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Greetings! welcome to the October edition of AWF's E-News!

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Update on LWCF (Including RAWA and ROPA)



The Land and Water Conservation Fund took two great steps forward and then stalled before expiring last month. You may recall money from this fund goes toward projects ranging from local community parks to assuring public land access for hunting and fishing, and has been getting families and communities outdoors for the last 50 years. AWF has been pushing to get the LWCF reauthorized and was very pleased to see the House Natural Resources Committee work out and pass a bipartisan compromise bill. Shortly after, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee passed a similar bill giving us further hope that some version of the LWCF would move forward. But alas, with more pressing things like Supreme Court Justice hearings

taking up the attention of Congress, neither bill made it to the floor before both the House and Senate recessed until after the November elections.

The good news is that in this era of partisan gridlock, conservation is one area where Republicans and Democrats can still find common ground, and our hope is that the LWCF will be a promising example of how both sides of the aisle can work together to do what's right for our future. In the lame duck session of Congress closing out 2018, or in the new 2019 session, LWCF could be combined with other conservation related funding measures like the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) and the Restore Our Parks Act (ROPA). RAWA is of critical importance to non-game species in our state and money from RAWA will help relieve budget pressures by keeping species off the threatened and endangered lists. ROPA is aimed at addressing the backlog of maintenance at our national parks including things like the constantly leaking or broken water pipeline at Grand Canyon National Park. Each of these bills are good for Arizona and outdoor enthusiasts, and AWF will continue to monitor progress and keep you informed.

If you haven't done so already, please let your congressman know that funding wildlife conservation is important to you by signing on at www.azwildlife.org/please-select-your-district/ and for more information on these and other important Arizona conservation issues please visit www.azwildlife.org.

Trophy Book!



This past summer, 27 different Arizona Trophy Book Awards were presented for outstanding trophies in several categories. There were also several honorable mentions awarded. Also, significant changes have been made to the Trophy Book program following the Committee's annual meeting last spring. These changes include:

- The minimum entry scores for Typical and Non-Typical Coues Deer were lowered to more reflect the paring space between Arizona Wildlife Federation and Boone and Crockett Club.
- Velvet antlered animals will now be eligible for entry under a brand new category with no deduction for velvet.
- Each new category will also be eligible for the annual Awards Program with presentations given at the AWF annual banquet. Trophies will be awarded to the two highest scoring animals.
- Turkey will now be included in the Trophy Hunters special award and the Arizona Big Game Award categories.
- Trophy Book entry fees are now \$30 for each entry. The fees for all other Special Awards program will remain the same.

For specifics on the recent trophy book awards and details about changes to the program, keep your eyes out for the fall edition of the Arizona Wildlife News and/or check out AWF's [Trophy Book Webpage](#).

Climate Action for Wildlife!



The National Wildlife Federation has just launched a new interactive story map, *Unnatural Disasters: Climate Change and the Mounting Threats to People and Wildlife*. The new map shows where hurricanes, algal outbreaks, wildfires, droughts, and floods have hit in recent years across the United States — and demonstrates their impacts on local economies and wildlife. The map also explains how scientists now have the tools to attribute certain worsening natural disasters to climate change, which

is making them more frequent and damaging than ever before.

The U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) also issued a [new report](#) earlier this month warning of cataclysmic levels of global warming unless policymakers begin "rapid and far-reaching" transitions in land management, energy, industry, building efficiency, transportation, and smart growth.

“Our report and the National Wildlife Federation map show that the world has already warmed, with significant impacts on ecosystems,” said University of Arizona Regent’s Professor, Diana Liverman, one of the lead authors of the IPCC report. “I am especially aware of the need for urgent action on climate change if we wish to prevent rapid warming in the Southwestern United States and prevent irreversible loss of biodiversity. “

Here in Arizona the disasters that affect us most are drought and wildfire. While our monsoons this year provided some relief, 42% of the state is still classified as being in a severe drought. This past summer was so hot and dry that 1.5 million tons of water were delivered to wildlife watch catchments by sportsmen’s groups and the Arizona Game and Fish Department. In western states, the influence of climate change has nearly doubled the area burned by wildfires since 1984. There is strong evidence that the warming and drying caused by climate change is related to an increase in fire frequency, size, intensity, and severity, as well as longer fire seasons.

View the interactive disaster map at NWF.org/UnnaturalDisasters.

Read the more about climate change including National Wildlife Federation’s climate change policy recommendations for adaptation and mitigation on AWF's [Climate Action for Wildlife webpage](#).

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW)

BOW Deluxe

Event

January 25-27, 2019
Saguaro Lake Ranch,
Mesa, Arizona

We are now taking registrations for the Deluxe 2019 Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop. This workshop will focus on learning to live and play in our unique

Sonoran desert lands. Classes on a variety of outdoor activities will be offered including javelina hunting and predator calling. There is a beginning fishing and a fly fishing session. Dutch oven cooking, kayaking, photography, birding and archery are a few of the other classes available.



The workshop introduces women to outdoor skills in an enjoyable non-threatening environment with expert instructors. Classes are held during the day and evenings are filled with fun and entertainment. Don't miss out!

New this year - Register online at <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07efslx2o8jnm2p1x6/start>

You may also print a registration form at <http://azwildlife.org/bow-deluxe-2019-registration-packet/>

Go to www.azwildlife.org/BOW for more information or call Kim at 480-644-0077

Cheers to Conservation!



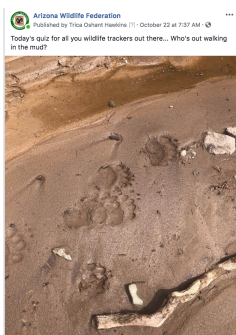
In celebration of the many milestones in our campaigns, Arizona Wildlife Federation has been hosting pint nights with breweries across the state, both as fundraising opportunities (because people love beer) and to bring people together around conservation issues in Arizona. We have held pint nights at Sun Up Brewery in Phoenix, Mother Road Brewing Co. in Flagstaff, and Dark Sky Brewing Co. in

Flagstaff. Additionally, we threw beer release parties to celebrate our two new

original beers, Conservation Kölsch with Grand Canyon Brewing Co. and U-92 Free with Historic Brewing Co. Both beers are inspired by the cool crisp waters of the Colorado River. These beers are a toast to the most important river in the southwest -- but a river that is also under threat. Uranium mining continues to pose a significant risk to the Colorado River, the native fish and wildlife in and around the canyon, and the people in the region. It is our hope that these beers, along with future pint nights will help us get closer to putting a stop to uranium mining around the Grand Canyon, and help raise awareness of conservation issues in Arizona.

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