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Greetings! welcome to our inaugural edition of AWF's e-news

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Activity on Lingering Radioactivity (Uranium Mining Update)



The Arizona Wildlife Federation (AWF)-led campaign to keep the uranium mining moratorium in place made a big splash in local and even national media with over a dozen different stories running in various media outlets. AWF's strategy has been to coordinate Arizona sportsman's groups to stand together and stop this threat before it gained momentum within the Department of the

Interior (DOI).

Although it's too early to claim victory, it is clear we made a significant

impact. A tweet from DOI Press Secretary, Heather Swift, went out indicating that they have “no intention to revisit uranium mining.” This was the first public response of any kind from Secretary Zinke’s office on this issue and it would never have happened without the pressure exerted by our sportsmen’s coalition.

While a tweet from a department press secretary is no guarantee of a policy position from the DOI, it is a hopeful stepping-stone toward an agreement with the DOI that uranium mining around the Grand Canyon is a bad idea. AWF and our coalition partners are requesting a formal response by Zinke to that effect. Adding weight to that request are letters from Coconino County Supervisors and a group of Arizona congressional delegates (O’Halloran, Sinema, Grijalva, and Gallego) also requesting a formal response from the DOI.

If you haven’t yet seen the video about the issue -- starring John Hamill (AWF Director), Terry Herndon (AWF Affiliate Arizona a Mule Deer Organization), and Steve LaFalce (AWF Affiliate Trout Unlimited) -- check it out below or at either www.azwildlife.org or www.protectyourcanyon.org . Similarly, if you haven’t signed on at either of those sites with your own personal support, please do so and forward the links to like-minded family and friends!

Check out the video!



Save the Land and Water Conservation Fund!



The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is one of the most important pieces of federal legislation concerning the future of our public lands. Over [700 sites](#) around Arizona including Arizona State Parks, city parks, trails, recreational areas, and municipal pools would not be in existence today without the LWCF. This fund has continued to help protect our national endowment of lands and waters using oil and gas royalties (rather than taxpayer dollars) of up to \$900M/year. On September 30, the LWCF is due for reauthorization. The Trump administration has proposed a nearly 90% cut to the program. The Arizona Wildlife Federation is urging our elected officials to permanently reauthorize the LWCF and allocate full funding to the program. You can help by raising awareness about the importance of the LWCF to Arizona. Spread the word NOW on social media! You can post your own pictures or share media from AWF's [Facebook page](#) or Twitter account: (@AZWildlifeFed #SaveLWCF) .

Welcome to our Public Lands Organizers!



Public Lands Organizers, Espen Yates and Meagan Fitzgerald recently joined AWF's team and have proven to be powerhouses in the few months they have been with us. Working throughout the state, Meagan and Espen signed up almost 200 businesses and over 1400 individuals in support of the uranium withdrawal. They have been particularly creative about getting the word out,

going to farmer's markets, Grand Canyon National Park, and college campuses to talk to people and raise awareness. They've created postcards and posters and so far, have held 2 Pint Nights with film screenings... with more to come! Thanks Meagan and Espen and keep up the great work! If you want to reach out to say thanks or pass on your own nuggets of advice, you can contact them directly at espen@azwildlife.org and meagan@azwildlife.org.

Public Lands Accountability



Public lands are under attack. Still! A few legislators in Arizona and other western states continue to ignore public opinion and economic realities in their attempts to transfer federal public lands to the states. Earlier this year, HB2210 was their most recent attempt to do just that in Arizona, but there has been a series of bad public lands bills introduced in Arizona over the past few years. None of these bills or resolutions are popular with Arizonan sportsmen and the AWF is working hard to ensure that our elected officials remain accountable for their actions and record regarding the lands we enjoy for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation. You can help Protect our Public

Lands!

Learn More

Climate Action Campaign



Climate change is altering America’s summers in ways both disastrously large and insidiously small, according to a new National Wildlife Federation report. [Safeguarding Summer](#) details how rising temperatures are giving a boost to everything from heat waves to ticks to toxic algae outbreaks, and recommends policies for averting the worst effects of climate change. Here in Arizona, climate change is fueling extreme weather, contributing to drought in our already dry state, and impacting hunting and recreation. Over 1.5 million gallons of water are being hauled to remote water catchments around the state to help heat-stressed wildlife. Forest closures due to wildfire are affecting this

fall’s hunt season. Insects such as ticks and mosquitoes are expanding their ranges, threatening the health of both wildlife and humans. The AWF is working with National Wildlife Federation to raise awareness about climate change’s effects on wildlife and to urge our elected officials to embrace efforts that slow climate change, such as reducing CO₂ and methane emissions. To learn more about this campaign and to see how you can help, read the above report and keep an eye out for more information from AWF coming very soon! Want to get involved now? Reach out to AWF’S CAC campaign organizer, [Trica Oshant Hawkins](#) with your questions and comments.

Upcoming Events



**Protect Your Canyon
Pint Night! –**



**Museum of Northern
Arizona Colorado**



**BOW
9/7-9/18**

08/29/18**River Days**

Come join the Arizona Wildlife Federation in celebrating the Grand Canyon and help us save this ecosystem from the dangers of uranium mining. Dark Sky Brewing Company will be hosting the event and 15% of proceeds go to protecting the Grand Canyon from the harm of uranium mining. So, come enjoy local craft beer and help us save our world wonder!

Night of Music, Art, and Lectures 09/08/18
The Colorado River Days will be hosting a night of art, music, and lectures focused on the Colorado Plateau and relevant issues facing this beautiful part of Arizona. The event will be held at the Museum of Northern Arizona on September 8th, 2018. The Arizona Wildlife Federation will be tabling the event, so come see us and learn more about our campaigns and how you can help us improve public lands and conservation across Arizona!

Register now for Arizona Wildlife Federation's next BOW weekend coming Sept. 7-9. Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) offers hands-on workshops to women 18 and older at all fitness levels. No experience is necessary. BOW encourages a supportive environment conducive to learning, making friends, and having fun. Participants will learn skills such as gun safety, shooting, angling (including fly fishing), camping, Dutch-oven cooking, map and compass reading, rappelling, geocaching, and marksmanship with rifle and bow. A complete list of courses and a link to registration can be found at www.azwildlife.org/BOW.

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