,000 Valley of the Sun Quail Forever – AZRPA Cactus Clays Beginner Shotgun Program

[Read More Here](#)



Be sure to read all requirements [HERE](#) and complete the [ONLINE FORM](#) by October 1st. Funding decisions will be made at the November 26th AZSFWC Board Meeting.

MONTHLY 50/50 CASH RAFFLE



**Tickets
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The winner of this monthly raffle splits the pot with AZSFWC! A new raffle and pot will commence at 12:00 am on the 1st of the month. Buyers through 11:59 pm on the last day of the month will have a chance to win before the pot is closed and reset.

There are no limits on the number of tickets sold or the number any one person can purchase. Winner will be drawn at random and announced on or before the 5th of the month.



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Questions? (602) 571-4055; asrpashoots@gmail.com

Snake Avoidance Training

SAQF has been offered a discount for a one-day snake avoidance training session proposed in Sonoita on September 28, 2024. If we sign up a minimum of fifteen dogs, the trainer will complete the individual training for \$110 per dog. We are currently trying to gauge interest. [Click here](#) if you are interested.



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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.

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