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We continue to market our license plate at every opportunity we can. Notably this year, we purchased an ad for the AZ Game & Fish website instead of the hunt regulations. More people will see the license plate ad on the website than in the paper regulations.

We think it's paying off! Last month we topped \$15,181.00 in license plate proceeds, which exceeds any previous month's reimbursement. That number is comprised of new sales and renewals, totaling 893 plates, so for every Conserving Wildlife license plate sold, AZSFWC receives \$17.

If that trend continues, we'll have even more opportunity to impact wildlife and habitat in the future.

Grant requests are reviewed on a quarterly basis, in February, May, August, and November. All grant requests are screened by our License Plate Grant Committee, and they make a recommendation to the entire Board on funding the request, or not. The next deadline to submit an application is August 1. For information on the process, click [HERE](#).

This past May, we approved grant requests to the following applicants:

- Backcountry Hunters and Anglers for OHV education
- AZ Bowhunters for Archery equipment
- AZ Chapter of NWTf for the Pinaleno Ecosystem Restoration
- AZ Council of TU for Trout in the Classroom program
- Outdoor Experience 4 All for their Family Campout and Crawfish removal efforts

Grant totals for the second quarter totaled \$67,700.00. For a list of grants funded over the last decade plus, click [HERE](#).

If you don't have your plate yet, its time!

- Raffle
- AZ Bowhunters Association
- AZ Catfish Conservation Association
- AZ Chapter of NWTF
- AZ Chapter of SCI
- AZ Council of TU
- AZ Deer Association
- AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society
- AZ Elk Society
- AZ Flycasters Club
- AZ Houndsmen's Association
- AZ Outdoor Sports
- Back Country Hunters & Anglers
- Coconino Sportsmen
- Mohave Sportsman Club
- Outdoor Experience 4 All
- South Eastern AZ Sportsmen Club
- SRT Outdoors Inc
- The Bass Federation Arizona
- The Ryan Thomas Foundation
- TRCP
- White Mountain Fly Fishing Club
- White Mountain Lakes Foundation
- Xtreme Predator Callers

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Yours in Conservation,

Jim Unmacht President

Coconino Sportsmen & AZ Elk Society work together refurbishing North Kaibab trick tanks

In the winter of 2014-15, the Coconino Sportsmen were approached by the AZGFD Wildlife Manager for GMU 12A East and asked if we would be interested in making repairs to numerous Forest Service trick tanks on the N. Kaibab ranger District. We scheduled a meeting in Fredonia with AZGFD and Forest Service representatives, representatives of the Coconino Sportsmen and the Arizona Elk Society (AES), even though there are basically no elk in the area under discussion. The



Forest Service provided maps and a brief background on the area and it was decided that the Forest and the Department would provide a list of up to 25 trick tanks most in need of repair. The Coconino Sportsmen agreed to provide substantial funding and some volunteer labor for work in the summer of 2015 and after receiving Board approval, the AES would provide volunteer labor, use of AES tools, vehicles and other supplies. The AZGFD provided lodging at the Jacob Lake G&F check station and in early June of 2015, a group of 6-7 AES volunteers and a couple of Coconino

Sportsmen volunteers traveled to Jacob Lake and started repairs. Many of the trick tanks had not been maintained or visited in several years or more and most were not functioning at all. During the

time spent that summer, repairs were made to 14 trick tanks, bringing them all up to a functioning level. Because many of these tanks were built on location, the variation from tank to tank was very problematic with various length support brackets, hardware sizes, drinker configurations, valves and float assemblies used and numerous other challenges. We felt we had done a pretty good job as far as we went and both organizations were in agreement that a return trip in 2016 was needed. More [HERE](#).

Coconino Voices: Federal management of public lands best by Tom Mackin as published in the AZ Daily Sun

County Supervisors Archuleta, Babbott, Fowler, Metzger, and Ryan recently took a stand for our public lands. On June 7, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution opposing efforts to transfer ownership of national public lands to the state of Arizona or local governments, outside of already established processes. Representing those of us who enjoy Arizona's 23.6 million acres of publicly accessible National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands, the Board of Supervisors acknowledged that the state wouldn't be able to pay the bills if it were to assume the costs of federal programs on public lands. Never mind paying for restoration projects or other improvements; Arizona wouldn't be able to afford the cost of fighting its own forest fires. The resolution comes at a time when the Arizona State Legislature's Federal Land Transfer Study Committee is actively examining processes to transfer public lands to state ownership. The U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources, for the first time in history, passed legislation (H.R. 3650) that would sell off millions of acres of our public lands. The Board championed the idea that healthy, properly managed lands can contribute to the county's economic and social health. Simply put, they concluded... Read more [HERE](#).

Support our Member Organizations Activities

ARIZONA ANTELOPE FOUNDATION NORTH HIGHWAY 180/ FENCE MODIFICATION PROJECT

Project Location: We will be working north of the Kendrick Park area on the Coconino National Forest.

Project Begins: Saturday August 13th. Please be at camp by 8:00 AM. This is a one day project for all attendees.

Project Activity: We will be modifying approximately 3 miles of pasture fence by raising the bottom smooth wire to 18" north of Kendrick Park.

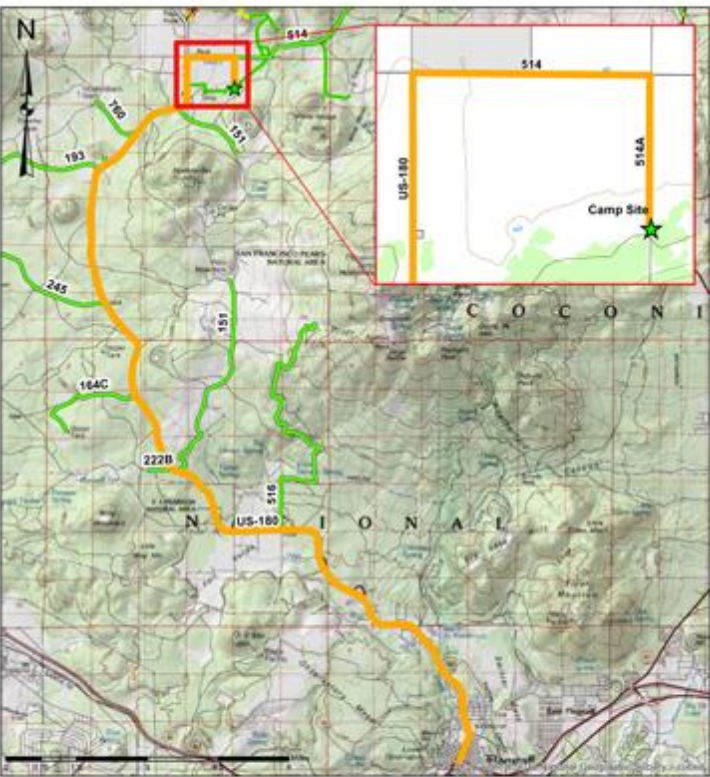
Pronghorn Benefits: This fence project will improve existing pronghorn movement corridors by providing ease of access under pasture fences. Research studies have shown this action will increase pronghorn movements across their range and improve opportunities for local pronghorn to get water, forage and improve genetic diversity.

HPC Grant Benefits: All volunteer work hours and mileage will be used as in-kind match for an approved and funded 2016 AAF-AGFD North of I-40 Pronghorn Corridor Connectivity Project.

What to Bring: Workgloves (The AAF will have a limited supply), snacks, water, personal gear.

Meals: Please provide your own lunches to eat in the field on Saturday. The AAF will be providing dinners on Friday and Saturday nights and continental breakfasts with coffee and juice on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Contact: Glen Dickens at (520-247-4907) for project information. If you are planning to attend, **please RSVP** to info@azantelope.org by **Monday August 8th** so we can plan to have enough food and tools.



Directions to Camp: AAF project/camp site will be about 24 miles northwest of downtown Flagstaff at the intersection of Route 66 and Highway 180.

Coming from Phoenix on I-17 northbound when approaching Flagstaff merge onto Route 66 (the main street running east-west in downtown Flagstaff). Continue until you are at the intersection of Humphreys Street/Highway 180 to Snow Bowl and Grand Canyon and turn left (north). After 0.6 miles turn left on Columbus Ave/Fort Valley Road, still Highway 180. Continue on HW 180 for 19.9 miles and turn right (east) on Forest Road #514 and then turn right (south) again on Forest Road #514A and drive approximately 0.6 miles to camp. The camp site is trailer friendly.

The project will be approximately 6 miles north of the camp site on a good dirt road (FS 514).

Visit our website for a larger printer-friendly map
www.azantelope.org

Legend

- Highlighted Route
- MVUM-open, heavy legal vehicles, yearlong
- MVUM-open, public roads or highways

Note: Not all available roads are reflected on map

- *Turn N at Historic Rte 66 and N Humphreys St (0.6 miles)
- *Turn left onto W Columbus Ave (292 ft.)
- *Continue on US-180 W / N Fort Valley Rd (19.9 miles)
- *Turn right FS 514 (1.0 miles)
- *Turn right at FS 514B (0.6 miles)
- *Arrive at camp site

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<http://www.servicearizona.com>

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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>

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