

We're hiring! Whether you join us as staff, volunteer, or supporter, we'll bring you hope and enthusiasm for our wild places. Soothe your soul with an outdoor adventure restoring Wilderness, take action to protect Fossil Creek, and see what we've got planned for spring!

Support AWC



January 25, 2017

Greetings!,

We're beginning the year with hopeful enthusiasm, and many ways for you to get involved to help preserve our public lands. You'll find below varied volunteer events to get out and do good, and action opportunities to advocate for your favorite wild place. We're also celebrating what can be accomplished when multiple partners join forces to restore stream habitats. I'm sure you'll be as impressed as I am at the cooperation reflected in the recently completed Arnett Creek projects - all this, and more below.



Yours in support of wilderness,



Barbara

Barbara Hawke
Executive Director



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TAKE ACTION



Individual Action Makes a Difference

AWC is proud to support dedicated individuals who serve as Individual Stewards, returning to wilderness areas over time to document conditions and undertake much-needed maintenance work. We're grateful for Stewards like John Mangimeli and Sue Daniel, who recently made the Packard Mesa Trail in the Sycamore Trail Wilderness passable again to hikers. The approach to the trailhead and lower part of the trail were overgrown with vegetation, cairns had collapsed, and few hikers could find their way to the trail. John and Sue cleared vegetation and rebuilt the cairns, helping visitors access this beautiful trail once again.

If you would like to do more for a particular wilderness area like John and Sue have, please contact Brian Stultz at brian@azwild.org about our Individual Stewards program.

[Contact Brian](#)



Speak up for Fossil Creek

Fossil Creek is a beautiful and unique river that received Wild and Scenic River status in 2009. A proposed management plan recommends increasing motorized access, which generates many concerns about protecting the values for which the river was designated. [Get involved by submitting comments by the deadline of January 27, 2017.](#)

[Learn More](#)



Attacking Invasives in Arnett

AWC just completed a complex effort to remove highly invasive non-native trees and shrubs from Arnett Creek, south of Superior. Logistics to remove Tamarisk and Oleander in a sensitive riparian area were challenging, yet a stellar collaboration of partners - including the Tonto National Forest, Friends of the Tonto National Forest, Prescott College, Arizona Trail Association,

Arizona Conservation Corps, Back Country Horsemen, Tucson Audubon and many volunteers - restored the area to provide better habitat for Lowland leopard frog, Longfin dace and other species. [Read more and see great photos of this challenging restoration project here.](#)

[Read More](#)



We're Hiring!

AWC's fabulous Office Coordinator, Linda Tyler, is starting a new adventure. We need a great person with strong business skills and an interest in conservation to join our dedicated team.

[Details here.](#)



FEB
9-12

Veterans Weekend in Chiricahua Wilderness

Calling all Veterans, Active Military and their families to spend three nights and four days in the beautiful Chiricahua Wilderness. Individuals will be participating in trail maintenance activities on Friday and Saturday, leaving Thursday and Sunday for relaxation and exploration. This will be a great opportunity for veterans to establish connections and create camaraderie through stewardship. Enjoy fantastic meals prepared by our very own back country chef!

[Click here for more information and to RSVP.](#)

[RSVP](#)

FEB
18-19

President's Day on the Arizona Trail

If you have ever wanted to explore some of the Arizona Trail, join us over the Presidents' Day weekend. Wild Stew volunteers will maintain a section of trail just north of Reaves Ranch within the spectacular Superstition Wilderness. [Click here for more information and to RSVP.](#)

RSVP

FEB
25-26

Restoring Red Rock-Secret Mountain

Join us in the beautiful Red Rock-Secret Mountain Wilderness on the outskirts of Sedona. This is a watershed restoration project to remove the remnants of a marijuana growing operation. Participants will use sledge hammers to break up sections of concrete that was placed to divert water, and the skilled Backcountry Horsemen will employ pack mules to haul all the debris from the area. [Click here for more information and to RSVP.](#)

RSVP

MAR
3-5

Adventure in Skeleton Canyon

Pack your bags and head on down to the far Southeast corner of the state. Wild Stew volunteers will reestablish access to Skeleton Canyon in the Peloncillo Mountains. This area, rich in cultural history, was once a final destination for adventurers seeking opportunities for complete solitude and exploration. The expansion of private lands has closed several of the access points into this area. During this project we will restore an old route which will provide an opportunity for exploration once again. [Click here for more information and to RSVP.](#)

RSVP

MAR
13-17

Spring Break Wilderness Experience

Haven't made plans for Spring Break 2017 yet? Look no further! AWC is teaming up with the Arizona Trail Association to tackle some of the most remote sections of the Arizona Trail within the Mazatzal Wilderness. This week-long adventure is guaranteed to provide you with an experience you won't soon forget. Volunteers will hike into the heart of the wilderness and participate in trail maintenance activities during the day and enjoy the complete solitude and company of others at night. All your meals will be provided for and packed in by the Backcountry Horsemen, so don't let meal planning deter you from experiencing this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. [Click here for more information and to RSVP.](#)

RSVP

MAR
31-2

Trail Restoration in Sycamore Canyon Wilderness

As spring is in full swing come on up to the high country to the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness. Spring flowers will be in full bloom and Sycamore Creek running with clean, clear snow melt. The Yew-thicket trail restoration effort has been an annual priority for the Prescott National Forest, and each year with your help we continue to make this trail safer for all users. [Click here for more information and to RSVP.](#)

RSVP



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The Arizona Wilderness Coalition actively engages and empowers citizens like you who care about Arizona's wild lands. For more than 35 years, we have been working with volunteers to conduct wild land inventories, educate citizens about the unique attributes of Arizona's landscape, and empower our activists to build support for their lasting protection. We need your help protecting our wild lands for the future...join us today!



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