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ON THE COVER

AZGFD Hauls Water To Thirsty Wildlife



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Thank You For The Water

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

Although we fish in it, boat on it, swim in it, we sometimes take water for granted — not, of course, for our recreational needs but for its crucial role in life preservation for all flora and fauna.

This need for our wildlife was recognized as early as 1945 when Arizona Game and Fish began its “Arizona

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Public can help by texting “SENDWATER” to 41444.

Water is the essence of life, and it’s just as precious for Arizona’s wildlife.

As drought conditions continue to worsen across the Southwest, the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is preparing for another record-setting year of delivering life-saving water to thirsty Arizona wildlife.

Three Million Gallons

AZGFD trucked and airlifted an unprecedented 2.4 million gallons of life-sustaining water to catchments throughout the state in 2020. With little relief in sight, AZGFD anticipates hauling close to 3 million gallons of water in 2021.

“We usually get a break from hauling water in August after monsoon rains refill

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Flash Flood Proves Deadly

In mid-July, the Grand canyon Regional Communications Center received a report of two individuals missing and multiple parties parties injured after flash flood activity impacted Tatahatso Camp near River Mile 38 on the Colorado River . . . one patient who was

in critical condition was flown out via Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) helicopter... four additional patients were evacuated by air to the Flagstaff Medical Center. At approximately 11 a.m. on July 15, the Grand Canyon Regional Communications Center received a report that a commercial river trip had located the two missing individuals near Tatahatso Camp, one deceased and one injured.



M. HENKINS

Dangerous Floods Are Common

Flash floods are common in the desert southwest, including Northern Arizona. This is because the arid, sparsely vegetated environments found in these areas have little capacity to absorb rainfall. The resulting runoff moves rapidly through the narrow canyons and steep terrain found throughout the region. In many areas, even small storms can turn normally dry streambeds into raging torrents of water in a matter of minutes.

Be Alert And Informed

Be alert for the possibility of flash flooding anytime that rainfall is forecast. For more information on weather dangers in Grand Canyon National Park visit: <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/weather-dangers.htm>.

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Hunts, Wildlife, No-Kill Shelter All Have Important Dates Ahead

AUGUST 2

Left-Over Tags

Arizona hunters will have an opportunity to receive a permit-tag for select 2021 fall hunts.

At press time, there were 89 leftover permit-tags available for general deer hunts, with most of those hunts being for antlered white-tailed deer only in Game Management Units (GMUs) in the south-eastern portion of the state.

There also are leftover permit-tags for muzzleloader deer (237), fall turkey (88), youth-only general deer (25), youth-only muzzleloader deer (1) and youth-only javelina (22) hunts.

For a complete list of leftover hunt permit-tags, as well as a printable paper application, visit www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Draw/. Paper applications also can be found at more than 200 license dealers statewide (call in advance for availability).

The Arizona Game and Fish Department will accept paper applications for leftover hunt permit-tags — by mail only — beginning July 26. All completed paper applications must be addressed to: Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn.: Draw/First Come, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086. There is no “mini” draw. Allow 10 to 15 business days to receive a hunt permit-tag by mail.

Any remaining leftover hunt permit-tags will go on sale on a “first come, first served” basis beginning Aug. 2.

For more information, including license and hunt permit-tag requirements, refer to the “2021-2022 Arizona Hunting Regulations,” or call 602-942-3000.

AUGUST 5/AUGUST 19

Virtual Speaker Wildlife Series

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) has partnered with the Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center (SWCC) and Boyce Thompson Arboretum (BTA) to host virtual wildlife lectures. In addition to partnering with SWCC and BTA, the department’s Wildlife Viewing Program will conduct its own critter-based lectures twice each month.

Coming Up

• **Waterfowl** — 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 5 (AZGFD). Description: Believe it or not, there are many species of waterfowl that find our water-challenged state to be a great place to visit or even stay a while. In fact, there’s a waterfowl paradise known as Whitewater Draw in southern Arizona where more than 20,000 sandhill cranes come to spend the winter. Learn about these birds and other waterfowl. Register here

• **Bats of AZ** — 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 19 (SWCC). Description: Bats are completely misunderstood creatures. These flying mammals are an incredible species that fill a special niche. Learn about the different species in Arizona and their natural history. Register here: https://www.southwestwildlife.org/book-a-tour/tours_events/speaker-series-2020-21/speaker-series-2020-21.html

AUGUST 13

Dierks Bentley Raffle!

Enter to win two priceless nights of memories. Each ticket helps people and

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saves pets! Enjoy a concert experience with four tickets from Dierks’ personal family hold at the Ak-Chin Pavilion on Friday, Aug. 27!

Dierks was close to his long-time childhood neighbors. So close that he ended up marrying the girl next door, turning his neighbors into his in-laws! Get wine and dine by Dierks’ in-laws with a vegetarian dinner in their home, and hear stories about his music inspiration, his childhood, and much more.

Dierks’ family donated the concert tickets and the dinner to benefit the mission of Lost Our Home Pet Rescue.

Get your raffle tickets now: Call (602) 445-7387

AUGUST 13

AZGFD Now Accepting Entries

Do you want to see your photo on the cover of *Arizona Wildlife Views* magazine? Do you have a knack for capturing great photos of wildlife? Then you won’t want to miss the Arizona Game and Fish Department’s 15th annual wildlife photo contest. The deadline is 5 p.m. (Arizona time) on Aug. 13, 2021. Winners will be announced online at www.azgfd.gov/photocontest and www.arizonahighways.com after Nov. 1, 2021.

SEPTEMBER 1

AZGFD To Review Game Management Hunt Guidelines

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is initiating the review of the five-year game management hunt guidelines that provide the biological and social parameters used by wildlife biologists to formulate the annual hunt recommendations — season structures, season lengths, season dates, permits allocated, etc. These recommendations result in the annual hunts in which all licensed hunters may participate.

Amber Munig, AZGFD’s big game management supervisor, said, “We are seeking your ideas, comments, concerns and observations on how to meet the many demands by our varied hunting public, as well as fostering new opportunities for continuing our hunting heritage for future generations.”

Comments on the existing hunt guidelines may be submitted through Sept. 1 by email to AZHuntGuidelines@azgfd.gov, or by mail addressed to: Hunt Guidelines, Arizona Game and Fish Department, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ

85086.

After initial comments are received, reviewed and processed, the department will:

- Host several webcasts or public meetings in late October-November on the draft revisions, answer questions and collect any further public input

- Present proposed hunt guidelines to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission on Dec. 10-11.

- Open a 30-day public comment period Jan. 1-30, 2022.

- The final proposed hunt guidelines will then be prepared and posted on the department’s website prior to being presented to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission in April 2022.

For more information about the hunt guidelines process, as well as to review the existing hunt guidelines, visit www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines.

DECEMBER 5

Lost Our Home Pet Rescue's 12th Annual Sit. Stay. Brunch

Thanks to our presenting sponsor, the Fred & Jami Pryor Foundation.

Lost Our Home Pet Rescue will return to hosting our biggest and best live event of the year! Unleash Your Sparkle as we celebrate 13 years of helping people and saving pets at The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch.

Our adoptable dogs will be breaking out the latest fashion sparkle and strutting their stuff on the catwalk!

Dust off your party clothes and unleash your sparkle, too! Enjoy a delicious brunch, sparkling champagne, and a huge silent auction with gifts for everyone’s holiday shopping list!

You will be treated to a rousing live auction with everyone’s favorite vivacious Auctiontainer, Letitia Frye! You will also witness inspiring stories, see adorable pets, enjoy our photo booth, doggy kissing booth, and so much more!

The afternoon will be emceed by the one and only John Holmburg (host of Arizona’s #1 morning show, *98KUPDs Morning Sickness*). He also hosts a weekly “Pick of the Litter” on his show, promoting an adoptable dog or cat from Lost Our Home each week!

Early bird tickets go on sale this month, so don’t miss out. If you are interested in becoming a Sit. Stay. Brunch. sponsor, please contact Anne Marie Geary to obtain more information annemarie@lostourhome.org ■



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Under state law, life jackets are required to be worn by children 12 years old and younger, but it's strongly urged that everyone wear one while on the water. Life jackets save lives.

Before heading out on the water, it's important that boaters check to ensure that their life jackets are in good condition and that they are the right size and fit for passengers. Look for:

- Any rips or tears
- Missing straps
- Broken fasteners
- Ensure that the flotation hasn't shifted.

Life jackets should be inspected each boating season due to the environment's impact on their materials and replaced if necessary.



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Dive Into The 2020 USCG Guard Boating Safety Statistics

They reveal how the pandemic affected boating in ways just beginning to be understood.

The U.S. Coast Guard recently released the 2020 Recreational Boating Statistics, and reports of accidents, fatalities and injuries were significantly up over the prior year. While still under review, the Coast Guard believes that the primary driving factor for the significant increase in deaths was the significant increase in boating activity. The nonprofit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water looks at some select data points in the report and offers some lessons for the future, long after America has put the pandemic in the rearview mirror.

1. A change in the top five reasons for accidents: In 2020, the top five reported contributing factors in accidents were 1. operator inattention, 2. operator inexperience, 3. improper lookout, 4. excessive speed and 5. machinery failure. "Machinery failure," at number five on the list, is new for 2020. While it is only a single data point, it likely indicates that a well-maintained boat is also a safer vessel. "One could reasonably assume that first-time boat owners are understandably



A COVID CRASH? — The increase in boating activity in 2020 had a significant effect on boating safety.

inexperienced in boat maintenance, and some boat owners likely had difficulty getting service during the pandemic," said BoatUS Foundation President Chris Edmonston. He also noted that, "With the limited manufacturer supply of new boats available, some older, less seawor-

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2021 Boating and Watercraft Survey

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Arizona Boaters and Personal Watercraft Users:

To better understand the needs of Arizona's boating and personal watercraft users, the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD), in collaboration with Arizona State Parks and Trails, is conducting a brief survey of both motorized and non-motorized watercraft users.

The results of this survey will be used to identify new ways to enhance boating and personal watercraft experi-



ences for all Arizonans. Those who have participated in recreational activities on Arizona's waterways within the past 12 months are invited to take the survey by clicking on the link below. Those who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing to win one of more than 70 prizes, including gift cards, high-quality life jackets, and annual and single-day

passes to Arizona State Parks.

Take The Survey Here —

<https://www.surveymentrace.com/run/pib/p2461/06eadcdb7632a46f828b94cd5a8966233216>

AZGFD has partnered with a Phoenix-based research firm, Partners In Brainstorms Inc., to assist with the survey. The

firm follows a strict code of ethics to ensure that survey responses and contact information remain private and secure. No personal information will be shared with any other organization or business.

Once participants begin the survey, they will receive this note: "Thank you for your interest in participating in this survey, which is being conducted on behalf of **Arizona Game and Fish Department** and **Arizona State Parks and Trails**. The survey is about your boat and personal watercraft usage on Arizona lakes and rivers, and your feedback is extremely important. Your participation is voluntary and confidential. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete."

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DID YOU KNOW?

Guy Lombardo Was Also A Speedboat Racer

Many remember him and his Royal Canadians for their extremely popular band performances, especially from 1929 to 1952, but on into the '70s and beyond with his top-selling recordings. However, Guy Lombardo was also an important figure in Step Boat speedboat racing, winning the Gold Cup in 1946 in his record-breaking speedboat, *Tempo VI*, designed and built by John L. Hacker.

He then went on to win the Ford Memorial competition in 1948 and the President's Cup and the Silver Cup in 1952. From 1946 to 1949, Lombardo was the reigning U.S. national champion. Before his retirement from the sport in the late 1950s, he had won every trophy in the field.



dorsed the Guy Lombardo Royal Fleet, a line of fiberglass boats manufactured and sold by the United States Boat Corporation of Newark, New Jersey, a division of U.S. Pools Corporation. The boats were manufactured under license from Skagit Plastics of La Conner, Washington. The endeavor was short-lived and ended in 1961 with the closure of Skagit Plastics.

Tempos' Home Port

In his later years, Lombardo lived in Freeport, Long Island, New York, where he kept *Tempo*, *Tempo VI*, and *Tempo VII* (built in 1955). He invested in a nearby seafood restaurant called "Liota's East Point House" that eventually became "Guy Lombardo's East Point House".

Lombardo became a promoter and musical director of Jones Beach Marine Theater. The venue was built with him

in mind by Robert Moses, a fan of Lombardo. One of Lombardo's productions at Jones Beach was *Paradise Island* in 1961. His final production there was the 1977 staging of *Finian's Rainbow* with Christopher Hewett in the title role.

Arrived By Boat

The Jones Bend Marina Theater in New York's Long Island was a popular spot to see Lombardo, who arrived by boat to his performances and conducted the orchestra's first number from the *Tempo's* cockpit.

Lombardo would step off the boat after his introduction and continue leading his band.

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Canadian Motorsport Hall Of Fame

In 1959 Lombardo was attempting a run on the absolute water speed record with the jet engine-powered *Tempo Alcoa* when it was destroyed on a radio-controlled test run doing over 250 miles per hour (400 km/h). After the destruction of *Tempo Alcoa*, Lombardo retired from hydroplane racing. In 2002 he was inducted into the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame for his accomplishments.

Beginning in 1958, Lombardo en-

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thy boats were probably on the water that otherwise would not have been.”

2. Operator inattention and improper lookout never change: Some may attribute the No. 1 and No. 3 reasons for accidents in 2020 solely to first-time boat owners, perhaps giving more experienced boaters a “pass.” However, to do so would be a mistake. These two factors have remained consistent across many years of Coast Guard reporting indicating perhaps, for experienced boaters,

there is always room to improve boating safety.

3. Carrying more passengers aboard: In 2020, the Coast Guard Report noted 5,265 accidents, 767 deaths and 3,191 injuries. That represents a one-year increase of 26%, 25 percent and 25 percent respectively. While not directly acknowledged in the report, Edmonston notes that when boats did head out in 2020, they did so not only with more frequency but also with more passengers aboard. “In 2020, boating provided the respite that many families needed, and no one was left at home alone on Saturday. With more aboard, however, there

is likely an increase in the potential for injuries in any single accident.”

4. The access and congestion issues: Another effect of the pandemic was the temporary loss of waterway access, as some states and localities were driven by public health concerns to reduce park or launch ramp staff. “Limiting access increased congestion and user conflict in the vicinity of those remaining open,” said Edmonston. “What we have learned is that like many other pandemic-affected outdoor activities, we need to find ways to keep access open. Perhaps technology, such as automated access, could help in the future.” ■

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Boat Note: Gold Cup racing was canceled during World War II, but when racing resumed in 1946 the hydroplane My Sin had been sold to famous bandleader Guy Lombardo. Lombardo renamed the boat Tempo and won the 1946 Gold Cup race, setting a new world record of 68.072 mph. Lombardo and Tempo went on to win National Championships in 1946 and 1948. In 1948 Lombardo replaced the exotic V-16 Miller engine with a more common Allison. In 1950 Lombardo hired veteran boat builder and driver Dan Arena to lengthen the boat to 30 feet.

As significant as Lombardo’s accomplishments on the racecourse were, his contributions to the sport off the racecourse were far more profound and far-reaching. Lombardo is credited with introducing both Bill Muncey and Bernie Little to hydroplane racing!

Joe Frauenheim bought Tempo VI in the early 1990s and painstakingly restored it. Frauenheim and his volunteer crew removed Dan Arena’s modifications and returned the boat to its original 24-foot length. The beautiful red and gold mahogany boat is now a favorite at vintage events all around the country. ■



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Drawing For Prizes

Everyone who completes the survey will automatically be entered into a drawing for more than 70 prizes totaling approximately \$7,000 in value, including American Express and Keep Nature Wild! gift cards, high-quality life jack-

ets, a two-night cabin stay at Alamo Lake State Park, and annual and single-day passes for any Arizona State Park.

For questions or comments about this survey, contact Partners In Brainstorms Inc. by email at AZBoat@pib1.com or call toll-free at 855-744-5534.

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AOT Lists Some Top Spots To Canoe And Kayak In Arizona

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BY RUDRI BHATT PATEL

Blessed with 128 lakes and 5 major rivers, Arizona beckons outdoor enthusiasts to hike, raft, ski and fish year-round. In Arizona, you'll find ample opportunities to get out on the water—from the lakes of the Mogollon Rim to the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. Check out a few of our top spots to canoe and kayak.

1. Lake Pleasant, Morristown

One of the best places to kayak and canoe in Arizona is Lake Pleasant, located 45 minutes northwest of Phoenix. Canyons and cliffs tower over the six-mile lake, islands dot the middle of it and slot canyons hide on the northeast side. There are a lot of Arizona landscapes to explore on a kayak or canoe at Lake Pleasant, so set aside a full day for boating. This is also a popular place for power boaters, which could impact the water's flow. Stick to the shoreline for a smoother ride.

2. Watson Lake, Prescott

Situated just four miles from Prescott, Watson Lake welcomes kayakers to calm waters and up-close views of the Granite Dells. These boulders—rippled into shape by erosion—are 1.4 billion years old and rise from the water and line the lake's shores. Half the fun of kayaking and canoeing Watson Lake is navigating these rock formations in your boat. Don't own a vessel? No problem. Prescott Outdoors offers watercraft rentals (from \$15/hour) such as solo kayaks, tandem kayaks, canoes and SUPs.

3. Lower Salt River, Mesa

For city dwellers seeking in-town kayaking and canoeing, look no further than Mesa, near the eastern border of Phoenix, where the Lower Salt River runs—not to be confused with Upper Salt River located within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and requires a permit from the Tribe.

Kayakers launch from the north end near Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch; this provides a chance to spot wild horses, deer and other wildlife of the Tonto National Forest, as well as wildflowers on Bulldog Cliffs. Expect some rapids at the beginning of the river, but for the most part, the water lets beginner kayakers go with the flow. Exit the river at the southern end near Phon D Sutton, a popular take-out spot.

Note: You will need two vehicles for drop-off and pick-up as there's no shuttle service.

4. Colorado River, Lees Ferry

The Colorado River may be synonymous with the epic Grand Canyon, but other majestic sites await along the mighty river. To kayak the Colorado, put in at Lees Ferry, 42 miles from Page in northern Arizona. From here, paddle upstream. The flow is steady on this kayak adventure and you'll have to use those biceps to keep your vessel from floating back to the ramp, but the stunning vistas through Glen Canyon and by Horseshoe Bend more than make up for it. Look up to see the shifting colors of the sandstone walls; look down into the clear water to see rainbow trout.

5. Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area, Show Low

Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest is one of the coolest parts of the state with temperatures in the mid-80s even during the hottest months of summer. As far as kayaking and canoeing in Arizona go, Fool Hollow Lake offers pristine waters perfect for all skill levels. The 150-acre lake sits in the shade of the world's largest belt of ponderosa pines and the boat-motor restrictions mean no boat wakes. During the summer, kayak and canoe rentals are available at J&T's WildLife Outdoors



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PADDLING PATAGONIA — Kayakers sail along near an arched bridge that mimics the curves of the hills behind them.

(from \$20/hour) near the east boat launch ramp. The Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area entrance fee costs \$7-\$10 per vehicle.

6. Canyon Lake, Mesa/ Apache Junction

It's hard to choose just one starring attraction at Canyon Lake located in the Tonto National Forest. It could be the jagged red-rock cliffs. Or the secluded coves at the east end of the lake. Maybe it's the bighorn sheep that cling to the cliffside or even the wildflowers that sprout up along the shoreline in spring. No matter what you decide is Canyon Lake's best attribute, you'll be able to see it all from a kayak or canoe. The lake's waters can get a little choppy, so keep close to the edges for easy boating. Tonto Pass (\$8) required.

7. Big Lake, Springerville

The beautiful blue waters of Big Lake Recreation Area, located 25 miles south of Springerville at an elevation of 9,000 feet, are popular with anglers thanks to its plentiful supply of rainbow, brook and cutthroat trout. But Blue Lake is also considered one of the best places to kayak in Arizona. This hidden gem is tucked away in the White Mountains and its serene waters sprawl over 450 acres. Blue Lake offers it all: tranquil waters, scenic vistas, and a remote, away-from-it-all locale. Disconnect and enjoy. To get to Big Lake from Springerville, travel 5 miles west to AZ-261, then travel 18 miles to FR-113. Turn left. Drive 2 miles to FR-115 and turn right at the entrance.

8. Lake Powell, Page

Canoe, kayak or paddleboard through the canyons of Lake Powell. Lake Powell is popular with watercraft boaters of all sizes, and for good reason. The lake stretches 180 miles long and contains more than 96 side canyons ripe for exploration. It's these canyons where boaters in smaller vessels like kayaks and canoes go when they're looking to get away from the lake's hubbub. Favorites include Antelope Canyon, Labyrinth Canyon with its maze of sandstone walls, and Lone Star Canyon. The water is suitable for both experienced kayakers and beginners, and Kayak Lake Powell offers guided kayaking tours into the canyons and boat and standup paddleboards (SUP) rentals. Rent a houseboat through Lake Powell Resorts & Marina for a more immersive, on-the-water stay.

9. Blue Ridge Reservoir, Happy Jack

Perched on the Mogollon Rim, Blue Ridge Reservoir offers mellow waters for relaxed paddling in Arizona. The lake looks more like a river — flanked by canyons and without much shoreline or beach — snaking through the pine-studded scenery. There's very little traffic

along the reservoir and motorboats aren't allowed, so for kayakers in search of solo time, Blue Ridge is ideal. No permit is required to put in. To reach Blue Ridge Reservoir, drive 55 miles south of Flagstaff to Clints Well on FR- 3 (Lake Mary Road). Turn left on AZ-87 and go 4 miles to FR-138. Follow this to the Blue Ridge Campground and Blue Ridge Reservoir.

Note: Park ONLY in the designated parking spaces on FR 751 in the restricted area. During the winter, the reservoir closes to the public.

10. Patagonia Lake, Patagonia

A kayaking and canoeing favorite, Patagonia Lake State Park is a watery oasis in the middle of Southern Arizona's mostly desert region. The lake was created by damming nearby Sonoita Creek. As you paddle Patagonia Lake, keep your eyes

open for birds that call this area home, such as great blue herons, Inca dove, vermilion flycatcher and various species of hummingbirds. For calm waters, kayakers should head to the lake's east end, where no-wake regulations are in place. Patagonia Lake also offers boat-in-only campsites, which line the shores and are delightfully remote and private.

Note: Costs and fees mentioned above were accurate at the time of publication. We do our best to maintain the information; however, we recommend you visit each destination's website for the most up-to-date pricing and details.

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AZ LAKES/AZ PROS: MARTY LAWRENCE AT BARTLETT LAKE

Bartlett Fishing Has Been Good This Summer



BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Yamamoto Pro Marty Lawrence fishes a lot of night tournaments in the summer, and summer in Arizona means monsoon storms. These storms usually do roll in at night and if you're out on the water, it can mean that jigs and reaction baits can fill the boat in a hurry. He says that a fisherman's best friend in a storm is a Minnkota Ultrex because it will hold your position all night, even if water is coming over the bow. He has actually stayed on the water in those conditions – he just sets the Ultrex and fishes from the back!

After The Storm

After the storm is a whole lot different though. Once a storm front has moved through and there is a high pressure front with clear skies, it's time to pick up a drop shot or a jig and drag the bottom, says Marty. He says that high pressure tends to make them suspend over something, but they will still eat if you can target their depth.

We actually went out with Yamamoto Pro Marty Lawrence the day after a storm, and faced those dreaded bright skies and high pressure. He headed for a small cove

with a long point off the main lake and threw a crankbait first thing. He fishes them on fluorocarbon line to help get them down a bit, and fishes them on rock piles and points up to twenty feet deep. His Dobyns Champion 806 has a nice soft tip but plenty of backbone so it makes the crankbait easy to cast. He recommends a slower reel, about 5:1, so you don't fish the bait too fast. If there is a lot of brush, he goes up to 20-pound-test fluorocarbon.

Love The Little Crankbaits

"I love the little square bill crankbaits," Marty says, "because they'll eat that just about everywhere I've been, but it only goes down about three to four feet." He'll throw the square bill just before sunset or at first light, then switch to a deep crank, jig, Texas rig, spinnerbait, or Senko. Marty is a power fisherman and he flat covers water, looking for active bass.

He loves reaction baits, but if you can't get a reaction bite going, he says a wacky-rigged Senko can't be beat. To wacky rig a Senko you just put the hook right through the middle of the Senko and let it wiggle around on both sides. Just toss it out, let it fall, reel up a bit, and let it fall again. They usually eat it on the fall.

Take A Tip From Marty

As you power fish along the bank at Bartlett, take a tip from Marty: I noticed that when the structure changes, he changes baits. Choose a bait that will get close to the bottom and stay in the zone. He likes to fish a Yamamoto Stretch 40 on a Texas rig with the lightest tungsten bait he can get away with. This gives it a small profile. The Stretch 40 is like a Senko with a tail and he catches a lot of fish on it, especially on those 45 degree banks. He sticks to basic colors like green pumpkin. Just let it hit bottom, give it a little shake, and drag it over the rocks really slowly. With a tungsten weight, he says, you can feel every rock. Sometimes they peck at it, and other times they just hold on to it. You lift the bait and you feel pressure. That's when to set the hook.

Go Catch Some Fish At Bartlett

Bartlett has been producing good numbers of fish this summer, so if you get a chance to go, head on out there and catch some fish. ■

Maggie And The Mountain Lion

BY ROBERT REDWINE
PREFACE BY R.L. DALRYMPLE

• Note: Published in the Club de l'Epagneul Breton magazine First Semester 2011 Issue 33

• Run in this issue with the permission of Robert Redwine

Most of us in the club are also hunters in our own right, and this story by Robert (Bob) Redwine will touch most of us in some way. Full credit is given to Mr. Redwine of Prescott, Ariz., for sharing this story, and his emails documenting the events of the story. The story is essentially his emails to some of his friends and colleagues. No need to re-write it. It stands on its own.

Not everyone in our membership is acquainted with the mountain lion. The mountain lion now occurs to some degree in habitat in a mass amount of the USA Wildlife habitat from the north central and northwestern portions to the south central plains and desert country to the west. Being a highly secretive nocturnal animal, they are rarely seen by the general public. This incident in Arizona is also a somber reminder that when we are communing with nature with our Bretons – we are not alone. I am rather pleased that most of the "nasty" critters I need to be concerned about when hunting are rabid skunks, porcupines, and the occasional rattlesnake. – R.L. Dalrymple

November 25, 2010:

I am sending this to several people I have hunted with or who have known Maggie over the years. Yesterday, Maggie and I were hunting quail in an area about 12 miles from where we live in Prescott, Ariz. Maggie was attacked by a mountain lion. The attack occurred in a brushy area. She was behind some bushes out of my sight, and only about 30 feet from me when it happened.

I think the fact that she was so close and that I reacted by yelling loudly and running to her may have saved her life. I did see the mountain lion as it ran away



Maggie After The Attack

through the brush. It was a big one. (An Arizona Game and Fish Warden later estimated that the mountain lion may have been up to 175 pounds, more or less.) I wish I had been carrying something other than a 28 gauge and bird shot.

To The Vet In Time

We were able to get Maggie to our veterinarian within thirty minutes of the attack. She has two bite and puncture wounds on her chest with one barely missing going through all the muscle into her body cavity. She has two bite and puncture wounds on her shoulders, lacerations to her chest, hip, back, and rear leg.

It looks like the lion probably bit her from the front across her shoulders and chest, and raked her with its front paws. She's lucky to have survived this. Maggie was in surgery yesterday afternoon and spent the night at the veterinarian's. We will pick her up this afternoon and bring her home. It looks like she will need three to four weeks for a full recovery.

A Thanksgiving Thank You

So today (Thanksgiving Day), when we give thanks for all of our friends and family, we will give thanks that Maggie is still with us to enjoy several more years of time in the field doing what she loves to do most.

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Maggie At 11-1/2 With Thomas

MAGGIE

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November 28, 2010:

After sending this message last Thursday, I figured that I owed everyone an update on Maggie's condition. First, thank you to everyone for the replies and concern for Maggie. I gave her all of the requested hugs and pats on the head. I never knew a little brown dog could have so many friends.

It turned out that Maggie's injuries were worse than we first thought, but her recovery so far has exceeded our veterinarian's and our expectations. The worst injuries were the bite to her chest and a slash on her rear leg. The slash on the leg missed a major artery by a "hair's breadth" (the vet's words). If the artery had been severed, she likely would not have made it the half mile back to the truck. She has two drain lines installed in the deep bites. Those will come out tomorrow. There were internal sutures to close the punctures. There are over 79 metal staples that were used to close her wounds. The staples will stay in for 10 to 14 days.

Out Of The Game

Maggie will wear a plastic cone until the staples are removed. Maggie will be out of the bird hunting game for at least



Maggie, Bob Redwine, And Thomas

six weeks. I am hoping that she can do a little field work and have some fun by the end of January.

January 23, 2011:

I thought you might want to know that Maggie has made a full recovery. I have had her out hunting three times in the last couple of weeks and she is doing great, finding birds, retrieving, and enjoying the hunt. She is a little out of condition, but I would be too after a six-week layoff. I am still amazed at what she went through with the mountain lion and how well she has come back.

And, Bretons, Of Course

I am heading over to Globe, Ariz., tomorrow for three days of Gambels, scaled, and Mearns quail hunting on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation. I have some friends coming down from Wisconsin and Illinois for the hunt. We will have English Pointers, English Setters, German Shorthair Pointers, and of course, the Epagneul Bretons. Epagneul Breton "Thomas" will do most of the work, but Maggie will see a lot of action too.



Maggie And Her Awards

February 5, 2011 (the last email of this saga):

This is just a quick note to let you know that Maggie has made a full recovery from the mountain lion attack. I took Maggie and Thomas to Globe last week. We hunted three days on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation with some friends from Wisconsin and Illinois. The hunting was pretty good. We found six to seven coveys of Gambels and scaled quail each day with 25 to 50 birds per covey.

Maggie Hunted All Three Days

Maggie hunted all three days. I did rest her a little with long lunch breaks, not bad for a dog who is almost nine

years old. Thomas put in all three days and was still bouncing around at the end of day three. The setters were not used to the rocks and ended up with some pretty sore feet at the end of day two. Maggie did a great job of locating shot birds and managed to gingerly pull a couple of quail out of the prickly pear cactus.

I have attached a couple more photo and you can see Thomas has turned out to be a big, strong dog.

Tomorrow is the last day of our season here in Arizona. I plan to take Maggie to an area about thirty minutes from my home, and do a 1/2-day hunt and finish the season on a positive note.

We Will Stay Away!

We will stay out of the brush and away from mountain lions!

Robert Redwine is a long-standing member of the CEB-US. He has hunted with the Epagneul Breton for 14 years. Bob is an avid hunter of upland game birds. Now a few words about Maggie. Those of you who were in attendance at the 2004 CEB-US annual meeting in Armour, South Dakota may remember Maggie. She was awarded her TAN at the meeting, was Reserved Best Female in the show, and was awarded one of the Total Dog Awards as Dal's Rocky Mountain Maggie. Too good to be eaten by a mountain lion!

Final Note From Robert Redwine: July 6, 2021 To AZ Quail Today's Ryan Rice:

Maggie went on to live a full life, she passed away in 2017 just a couple months short of her 15th birthday. She was a very active hunter up until 12 years of age. I've added a photo of Maggie and Thomas, she was 11-1/2 years old in this photo. I know we all say this, but those were two of the best bird dogs I've ever owned or hunted with. Dan Priest has hunted with Thomas, would probably vouch for his skill level.

**Best regards,
Bob Redwine**



Maggie As A Puppy



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AZGFD To Review Game-Management Hunt Guidelines



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Public encouraged to submit comments through Sept. 1.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is initiating the review of the five-year game management hunt guidelines that provide the biological and social parameters used by wildlife biologists to formulate the annual hunt recommendations — season structures, season lengths, season dates, permits allocated, etc. These recommendations result in the annual hunts in which all licensed hunters may participate.

Public Review Urged

The public is encouraged to review the existing hunt guidelines (www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines) and then offer feedback on how to improve them so AZGFD can continue the sustainable management of the state's game animals. While acknowledging that hunting opportunity is important, and that wildlife is held in the public trust, wildlife biologists also concur that using science-based principles to shape the hunt guidelines process remain paramount to ensure healthy, sustainable and diverse wildlife populations in perpetuity.

"All of us are passionate about wildlife," said Amber Munig, AZGFD's big game management supervisor. "There will be a lot of varying views that must be considered and balanced to create the

guidelines for setting hunting opportunities in Arizona.

Continuing Our Hunting Heritage

"We are seeking your ideas, comments, concerns and observations on how to meet the many demands by our varied hunting public, as well as fostering new opportunities for continuing our hunting heritage for future generations."

Comments on the existing hunt guidelines may be submitted through Sept. 1 by email to AZHuntGuidelines@azgfd.gov, or by mail addressed to: Hunt Guidelines, Arizona Game and Fish Department, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

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High Country Trout Stocking Update

Stocking live, healthy fish for anglers to enjoy can be challenging, but the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is up to the task, even in this time of widespread drought.

While AZGFD places a high priority on meeting its stocking schedule found on the department's website (azgfd.com/fishing/stockschedule), all scheduled stockings are subject to change based on weather, water quality, or road conditions.

With warmer water temperatures and lower water levels affecting many of the state's lakes and streams, changes to the stocking schedule may become more frequent. To that point, AZGFD will begin a renewed effort to inform anglers about these changes on a weekly basis, hopefully before they head to their favorite fishing places.

As of Thursday (July 15), no stocking took place at either the East Verde River or Haigler Creek due to poor water quality. Both streams recorded temperatures



Apache Trout

that were above 76 degrees when hatchery trucks arrived this week. On Christopher Creek, stocking only took place at the See Canyon trailhead location. The water at the Christopher Creek campground location is too warm to stock.

The water quality at Tonto and Canyon creeks remains good, and stocking is continuing at both locations. Additionally, Tonto Creek is now receiving 500 trout per week instead of the usual 350, providing additional opportunity for anglers.

Meanwhile, stockings have been halted at Fool Hollow Lake in Show Low due to high pH readings. ■

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Fall 2021 Hunt Draw Is Over

COMPILED BY MARGIE ANDERSON

For the Fall 2021 Hunt: Draw is over.

Tags mailed out by Aug 9, 2021. The fall regulations booklet is available online and at outdoor stores. Applications must be submitted online.

If tags are left over, first come applications accepted by mail on or after 8:00 a.m. July 26, 2021. Available at Game and Fish offices after 8:00 am Aug 2, 2021.

2021-22 Fees:

General Hunting, resident: \$37 Non-resident: not available see combination

Combination Hunt and fish, resident: \$57 Non-resident: \$160

Youth combination hunt and fish (ages 10-17), resident: \$5 Non-resident: \$5

Short-term combination license, resident: \$15/day, Non-resident: \$20/day

There are also fees for permit-tags and nonpermit-tags. See the 2021-2022 Hunting Regulations at www.azgfd.com for details.

Report Vandalism: 1-800-VANDALS
Report poachers: Operation Game Thief 800-352-0700 rewards for information that results in an arrest.

Be sure to check the hunting regulations carefully before you hunt. Many of the following hunts have notes and legal requirements listed. You must check the regulations. Pick up a paper copy at outdoor stores, Game and Fish offices, or go online at www.azgfd.com and click on regulations to download the booklet. "Open areas" have restrictions beyond what is listed here. ALL HUNTS require a valid hunting license or combination

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license. Hunters under 10 need a license or they must be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid license. Falconry-only hunts require a Sport Falconry License. See regulations for daily limits and bag limits. This calendar is for convenience only. You must read and follow the hunting regulations found in the booklets and pamphlets available at www.azgfd.com and at retailers where licenses are sold.

Mountain Lion: Aug 21, 2020 – May 31, 2021 This hunt is held by zone, with zones having annual harvest limits. Seasons vary by zone. When the limit is reached, the hunt is over in that zone. You must call to report kills or check hunts before going hunting. There are also archery and pursuit-only tags available. See regulations for details on weapons, fees, zones, etc.

Small Game:

Tassel-eared tree squirrel Unit 31: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 (year-round).

Archery-only tree squirrel: Aug 20 – Sept 30, 2021 Open areas state wide except 12A, 12B, 13A, 13B and National Wildlife Refuges, any tree squirrel except Mt. Graham red squirrel.

Archery-only tree squirrel : Aug 20 – Sept 19, 2021 12A, 12B, 13A, 13B Any tree squirrel

Falconry-only tree squirrel: Aug 20 – Dec 31, 2021 Open areas statewide excluding National Wildlife Refuges and Units 31 and 33)

See regulations for these hunts

Cottontail rabbit: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 (year-round) Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges, and 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M. Any cottontail.

Cottontail rabbit in Buenos Aires, and Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuges: Jul 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 (year-found) any cottontail rabbit.

Cottontail rabbit limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot): year-round. Open areas except National Wildlife Refuges) any cottontail rabbit.

Falconry-only cottontail rabbit: year-round. Open areas except National Wildlife Refuges any cottontail rabbit.

Predatory And Fur-Bearing Mammals

Coyote and skunk: year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M.

Coyote and skunk Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge: year-round

Coyote, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge: year-round

Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel, and badger Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge: Aug 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022.

Coyote, skunks, raccoon, bobcat, gray fox, ringtail, and badger Leslie Canyon National Wildlife Refuge Aug 20, 2021 – Feb 24, 2022

Bobcats and foxes Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge Aug 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022

Coyote and skunk limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot): year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel, and badger limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot): Aug 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022 Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

Other Birds And Mammals

House sparrow and European starling: year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M.

Gunnison's prairie dog: July 1, 2021 – Mar 31, 2022 Open areas north of the Gila River excluding National Wildlife Refuges, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)

All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed-ferret, New Mexico jumping mouse, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves: year-

round. Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)

Jackrabbit Open Areas statewide including Buenos Aires and Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife refuges, excluding all other Refuges and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M: year-round

Black-tailed Jackrabbit, Leslie Canyon National Wildlife Refuge: Aug 20, 2021 – Feb 24, 2022.

Limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot) English house sparrows and European starling: year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

Limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot) Gunnison's prairie dog Unit 11M: year-round.

Limited weapon (shotgun shooting shot) All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed-ferret, New Mexico jumping mouse, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves: year-round. Open areas statewide except National Wildlife Refuges.

Falconry-only seasons for Sparrows and Starlings, crow, coati, Gunnison's Prairie Dog, others: see regulations.

Falconry-only quail 25M, 26M, and 38M: Jul 1, 2021 – Mar 31, 2022 Any quail.

SANDHILL CRANE hunting is by permit only. Hunts are in November and December.

REPTILES A hunting or combination license is required for taking reptiles. A Fishing or combination license is required for taking softshell turtles. See regulations booklet for list of legal reptiles and taking methods.

General Reptiles: year-round – see regulations for areas, limits, and closed areas.

BIG GAME HUNTING: see regulations for information on hunts and dates. Big game hunting is by permit

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Then, This Timeline

After initial comments are received, reviewed and processed, the department will —

- Host several webcasts or public meetings in late October-November on the draft revisions, answer questions and

collect any further public input

- Present proposed hunt guidelines to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission on Dec. 10-11.

- Open a 30-day public comment period Jan. 1-30, 2022.

- The final proposed hunt guidelines will then be prepared and posted on the department's website prior to being presented to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission in April 2022.

For more information about the hunt

guidelines process, as well as to review the existing hunt guidelines, visit www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines.

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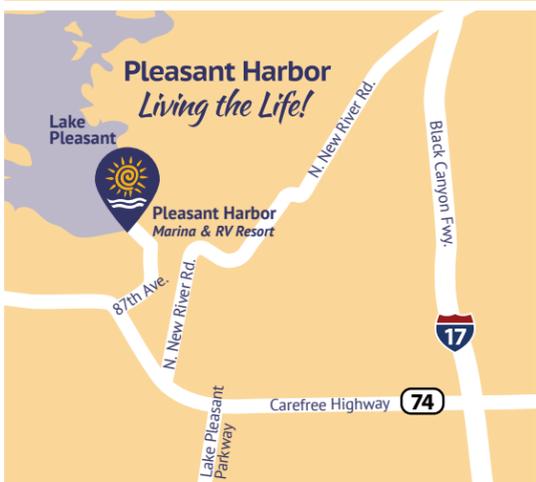
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Where's A Great Place To Camp?

Camping is awesome, especially if you know some basics.

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Choosing a great spot and setting up a camp site is something I've been doing for decades. Of course, when I first started camping, my dad did most of the choosing, but we all helped set up the camp. Where and how we camp still depends a lot on the purpose of the trip. In other words, are we hunting, fishing, hiking, or just exploring and camping? How elaborate our camp becomes is largely dependent on the answer to that question, but the basics remain the same.

Picking A Good Spot

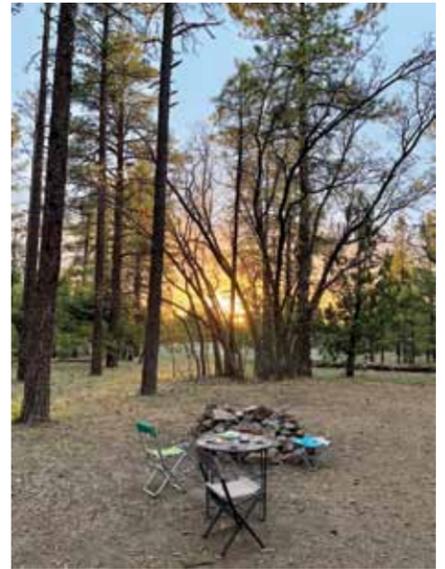
If you stay in campgrounds, your choices are limited because the campsites are already marked out for you. John and



This is our new Kamp-Rite tent cot. It is amazing. So comfortable and incredibly easy to set up. You don't even have to inflate the mattress — it's some kind of foam that squishes down to make it easy to transport but puffs up to be extremely comfortable when you unroll it. We love this thing!

I avoid campgrounds as a rule, mainly because we don't like noise. A lot of people love campgrounds, though, and they do have their advantages.

For one thing, there is usually a nice smooth, level spot for a tent as well as a table and maybe even a grill. Fire rings are usually also provided, and that saves you quite a bit of labor. There are also usually restrooms at campgrounds, and if you're a tent camper with young kids, that can be a big plus. Sometimes you are allowed to



Here is another campsite showing that you don't have to be under the trees to enjoy their beauty. On this camping trip it started raining in the middle of the night and just didn't stop, so we gave up, threw the gear in the Jeep, and left. It pays to keep whatever you're not using put away. Just in case.



Here's the Jeep with all of our camping gear. The only thing on the roof rack is the tent cot and mattress. Camping isn't a chore for us because we stay organized and travel light.



This is one way of camping that doesn't require much set up at all. But it does limit where you can camp.

have a campfire in the campground when they are not allowed out in the forest, and that's another big advantage.

National Parks

Campgrounds at national parks are pretty cool — when I was a kid we traveled a lot in the summer because my dad would teach map reading at different Army bases. Staying at campgrounds in national parks was always something we enjoyed. My mom wasn't really an outdoorsy lady, so a campground was about as wild as she cared to get, but we kids liked it because the national parks usually have a nice amphitheater and the rangers would have programs in the evenings that were a lot of fun.

Arizona State Parks

My mom would have loved the little cabins at the Arizona State Parks. John and I have stayed in them several times, usually when we are on fishing trips. These little cabins are pretty basic, with a small front room with a table, chairs, and a shelf, plus a tiny bedroom in back with a set of bunk beds on one side and a double bed on the other.

The best part? They have heaters and air conditioners! You can't cook inside, but there are tables and grills and large fire pits outside, and each cabin has its own. The bathrooms are usually in the middle of the row of cabins, and they are

really nice, with showers and everything.

The granddaughters love them, and they are very reasonably priced, plus you can lock up your stuff while you're off fishing. The mattresses on the beds are covered with heavy plastic, so make sure you bring your own bedding and pillows.

Consider Reserving A Spot Online

As for picking a spot in a campground or picking a cabin, we usually prefer to walk a little farther to get to the restrooms. Camping right by the bathrooms pretty much guarantees that you're going to be disturbed during the night by flashlights waving around and tiny high-pitched voices. The few times we've stayed in a campground we've chosen a site that is as far as possible from any other site. For most campgrounds you can now reserve a spot online, and you can look at a map of the sites before you choose. I really like that.

With RVs And Trailers

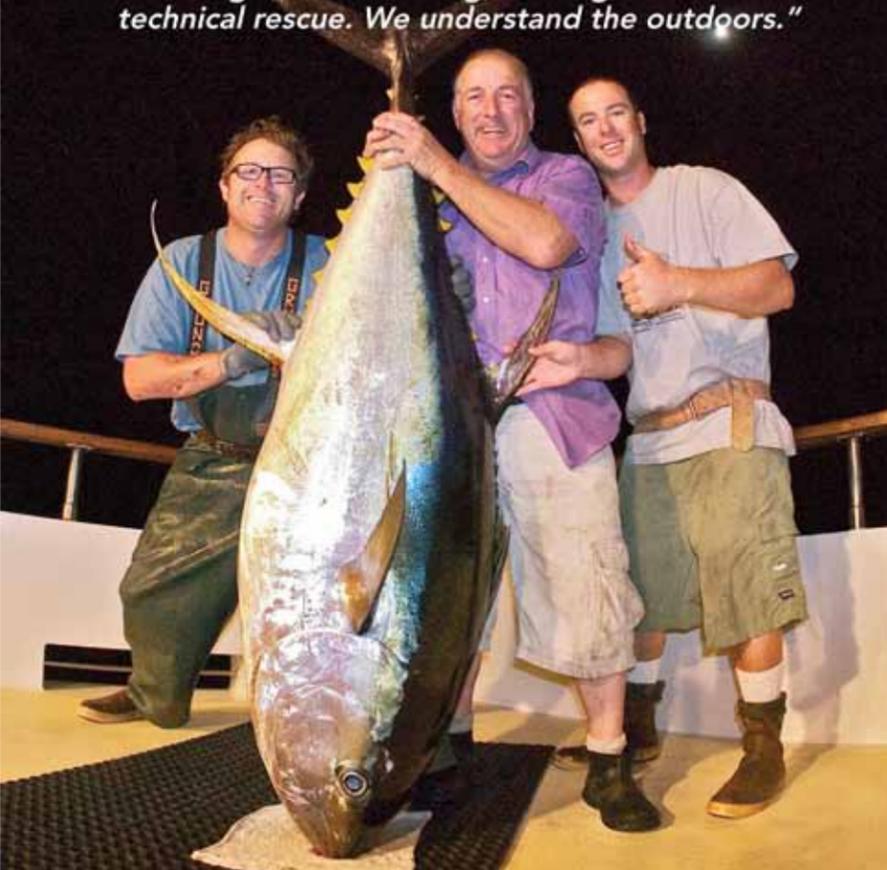
One great thing about tent camping is that you aren't limited. With an RV or a trailer you're limited to fairly good roads and when you're in the forest comma you will often see several big trailers or RVs in fairly close proximity to one another, just because large, open, reasonably level places along good roads are limited. With our Jeep and our tent cot we can camp

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Lightning Strike Causes Injuries At Grand Canyon National Park

GRAND CANYON, Ariz. - On July 20 at approximately 2:50 p.m., the Grand Canyon Communications Center received a report of multiple individuals struck by lightning at the Bright Angel Trailhead during a monsoonal thunderstorm.

A 30-year-old male and 28-year-old female victim were initially found unresponsive; the male regained consciousness without intervention. CPR and advanced life-saving interventions were initiated on the female, and she regained a pulse. Due to significant storm activity,



air transport was not available, and both patients were transported by ground to the Flagstaff Medical Center. The female vic-

tim is reported to be in stable condition at a regional burn center. At least two other patients self-transported to the Grand Canyon Clinic with lightning splash injuries.

This lightning strike is a reminder that monsoon season brings not only rain, but dangerous and potentially life-threatening lightning during thunderstorms. Serious injuries and fatalities have occurred at Grand Canyon National Park as a result of lightning strikes. Visitors to the park are reminded that if the sound of thunder follows a lightning flash within 30 seconds

or less, they should seek shelter in a building or vehicle or proceed to the nearest bus stop to get on a park shuttle.

Lightning can strike two points up to 10 miles (16 km) apart at the same time. In Grand Canyon National Park, lightning strikes an average of 25,000 times per year.

For more on how to be "lightning safe," please visit Grand Canyon National Park's website at <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/lightning-danger.htm>. ■

CAMP

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darn near anywhere. However, the factors that make a good campsite don't change much no matter how you camp.

Level And Clear

First of all, you need an area that is level or very close to level. Sleeping on an incline is no fun. Also, you need to have a fairly large clear space if you are going to have a fire. Simply putting rocks in a ring and building a fire inside them is not good – you can set the forest on fire that way. You need to clear a large area down to the dirt, then build your fire ring.

A lot of the time, the good spots already have a fire ring and all you have to do is clear away any flammable stuff for a good six feet all around the fire pit. This six-foot rule not only helps prevent flying sparks from starting a fire, it also means that you're less likely to trip and fall into the fire.

Watch Out For The 'Widow Makers'!

One thing I always look out for is "widow makers". These are large trees with big branches that could potentially fall on your camp, especially if it is windy. We like to find an open area that is surrounded by trees so we have shade and privacy, but the trees are far enough away that we don't have to pitch our tent or especially build our fire right under them.

Setting Up The Basics

The first thing we always do when we've picked a spot for a camp is decide where the tent is going to be. This was especially important when we slept in a little popup tent on the ground. For a tent you'll need to clear a big spot of any lumps, including sticks, pinecones, rocks, etc. Otherwise you'll feel them all under your back all night, even with camping pads.

KampRite Tent

Recently, we bought a KampRite tent



This is John and I with our granddaughter Trinity camping at Alamo Lake many years ago. This big tent was big enough to stand up in, which is something John used to insist on. You could also fit the whole family, including the dog, inside it. It served us well for many years.

cot and it has made a huge difference. We added a roof rack to the Jeep for transporting it, but it's actually pretty compact. It's just what it sounds like: basically a large two-person cot (with a very comfortable mattress), and a tent that actually attaches to the cot sides to make it snug and private. We absolutely love it, and so does our little French Brittany, Mochi. One of the best things about it is that we are up off the ground which makes it so much easier to get in and out during the night.

After Setting Up

After setting up the tent, parking the pop-up camper, setting up the cot tent or whatever, it's time to decide where to put the fire pit. If there is already a fire pit there, put the sleeping quarters upwind from it so smoke doesn't make your bedding stink. Make up the beds and zip all the screens up tight so the bugs don't get in there before you do. We usually put the wood for the fire just a few feet away from the fire ring -- close enough so you can see it and won't trip over it, but far enough that a stray ember won't start anything burning. Of course, if there are fire



As you can see by this photo, we chose an open spot with trees, but not under the trees. The area for the tent is nice and level, and the fire pit area is cleared for many feet. Unfortunately, on this trip fires were prohibited because of fire danger, but that doesn't mean you can't have a good time camping. We made s'mores by roasting the marshmallows over the JetBoil flame!

restrictions in place then you just need a clear, level spot for your gas stove.

Gas Or Campfire?

Actually, even if fires are allowed I prefer to cook on a gas stove just because cleaning pans that have been on a fire is a major chore. Fires are fun to sit around after dinner to talk and make s'mores, and I dearly love a campfire, but they really make a mess of your pans, and you also need a rack over the fire to put the pans on, which is one more thing to try to clean. Otherwise that soot gets all over everything. Ugh.

Some Valuable Hints

If you're going to be camping in one spot for several days and not leaving the campsite during the day, you can get as elaborate as you like. We usually just spend the night and then hit the road right away if we're exploring, or if we are hunting we generally put everything away and lock the vehicle during the day. It didn't used to be that way, but anymore you need to be aware that there are people who will literally steal your entire camp if you leave things out unattended. That's why it pays to be a minimalist when you camp.

Another thing we have learned the hard way is to put as much stuff away as you can before you hit the sack. We've been hit by surprise storms several times

while camping – storms bad enough that you know you need to leave now before the roads are impassable. It's just easier if you don't have to run around in the rain folding up stuff and stowing it.

Camping Is Awesome

Camping is awesome. When you're out in the open far from a city, the stars are just incredible. Food always tastes better outdoors, and conversations around the campfire are the best. Personally, I think camping is one of the best things a family can do together. Camping is an opportunity to teach your kids to be self-sufficient, plus it gets them away from technology. Once you have your gear, camping is also a fairly inexpensive holiday. Your camping gear doesn't have to be elaborate, and you may even be able to borrow or rent what you need.

Stay Tuned For Next Month's Advice

If you have your gear organized, it makes camping a lot easier. By that I mean that all your cooking supplies and food are in one box or bag, bedding is in another bag, etc. We use duffel bags and have different colors for different things. I'll cover all that next month, and talk about how to streamline your camping. I'll also talk about overnight camping when backpacking, which calls for the absolute minimum you can get away with. So stay tuned! ■



This is John and I setting up camp years ago — right after we got married. That little tent is one my dad gave me and I was pretty darn good at setting it up quickly.

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PARTNER PROJECTS: FROM PENS TO DENS

Record Number Of Mexican Wolf Pups Are Wild Fostered

A record 22 captive-born Mexican wolf pups recently were placed in dens to be raised in the wild by their surrogate parents after another successful cross-foster season. For six years, wild Mexican wolves have been raising captive-born pups as their own, helping to boost the genetic diversity of this endangered subspecies and moving the wild population towards recovery. In April and May, nine pups were fostered into three different packs in eastern Arizona, and 13 were fostered into five packs in western New Mexico.

Private-Public Program

“Fostering is an outstanding example of a working private-public recovery program. Wolf recovery has to recognize the importance of meeting genetic criteria, which requires many private organizations maintaining captive wolves for release into the wild. Without this important partnership, genetic recovery would be essentially impossible,” said Jim DeVos, AZGFD Mexican wolf coordinator. “Importantly, we are now seeing Mexican wolves that have been fostered producing litters themselves supporting the use of fostering as an effective conservation tool.”

Proven Method

Cross-fostering is a proven method used by the Mexican Wolf Interagency



Field Team (IFT) to increase genetic diversity in the wild Mexican wolf population. It involves placing genetically diverse pups that are 14 days or younger from the captive breeding population into wild dens with similarly aged pups to be raised in the wild by experienced wolves. The IFT has documented that cross-fostered pups have the same survival rate as wild-born pups in their first year of life (about 50%).

Testament To Hard Work

“The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service remains committed to improving the health of the wild population of Mexican wolves, and cross-fostering is one of the many tools we are using to make progress in that direction,” said Allison Greenleaf, biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. “To see this program continuing to have success is a true testament to the hard work of all our field staff and partners.”



JWANAMAKER

AZGFD Offers Reward In Poaching Case

Crime was committed in Game Management Unit 39.

BUCKEYE, Ariz. — The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is seeking information about the recent poaching of a mature desert bighorn sheep ram in Game Management Unit 39 in the Buckeye Hills at Gillespie Dam, south of Buckeye.

The incident took place in the evening of July 10. AZGFD officials have reason to believe a group of five Asian males seen leaving the scene at approximately 8:30 p.m. in a gray sedan and a black sport utility vehicle may be involved in this incident.

“We rely heavily on the assistance of the public in coming forward with information, and we are hopeful that a tip could lead us to those responsible for this heinous criminal act,” said Ryan Randall, wildlife manager. “This is a horrible waste of the state’s most precious resource, its wildlife.”

Anyone with information about this case can call the AZGFD’s Operation Game Thief hotline at 800-352-0700 and refer to case #21-002114.

Callers can remain anonymous upon request and may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,500 for information that leads to an arrest in this case through the Operation Game Thief program. The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society is offering an additional reward of \$1,000 for information that leads to a conviction. ■

Participants

Five different captive-born litters provided Mexican wolf pups for fostering into the wild population. The following facilities provided pups this year:

Endangered Wolf Center in Eureka, Mo: One litter provided two pups into the Owl Canyon Pack in New Mexico and three pups into the Elk Horn Pack in Arizona; a second litter provided three pups into the Lava Pack in New Mexico and three pups into the Hoodoo Pack in Arizona

El Paso Zoo in El Paso, Texas: One litter provided three pups into the Castle Rock Pack in Arizona and one pup into the Leon Pack in New Mexico;

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in Socorro, N.M.: One litter provided two pups into the San Mateo Pack in New Mexico and two pups into the Leon Pack in New Mexico; a second litter provided three pups into the Dark Canyon Pack in New Mexico.

Aerial Support

Aerial support for this year’s operations was provided by three private organizations: LightHawk Conservation Flying and APLux and Aero Charter. In addition, Arizona Game and Fish Department provided air support to facilitate fostering efforts.

“The cooperation between Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has allowed another record year, allowing us to improve the genetic diversity in the wild population and gaining on the goal for genetic recovery,” said Stewart Liley, Wildlife Management Division chief at New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

Documentation

Since the beginning of the cross-fostering program, the IFT has documented a minimum of 12 cross-fostered wolves currently alive and surviving in the wild. Seven of these wolves have

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WILD ARIZONA

AZGFD Now Accepting Entries

The Arizona Wildlife Calendar photo contest entry deadline is August 13.

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One best in show and 11 first-place winners will be showcased in the 2022 calendar, which is published in the November-December issue of Arizona Wildlife Views. The best-in-show photo is published on the cover of the issue and as one of the photos representing a month.

We’re partnering with Arizona Highways to provide an easier way to submit photographs. Use the online form to submit your Arizona wildlife photos. Each contestant may submit a maximum of three photographs, which must be uploaded as separate submissions through the form.

Please review the official rules prior to entering. Entrants are responsible for complying with the official rules or disqualification may result.

The deadline is 5 p.m. (Arizona time) on Aug. 13, 2021.

Winners will be announced online at www.azgfd.gov/photocontest and www.arizonahighways.com after Nov. 1, 2021. ■

TAILS OF TRIUMPH

These Are Only Two Of Many

FROM LOST OUR HOME SHELTER

Scooby

"Hi, my name is Scooby. I was brought to Lost Our Home Pet Rescue in November of 2020. I had a bit of a bumpy path because I was exposed to Parvo before entering the shelter. Since Parvo is very contagious, I was put on a medical hold for what seemed like forever. This made me sad because I didn't meet new people or hang out with other doggies for 30 days! Then I got tested, and everyone seemed very happy with the results...I must have aced it! They said it was "negative".

I could finally hang out with other pooches and humans!! I really LOVED the days I played in the shelter's front office. Not only did I receive a ton of attention and treats, but it was how I met the humans that took special notice of me. She had a small human girl with her, and they were so nice! They hugged me and played tug of war with me before they became my foster family. We got along right away. They liked me so much that they became my foster family that day. The second I ran around their yard, it was clear to me that this was where I belonged. We got along so well that I was officially adopted and settled into my forever home within a week!

Recently, I sent the nice folks at Lost Our Home a note while on vacation in Washington state to let them know all about how I now am living my best life with my forever family."

Acorn, Miracle Puppy

"My name is Acorn. I was born in a foster home along with my five siblings. Within just a few days of being born, I got



sick, and so did all my siblings. One of my sisters was especially ill, and she passed away the next day. We were all scared and didn't know why we were sick. I wasn't very hungry, and I was always tired. My siblings and I were coughing, and it was hard to breathe at times.

We were taken from our foster home and brought back to the shelter, where we were put in a room. Every day the staff and the vet came to take care of us and to examine us. One day I overheard the humans say we were diagnosed with distemper. They continued to say how distemper is a highly contagious viral disease that can be passed from one pup to another through sneezing and coughing, and it is often fatal.

The humans said we had to be kept separate from all the other doggies at the shelter; I was happy I still got to be around my siblings. Then the unthinkable happened. One by one, all my siblings got worse, completely stopped eating, and passed away. I was so sad, sick, and lonely.

For the next few months of my life, I only saw the medical staff. Despite everything I went through, I was not about to give up, and the humans at Lost Our Home were cheering me on. We all had a feeling there was something better in store for me. My will to live, combined with the

great care I received, kept me alive.

Recently, I tested negative for Distemper and started to enjoy life with my foster family again. They gave me lots of snuggles and tons of attention. Now that I am eating again, they are giving me lots of yummy treats too! My foster family fell so in love with me that they adopted me this week, so now I have a whole lifetime ahead with my forever family!"

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reached breeding age (two years old) and count toward the Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan criterion for genetic recovery of the population. Four of these cross-fostered wolves have subsequently produced pups in the wild. Pups are too young to mark when fostered; therefore, only those that are recaptured can be confirmed as being alive. It is likely that other fostered pups are alive and contributing to improving the genetic diversity of the wild population and helping meet recovery criteria.

Monitoring/Census

The IFT will continue to monitor the packs that pups were placed in through GPS and radio telemetry signals from collars on older wolves within the pack to avoid further disturbance. Later, through remote camera observations and efforts to capture the young of the year, the IFT plans to document additional survival of cross-fostered pups.

The end-of-year census for 2020 showed a minimum of 186 wild Mexican wolves in the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area (72 in Arizona and 114 in New Mexico). This marked a 14 percent increase in the population from a minimum of 163 wolves counted at the end of 2019. The IFT documented a 24 percent growth in the Mexican wolf population in 2019, which has nearly doubled in size over the last five years.

Coordinated Effort

Cross-fostering is a coordinated effort of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Lands Office, U.S. Forest Service, and the Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan. ■



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Archery-only non permit-tag deer seasons are in August-September, December, and January. See the 2021-2022 regulations for details.

ANTELOPE Seasons vary by unit and are in August and September. Antelope hunting is by permit-tag only. Applications for permits are generally in January.

BIGHORN SHEEP By permit only. Season dates vary and fall in October through December. See regulations.

TURKEY Fall turkey season is in Oc-

tober.

Archery-only nonpermit-tag required Turkey is Aug 20-Sept 9, in certain areas only. See regulations for restrictions and requirements.

BEAR General Bear seasons are August – December.

You can buy a non-permit tag for bear over the counter. Seasons vary by unit and units close when the quota is reached. You are responsible to call and report kills and also call before hunting to make sure the unit is still open. See regulations for details. There are also archery-only non-permit tags and those hunts are in late August through September. There is an annual limit to female bear harvests in each area. See the regulations for info.

Spring bear hunts are detailed in the spring regulations which come out later this year.

Javelina

Archery-only nonpermit-tag javelina Aug 20 – Dec 31, 2021 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A north, 7, 9, and 11M. See regulations

General nonpermit-tag required spring javelina July 1-Dec 31, 2021 39 South, 40B, 41, 43A, and 43B. See 2021-

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Guzzler" program. This year, it is estimated that three million gallons will be used to fill water catchments throughout the state from which our thirsty wildlife can drink.

Thank you to AZGFD and other outdoor organizations for this commitment to serve our fellow beings -- from large to small.

We also are grateful to the National Park Service for providing vital resources for our safety when visiting Grand Canyon National Park. Recent tragedies emphasize the extreme importance of knowing before you go, whether it be to hike or to raft or just to visit. Heat and floods are two dangers that can lurk within the beauty of this canyon, especially during the scorching Arizona summer.

With us, treasure the water, and recreate safely. Together, let's continue to enjoy all that our Arizona outdoors has to offer.

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BISON Seasons vary in length and are in November and December. There are also limited opportunity permits for general, muzzleloader, and archery. Those hunts also vary in length and are in late August – December. See regulations.

Spring bison hunts are in January, April-June, July, and August, depending on unit. See the Spring regulations later this year.

Mountain Lion Aug 20, 2021 – May 31, 2022 Statewide excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M. Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens.

Archery-only mountain lion Aug 20, 2021 – May 31, 2022 Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M. Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens.

Pursuit-only mountain lion Aug 20, 2020 – May 31, 2022 Statewide excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M. Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens.

See the regulations for mountain lion harvest limits. When the harvest limit is reached, that unit will close to hunting. You are responsible for checking online at www.azgfd.gov/lionhunting or call 1-877-438-0447 before hunting to find out if management zones are closed.

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Archery Javelina
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Archery deer
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See the regulations for information on these non-permit tags and prices. ■



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TRAGEDIES

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Hiker Fatality On Bright Angel Trail

On July 19 at approximately 9:47 a.m., the Grand Canyon Communications Center received a report of a hiker with a medical emergency in progress on the Bright Angel Trail. The caller determined and told dispatchers that the hiker did not have a pulse. Bystanders initiated CPR and National Park Service Search and Rescue personnel responded and assisted with resuscitation efforts. All attempts to resuscitate the individual were unsuccessful. The victim has been identified as a 56-year-old male. He was returning from a day trip to Plateau Point when he became unresponsive near Mile-and-Half Resthouse.

Read These; They Could Save Your Life

Before heading down trail, hikers are strongly encouraged to read the Hiking Tips page and check the Backcountry Updates and Closures page for current information on inner canyon conditions. More information about hiking safely in the summer is available at <https://www.nps.gov/grca/playourvisit/hike-smart.htm>. ■

WATER

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much of our water catchments,” said Joseph Currie, habitat planning program manager, who oversees AZGFD’s water-catchment efforts.

“However, due to this extreme drought, we haven’t stopped hauling water from 2020. We anticipate having to haul more water this year than we ever have before.”

Trail cameras document the results of this critical work, with images of elk, deer, bighorn sheep and other species leaning over for a refreshing drink at one of 3,000 catchments maintained by AZGFD.

All Wildlife Are Welcome Here

“Water catchments don’t discriminate; they’re used by all wildlife from big game to some of the smallest squirrels, lizards, birds, bats and even bees,” Currie said.

To help defray the rising costs of providing water for Arizona’s wildlife, the public is encouraged to support the department’s “Send Water” donation campaign by simply texting “SENDWATER” to 41444 from any smartphone. All funds that are raised ensure that AZGFD can deliver water to remote areas of the state, as



well as help to mitigate population fluctuations caused by severe drought conditions.

Historic Drought Periods

“Historic drought periods, such as this one, were typically followed by massive die-offs of wildlife,” Currie said. “By hauling water, we are able to stabilize



those populations, keeping them alive and out of urban areas in search of water.”

While AZGFD partners with several wildlife organizations, the department bears much of the costs of hauling water. It also maintains about 1,000 of its own catchments statewide, some of which must be filled with water flown in by helicopter. In addition, AZGFD maintains 1,000 Bureau of Land Management and 1,000 U.S. Forest Service catchments.

First ‘Arizona Guzzler’ 1946

This is the 75th year that AZGFD has been hauling water to Arizona wildlife, with the first “Arizona Guzzler” assembled in 1946.

For more information about how AZGFD conserves and protects 800-plus wildlife species that call Arizona home, or to make a donation to the Send Water campaign, visit AZwildlifehero.com. ■



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