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# Conservation Politics

“Nature does nothing in vain.”

- Aristotle,  
*The Politics*

## Chapter Bids Farewell, Salutes Cardamone, Hartley for Strong Conservation Roles

by Sandy Bahr, Grand Canyon Chapter, Conservation Director

One of the rules of politics is that you don't fully trust anyone until he or she has stuck with a good cause that is clearly losing. Senator Mary Hartley and Representative Carmine Cardamone have earned both our trust and respect as environmental champions as they stood up for environmental protection often against enormous odds at the Arizona Legislature.

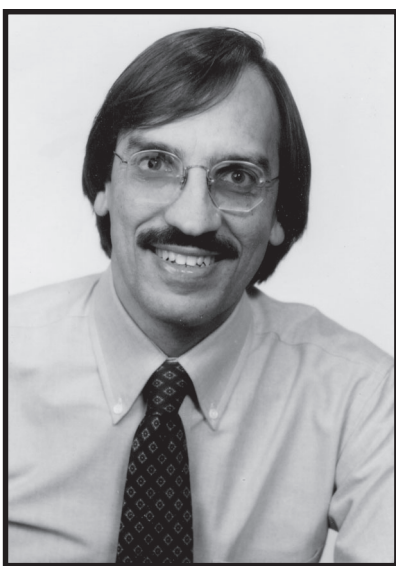
Recently, the Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter gave special recognition to Representative Cardamone and Senator Hartley for their strong and consistent support for the environment in the Arizona Legislature.

### Environmental Hall of Fame

Senator Mary Hartley is finishing her fourth term as a state senator representing the former Legislative District 20, which includes portions of Phoenix, Glendale, El Mirage, and Surprise. In addition to being a strong environmental advocate, she has also been a staunch supporter of education interests at the legislature and on the Governing Board of the Alhambra Elementary School District. Senator Hartley has received a perfect score on almost every report card during her tenure at the legislature.



Senator Mary Hartley



Representative Carmine Cardamone

Representative Carmine Cardamone represents old Legislative District 11 in the heart of Tucson. He is a lifelong activist and was a strong supporter of environmental protection before he came to the Arizona Legislature. He continued that enthusiasm in the Arizona House of Representatives, often working quietly behind the scenes to promote change — to help defeat bad environmental bills, to amend bills, and to support pro-environmental measures. Representative Cardamone was a champion of the Citizens' Growth Management Initiative and he acted against efforts to undercut it legislatively. He continues to support better land management, including on our state trust lands. This year he worked hard to try to defeat a proposal by the state land department to promote urban sprawl on state trust lands.

The Sierra Club will miss Representative Cardamone and Senator Hartley and their work to promote clean air, clean water, preservation of Arizona's key plant and wildlife habitat, responsible growth, and legacy of a better quality of life for all Arizonans. Thank you to both of them from this generation and the next.

**On June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter issued its 2002 Legislative Environmental Report Card and graded your legislators on issues ranging from air quality to state trust land management. For more details on please see page 6 or go to [www.arizona.sierraclub.org](http://www.arizona.sierraclub.org).**

by Sandy Bahr

Grand Canyon Chapter, Conservation Director

While nature does nothing in vain, the same cannot be said for the Arizona Legislature.

“The good news is there was not nearly as much bad news for Arizona's environment,” said Sandy Bahr, the Grand Canyon Chapter's Conservation Outreach Director. “The attacks on the Heritage Fund were fended off for the 26<sup>th</sup> time and legislators failed to undermine Pima County's Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. The bad news is not much positive moved forward either. Legislators continue to defer key environmental issues to the courts, the federal government, and to the initiative and referendum process.”

The budget issues took up a lot of the legislators' time, which may explain why there was less anti-environmental legislation; there were no bills to promote secrecy and immunity for polluters, and no bills to further exempt mines from environmental protections. The budget did not distract legislators from mischief entirely, however.

Six bills received hearings that would have in some way eroded important initiative and referendum rights and the worst legislation of the session related to state trust lands. The anti-initiative measures all failed, but the state land bills passed and were signed by the governor.

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- Sandy Bahr  
Conservation Outreach Director of the Grand Canyon Chapter

“We're disappointed that the State Land Commissioner supported measures to promote sprawl on state trust lands and that made it more difficult for conservation interests to obtain grazing leases,” Bahr said.

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Top Right: Arizona map with an aerial view of Arizona Legislature building and Wesley Bolin Park. Photo courtesy of the Arizona Legislature website ([www.azleg.state.az.us](http://www.azleg.state.az.us)). Center: Senator Hartley. Courtesy of Duke Photography, Inc., Phoenix, AZ. Bottom Left: Representative Cardamone. Courtesy of Ray Manley Portraits.

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Chapter committees are a crucial part of the Sierra Club Activist Network. Each committee owns a particular environmental issue and is responsible for helping direct chapter policies and campaigns. If you would like to get involved, please contact one of the following individuals. They are always looking for help and new ideas. **Take action!**

**Special Feature  
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**Note:** New e-mail

Right: Political

Committee members with Ed Pastor (left to right) Tinker Ouse, Bev Full, Scott Mittlesteadt, Ed Pastor, Julie Sherman, Rob Smith, and Chad Campbell. *Courtesy of Ed Pastor's office staff.*



The Grand Canyon Chapter's Political Committee identifies and supports candidates for office whom we believe will support environmental protection. The committee reports to the Chapter Executive Committee and provides recommendations to them and to our members. We help with campaigns in ways consistent with Sierra Club policy and environmental protection. This includes mailing information to our members, writing news releases, and recruiting volunteers to help individual candidates. Arizona's future depends on our research, dedication, education and endorsements of environmentally conscious and enthusiastic elected candidates.



**Come join us!**

**Register to Vote:** Protect Arizona through your vote. Encourage your friends and family to do the same - (see page 6 for more details). If you are interested in helping to elect environmentally friendly candidates to office, **now is the time to get involved.** There are many ways you can help and be involved — set up a hike to help distribute candidate literature, help with a mailing, go to a candidate forum, and/or write a letter to the editor. Rewarding involvement includes handing out leaflets, going door-to-door, and/or making phone calls. Please call the Sierra Club office (602) 253-8633.

## Fundraising Committee

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The Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter Fundraising Committee has a dual mission: putting the 'fun' in fundraising while raising extra monies to benefit all of our local conservation programs. We hold meetings approximately once a month, and hold at least one small fundraising event per month as well. We always need more creative ideas and more helping hands, so join us!

## Publications Committee

**Chair: Jack Foster, (520) 293-7265, gadflop@aol.com**

Back on track, now that Jack Foster has returned to the Chapter, back from a brief hiatus in California. Foster was a member of the pubcom prior to his departure last summer. Committee members include Priscilla Benbrook, Ted Gartner, Kathy Roediger, Beverly Full and Chapter Chair Rich Genser. Chapter members are encouraged to become active in every aspect of our chapter activities, and volunteers are sought for service on the pubcom and the energy subcommittee, which Foster has also agreed to chair.

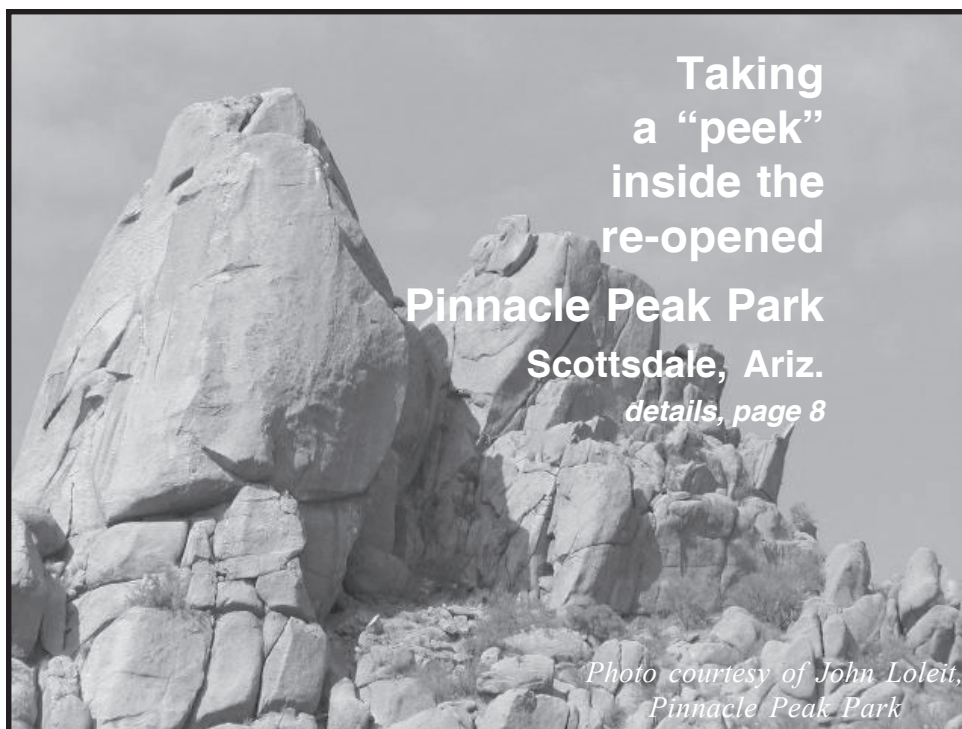
For more information, see the Conservation Committees listed on page 2. Nominating Committee information on page 5.

# Garage Sale!

**Reduce, Recycle, Reuse**

These are the three R's for reducing waste and using resources more efficiently. Here is your chance to do your part by donating your good "junk" to the Grand Canyon Chapter for our fall garage sale. Please contact Sandy Bahr if you have items to donate or would like to help, 602-253-8633 or grand.canyon.chapter@sierraclub.org.

Look for details about the garage sale in the **Sept./Oct. Canyon Echo**. Thanks!



Taking a "peek" inside the re-opened

**Pinnacle Peak Park  
Scottsdale, Ariz.**

*details, page 8*

*Photo courtesy of John Loleit,  
Pinnacle Peak Park*

## Rep. Pastor scores high on environmental record

Congressman Ed Pastor, who currently represents Congressional District 2, received a score of 86 percent for his 2001 voting record from the League of Conservation Voters (LCV). Pastor voted against oil drilling in the Arctic; for the maintenance of mining regulations; against drilling in national monuments; against drilling in the Gulf of Mexico; against drilling in the Great Lakes; for farm conservation; for lower arsenic levels in drinking water; for the preservation of Environmental Protection Agency enforcement funding; against the Bush energy plan; for family planning funding; and against Fast Track authority to expand the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Pastor was the highest scoring member from the Arizona delegation. Other Arizona scores ranged from zero to 25 percent.

Recently members of the Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter met with Congressman Pastor to thank him for his support for many key environmental programs and for his opposition to legislation that would undermine them. (See photo, left.) Activists also urged Pastor to support mining law reform and to help protect Haunted Canyon and Pinto Creek, just east of Superior, from a proposed copper mine.

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## Plenty of "Fun"draising at Inaugural Volunteer Recognition Banquet and Arts Auction

by Renée Guillory, Fundraising Chair

Grand Canyon Chapter members from around the state came together to share a meal and swap stories at our kickoff celebration, May 4<sup>th</sup>, to recognize outstanding volunteers and raise money for conservation causes in Arizona. The "Caring for Arizona" banquet and "Arts, Odds and Ends" auction was held at the Pueblo Grande Archaeological Museum. More than 70 members attended, with contingents from Kingman, Prescott, Sedona/Verde Valley, and Tucson!

The Pueblo Grande Museum docents led tours before dinner to acquaint attendees with the Hohokam archaeological digs on site. Personal Touch Catering provided the food and it was a treat. Members of **Bartholomew Faire and Cappella Sonora** graciously provided live dinner music pro bono, and the medieval and renaissance atmosphere was truly delightful.

**Sandy Bahr** kindly "matroned" the ceremonies, and **Don Steuter**, Chapter conservation chair, recognized and presented awards to the guests of honor.

Mr. Steuter began by recognizing our outstanding local staff members Sandy Bahr and Rob Smith (see story on page 8). Then he recognized 40 and 50 year members. The forty year members include **Louise Hagan Whitmore, Charles Tewksbury, Gerald Cox, and Rosyln Leydet. Dr. Elizabeth Roemer, Arlene J. Van Der Hoef, and Dr. McDonald Robinson** have all been Sierra Club members for 50 years.

**Jerry Nelson** was recognized for more than a decade of service to the Grand Canyon Chapter - *Canyon Echo* Outings, and much more, plus he was recognized for 30 years as a Sierra Club member 1972-2002.

**Lainie Levick** of Tucson was given an award for her outstanding conservation work on behalf of the Grand Canyon Chapter and all Arizonans. Lainie led the successful effort to have Buehman Creek declared a unique water — this affords it additional protection — and has helped on various mining projects including efforts to protect the Santa Ritas.

**Rick Isetts** was recognized for his many years of dedicated service as editor of the *Canyon Echo* from 1994 to 2001. Rick started as an assistant editor, helping out the late Wil Passow, and soon was taking on all of the editing responsibilities. Rick helped ensure that "Echo" went out in a timely and regular fashion and because of involvement as an activist he was able to write many articles himself. The Grand Canyon Chapter expressed its strong appreciation for all of Rick's work.

A lifetime achievement award went to **Bobbie Holaday** for her work to protect Arizona's special places and wildlife. Bobbie was the key activist in helping to bring the Mexican gray wolf back to Arizona. Three howls for Bobbie! She also was a tireless activist on helping to promote wilderness designation for many areas in Arizona. Later this year the University of Arizona is publishing Bobbie's book, "Return of the Mexican Gray Wolf: Back to the Blue," about her efforts relative to wolf recovery.

The silent auction netted more than \$3,000 for the Chapter. First edition signed books were donated by noted authors Terry Tempest Williams, John Nichols, Mary Sojourner, Charles Bowden, Jack Dykinga, Frank Staub, and others. Jewelry and home decorative items were donated by artists Caryn Walsh, Pam Jones, Betsy Rosenmiller and Matt Baker. Sierra Club gear — a hot auction item — was donated by Sandy Bahr. Paintings and signed cartoons were donated by Gwynn Popovac, Suzanne Klotz, Jim Murphy, Bill Griffith, Jim Toomey, and Mark Parisi.

The Chapter Fundraising Committee is already planning next year's banquet. If you would like to get involved in event planning — either as part of the fundraising committee or as a member of the volunteer recognition committee — let us know! It is a particularly rewarding event to be involved with because wildlife and wild places can't speak for themselves: we must be their voice in thanking and recognizing the volunteers that protect Arizona's environment. For more information, contact Renée Guillory, thesprawlbuster@yahoo.com. If you don't have e-mail, please phone the chapter office, (602) 253-9140.



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## On the Wild Side - Wildlife Committee Update

by Kathy Roediger, Wildlife/ESA Committee and Nominating Chair

On May 22, the Wildlife Committee met at the Phoenix Zoo for a wonderful interpretive walk conducted by **Mike Seidman** along the Zoo's Arizona Trail. Thank you, Mike, for taking the time to lead a fun talk on a beautiful evening. The Committee learned about our native wildlife, its habitat, the pressures of development in the state and what the Zoo is doing to help threatened and endangered species. The Mexican gray wolves graced the committee with their presence. The committee holds their monthly meetings at the Zoo. **To learn more about wildlife issues:** see the article on page 5, "Nighthunting Revisited," and for outings, see page 9-12. For additional information about joining the committee, please call **Kathy Roediger** at (602) 266-6358 or e-mail her at [krloediger@aol.com](mailto:krloediger@aol.com). Hope to see you next time!

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## Call to all Members: Nominating Committee Update

It's time to organize our nominating committees. Groups should appoint chairs for their committees, and the chairs should recruit at least two other members for their committees. At least one person of each committee must not be an executive committee member, and none may be candidates in the next election. Nominating Committees assist in recruiting candidates, receive the names and candidate statements submitted, verify the candidate is a member in good standing, approve the nomination, report the candidate names to their respective executive committee, and forward the list of candidates and their candidate statements to the Chapter Nominating Committee for inclusion on the ballot. Nominating Committees should attempt to nominate at least two more candidates than the number of executive committee members to be elected. **Members who are interested in being on their Group Nominating Committee should contact their Group Chair.** Any member in good standing may be a candidate at the Group/Chapter level, so those who are interested in becoming part of the Sierra Club leadership in Arizona please don't hesitate to submit your names as candidates. Be thinking about potential organized enthusiastic candidates (yourself or friends) and look to the next "Echo" for deadlines. For more information, contact Kathy Roediger, (602) 266-6358 or kroediger@aol.com.

## Renewable Energy Fair August 9-11

**Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff**  
The Fair brings together renewable energy and green building companies, associations and enthusiasts.

Dennis Weaver is the Keynote Speaker.  
For more information call (928) 779-7658  
or e-mail [swref@gfec.org](mailto:swref@gfec.org) or go to  
[www.gfec.org/swref](http://www.gfec.org/swref).

## WISH LIST

If you have any of these items that you would like to donate or if you know of someone who would be interested in donating them, please contact our office at (602) 253-8633 or [grand.canyon.chapter@sierraclub.org](mailto:grand.canyon.chapter@sierraclub.org). Muchas gracias!

- Power point projector
- Scanner — high resolution
- Your time — to do data entry
- A small set of bookshelves
- Computer desk keyboard drawer
- Office chair with back support/ adjustable height

# Nighthunting Revisited: Game and Fish Commissioners See the Light, Suspend Night Hunting

*"Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to." — Mark Twain*

by Sandy Bahr, Grand Canyon Chapter, Conservation Director

We have one less reason to blush relative to wildlife management policies in Arizona. At the May Arizona Game and Fish Commission meeting, Commissioners terminated a proposal to allow the night hunting of predators and furbearing mammals in Arizona.

After significant opposition from the public and especially negative comments from Game and Fish personnel, Commissioners voted unanimously to suspend this effort. The current rules limit hunting to sunrise to sunset, except for hunting of raccoons. If this night hunting proposal would have moved forward, many species — badgers, bobcats, beavers, otters, ringtail cats, coyotes, etc. — could have been hunted with the use of artificial light well after the sunset.

The Sierra Club opposed this measure because it was not based on solid scientific information. There is no evidence that indicates this type of proposal would benefit other species or promote better functioning ecosystems and it is unclear what the impact might be on the predators themselves. We were also concerned

about the other problems associated with night hunting — public safety risks and law enforcement challenges. All of these issues and more were raised by Department personnel and this comment from Department personnel sums it up rather well, "Never before in my career have I observed the Department expend hundreds of manhours developing and evaluating a constituent proposal that has no legitimate biological need or value."

Luckily Commissioners listened to the Department experts and to public. We need to stay vigilant when it comes to wildlife management, but we also need to thank commissioners for doing the right thing on this issue.

### Please write:

Mr. Michael M. Golightly, Chairman,  
Arizona Game and Fish Commission, 2221  
W. Greenway Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85023-4399  
Fax (602) 789-3299  
E-mail [ljarrrett@gf.state.az.us](mailto:ljarrrett@gf.state.az.us).



Right: ponderosa pine, © Dawson Henderson

## McCain Helps Stop Arctic Drilling Supports Sierra Club's Stance, Becomes Key Vote

by Rob Smith, Southwest Region Staff Director

Publicly undecided until the last minute, Senator John McCain became a key vote against an attempt to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil development during debate on the Senate energy bill in April. An amendment to the energy legislation was proposed by Senator Murkowski (R-AK) which would allow oil drilling on the Arctic coastal plain of the refuge, the last 5% of America's Arctic coastline not already available to energy development.

To attract more votes at the last minute, Murkowski added in provisions to send oil to Israel, money to steelworkers and even designate more wilderness in the refuge, although not where any oil development would occur. Senators John Kerry (D-MA) and Joe Lieberman (D-CT) mounted a filibuster against this amendment for two days. At that point the vote was taken on whether to stop the filibuster and clear the way for a vote on the Murkowski amendment, or allow debate to continue. The pro-environmental vote was against invoking cloture, or limiting debate. In effect, this procedural vote was the key test of whether Arctic drilling would pass the Senate or not.

Drilling proponents needed 60 votes to overcome the filibuster, which they knew would be tough to achieve, but they were confident that they could at least muster a majority of Senators to open the refuge and keep the issue alive through negotiations with the House, which had approved Arctic drilling last year in their energy bill.

But the Senate voted 54-46 against Murkowski, seriously taking away momentum for opening the Arctic refuge. Among those voting against cloture, and for protecting the Arctic, was Senator John McCain.

After casting his vote, McCain said, "Had we adopted an increase of fuel efficiency standards to 36 mpg by 2013, we could have potentially saved 2.5 million barrels of oil per day by 2020, which is about equal to present imports from the Persian Gulf. This prudent conservation measure would also save twice as much, if not more, oil than what is in ANWR."

**"What gives this generation the right to deplete this vital resource when we have the opportunity to preserve it for the benefit of future generations?"**

— Senator John McCain

Unfortunately, Arizona's other Senator, Jon Kyl, voted against the environment consistently on the energy legislation.

The Grand Canyon Chapter sponsored radio spots and rounded up co-signers to a newspaper ad thanking Senator McCain for standing up to Big Oil and Big Auto interests during the Senate energy bill debate.

**Please contact Senator John McCain's office to say thanks for voting to protect the Arctic and for pushing for more fuel efficient cars.**

Washington D.C. (202) 224-2235  
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Tucson (520) 670-6334

E-mail: [john\\_mccain@mccain.senate.gov](mailto:john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov).

# Legislative Session Ends

by Sandy Bahr, Grand Canyon Chapter, Conservation Director

**B**uenos días! Buenas tardes! Buenas noches! The Arizona legislature wrapped up and approved the motion to sine die on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is good news for all Arizonans. Amazingly enough, the Heritage Fund survived the budget mess, our initiative and referendum rights are intact, and the legislature failed to undercut efforts in Pima County to develop a good conservation plan. The worst of the session involved the State Land Department. As the Arizona legislators pack up their briefcases, they can't leave without receiving their final grades. This issue will highlight your legislators and give you a look at what went on in the House and Senate this year. In the coming months, I encourage you to get involved with helping your favorite candidates for office and help those who are protecting Arizona's environment. Thanks for hanging with us for another session and for making those calls, sending those e-mails, and writing those letters. Your efforts do make a difference.

## What is the Grand Canyon Chapter Report Card?

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, we issued our 2002 Report Card for Arizona legislators and Governor Hull. The Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter develops the report card in order to inform Arizonans about how their legislators are voting on environmental issues at the end of each legislative session. This year's grades are based on 14 House votes and 14 Senate votes on issues ranging from air quality to state trust land management.

Each year since 1995 the Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter has graded Arizona legislators on their performance regarding environmentally related legislation. Legislators are graded only on bills where the Sierra Club had expressed an opinion to legislators.

## How are Grades Determined?

On key bills, Chapter staff provides written communication, meets with legislators, testifies in committee hearings, and telephones legislators. The bills are weighted accordingly to their environmental impact. In order to provide a level playing field for legislators, the Sierra Club does not count committee votes and very seldom includes procedural votes. All legislators are graded on a curve.

## Where can I get a Copy?

Complete copies of the scorecard and report card are available on the Chapter's website, [www.arizona.sierraclub.org](http://www.arizona.sierraclub.org) or you can call for copies at the office, (602) 253-8633.

## Who is not represented in the Report Card?

Two legislators are not graded in this year's report card because they are on the "disabled list." We wish both **Representative Carolyn Allen** and **Senator Marilyn Jarrett** a speedy recovery.

# Report Card Awards

## Most Valuable Players

**Representative O'Halleran** tried to hold the State Land Department accountable and promote better land use and water supply issues and management, plus give the counties a greater ability to address lot split issues earn him the MVP recognition. With the assistance of the Democratic caucus in the Senate, **Senator Solomon** did a yeowoman's job of protecting the Heritage Fund in the budget fights. The House sent over a budget that hit the Game and Fish Heritage Fund for \$2.5 million, but Senator Solomon's Appropriations Committee amendment eliminated that provision. **We very much appreciate that.**

## Rookies of the Year

**Representative Gabrielle Giffords** helped protect the Heritage Fund and improve other environmental measures, plus spoke out against the state land department's bills.

**Representative Deb Gullett** tried to make the House Environment Committee to be more environmentally friendly. She worked behind the scenes to improve several measures, plus pushed through an air quality bill.

**Senator Virginia Yrun** spoke out against the state land department bills and tried to defeat the bill that eliminated the requirements for schools to phase out diesel buses.

Upper Right: Arizona State Capitol Building.  
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**T**his year environmental advocates helped head off most of the environmentally damaging legislation, plus we were able to get a few key amendments added to improve bills. There was not much in the way of environmental progress, however, and that is disappointing. Legislators continue to defer key environmental issues (and many other issues as well) to the courts, the federal government, and to the initiative and referendum process. There were six bills that received hearings that would have in some way eroded these important rights, including **Representative Marian McClure's** bills to penalize the campaign committees for invalid signatures, and to require a certain percentage of signatures from three different counties. **Senator Harry Mitchell** also had a bill that aimed to make local referenda more difficult. Luckily, all of these measures were rejected in one committee or another.

The main bill intended to weaken and undercut Pima County's efforts to develop the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, (and any other real conservation planning) was amended and eventually became a property rights task force as passed in **HB2380**. The original bill, **HB2638** (local planning; grazing protection) had almost nothing to do with protecting grazing and everything to do with picking our pocketbooks and limiting our ability to protect our quality of life. The bill said that if any county adopts a conservation regulation that causes a reduction in use or value of property of ten percent or more, then that is considered a taking and the property owner is entitled to compensation. The bill focused on the establishment of conservation lands systems or science based biological reserves or permits relative to the Endangered Species Act.

The bottom line is it targeted conservation. Three measures passed that can assist with planning efforts. These bills:

- allow counties to promote infill incentives
- allow counties to purchase development rights
- improve the requirements relative to lot-split affidavits.

There were a couple of positive air quality bills — one that allows the state to move forward with developing a regional haze state implementation plan and one that continues the emissions in lieu fee to provide funding for clean air programs. **Representative Landrum Taylor's** electronic chemical reporting bills passed this time around and the Governor signed them. These bills help to facilitate getting information to emergency response personnel.

The worst legislation of the session came from one of the state agencies — the State Land Department. The State Land Commissioner, **Michael E. Anable**, made it clear that he is really not interested in upholding his trust responsibility to Arizona's school children, but instead is more interested in protecting sacred cows — ranchers and developers. The Department pushed through a bill that hurts conservation interests' ability to obtain grazing leases and also one that accommodates more urban sprawl and leapfrog development on state trust lands.

While the Heritage Fund was protected, the State Parks Department was not so lucky. This agency budget was hit really hard; it is likely that the State Parks Board will face closing parks this year. On the chopping block are parks like Lyman Lake, McFarland, and Homolovi.

## Register to vote.

**Arizona form:**

[www.fec.gov/votregis/pdf/nvra.pdf](http://www.fec.gov/votregis/pdf/nvra.pdf)  
[www.vote-smart.org/index.phtml](http://www.vote-smart.org/index.phtml)

**out of state:** [www.fec.gov/votregis/vr.htm](http://www.fec.gov/votregis/vr.htm)

**Find your legislator:**

[www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org)

**Find your district:**

<http://www.azleg.state.az.us/maps/state.htm>

**AZ Legislature online:**

[www.azleg.state.az.us](http://www.azleg.state.az.us)

# Legislature, Governor Report Card

## Chapter sizes up the Pitfalls

The big disappointments for this session include:

- unwillingness to require cleaner burning diesel fuel such as CARB diesel.
- unwillingness to address environmental injustice in the state and require that agencies evaluate the disparate impacts of certain types of facilities on minority neighborhoods.
- unwillingness to reinstate citizen suit provisions in the environmental laws. These are critical to promote enforcement by recalcitrant agencies.

Another disappointment was the disregard for basic public safety as was evidenced by legislators' refusal to eliminate so-called "confidentiality agreements" which protect corporations like Firestone and hurt consumers affected by dangerous defects in the products they buy or environmental harm in their neighborhoods. The biggest disappointment was the Legislature's unwillingness to address water issues and to provide even a smidgen of protection for our state's riparian areas.

### Poor Sports

**Representative Marian McClure** tried to undercut one of the best planning efforts in the state — Pima County's Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. To make matters worse, she sponsored some of the worst legislation relative to initiatives and referenda. **Senator Scott Bundgaard** showed lack of concern for environmental protection matters, did not stand up to big business interests on the Firestone bill (he pulled it before it even got a hearing), and he continued to "mislead" people about his position on particular bills.

### Hall of Shame

**Governor Jane Dee Hull's** tenure has been a huge disappointment to environmental advocates. She signed the sprawl promoting state trust land bill, as well as the bill that hinders conservation grazing leases. She also led efforts to sweep the Heritage Fund and did nothing to assist a beleaguered State Parks Department. She appointed anti-wildlife Game and Fish Commissioners, undercut efforts to promote real growth management, and undermined efforts to promote state land trust reform. She did almost nothing to move forward the recommendations from her Brown Cloud Task Force or her Water Commission. The one environmental accomplishment in the Hull years is the preservation of Spur Cross Ranch. Overall, Governor Hull most certainly gets a failing grade when it comes to protecting Arizona's environment.

## How did YOUR legislator do?

Not sure who your legislator is?

Visit [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org), go to the candidate information page and type in your zip code.

Report Card			
Grade	House	Grade	Senate
A+	Avelar Brotherton Burton Cahill	Camarot Cardamone	A+ Hartley Rios Richardson Yrun
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B	Gullett Kraft Miranda Norris	O'Halleran Sedillo Tom	B Cummiskey
	Hershberger Leff	May Pickens	C Blanchard Lopez Burns Solomon Daniels Verkamp Gerard
D	Andersen Cannell Carruthers Chase Clark	Hatch-Miller Huffman Laughter Lugo Marsh Tully	D Aguirre Arzberger Guenther
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## At a Glance: Key Bills this Session

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**HB2162 state land; planning and administration** is the State Land Department's "just say yes to sprawl bill." The bill accommodates and encourages sprawl and leapfrog development on state trust lands. The "notwithstanding" language in 37-132 Section (B) 8 effectively negates the anti-sprawl language in Section 37-132 (A) 4 which states the commissioner shall "Promote the infill and orderly development of state lands in areas beneficial to the trust and prevent any urban sprawl or leapfrog development on state lands." This passed the House 31-27-2, the Senate 16-9-5, and was signed by the Governor.

**SB1274 state land; leases and improvements** imposes additional roadblocks on those who would bid on grazing leases for conservation purposes. At a minimum, the bill is premature — the State Land Department has not even considered one grazing lease from a conservation interest, yet the bill already makes significant changes to how these leases are administered. The bill virtually assures additional litigation over these leases. This passed the House 38-19-3, the Senate 19-11, and was signed by the Governor.

**HB2560 air quality fund; control measures** was amended on the Senate Floor to include a provision regarding the phase out of diesel buses in the schools. We were not thrilled with this provision as it allows schools to meet the clean burning fuel requirements by using low sulfur diesel, instead of something much cleaner like natural gas, but it was better than the original provision in Senator Smith's bill (see SB1117). Because the bill continues the new vehicle emissions in lieu fee and funds clean air programs, we continued to support the bill however. The Clean Air funds can be used for improving or maintaining attainment status and specifically reducing emissions of particulate matter, carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, volatile organic compounds, and hazardous air pollutants. The measures that are included in the bill include a voluntary lawn and garden equipment emissions reduction program, a voluntary vehicle repair and retrofit program, the diesel vehicle low emission incentive grant program, and other measures that have been evaluated by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. This passed the House 42-15-3, the Senate 22-5-3, and was signed by the Governor.

**SB1117 school buses; alternative fuels** exempts schools from meeting alternative fuel goals for school buses. While the schools asked for this due to financial constraints, continuing to run the buses on diesel fuel contributes to our air quality problems and it is unhealthy for kids. There are numerous studies that indicate humans have a significantly higher risk of developing cancer from exposure to exhaust from diesel fuel. According to the California Air Resources Board scientific review panel, diesel exhaust contains more than 40 substances that are listed by the Environmental Protection Agency as hazardous air pollutants, fifteen of which are proven or probable carcinogens. These include arsenic, benzene and formaldehyde, among others. As children wait and as they ride in the bus itself, this is what they are inhaling. There are 1510 excess cancers in the Phoenix area alone due to diesel exhaust (Pollution Report Card - Grading America's School Bus Fleets, Patricia Monahan, Union of Concerned Scientists, February 2002). Not only are the carcinogens in diesel exhaust a threat to children's health, particulates are also a harmful byproduct of diesel exhaust. The exhaust from diesel engines contains up to 100 times more soot than ordinary gasoline engines. These small pieces of soot and dust are inhaled deep into the lungs where they cause permanent damage to the respiratory system. Children, whose lungs are not yet fully developed, are at a higher risk to particulates and ozone. There are more than 6600 school buses in Arizona; each year they produce 329 tons of nonmethane hydrocarbons, 1145 tons of nitrogen dioxide, 1473 tons of smog-forming pollution, 4699 tons of carbon monoxide, 49 tons of particulate matter (soot), and 159,409 tons of greenhouse gases (Pollution Report Card - Grading America's School Bus Fleets.) These emissions can and should be reduced by converting the school bus fleets to cleaner burning fuels. This passed out of the Senate 18-9-3, was amended in the House and then never brought up for a Third Read. **A less damaging form of the bill was tacked on to HB2560.**

### On the Ballot this Fall:

**HCR2012 state lottery; continuation** refers to the ballot a continuation of the Arizona State Lottery and the Commission that oversees it. The Sierra Club supports the lottery because of the important programs it funds; all of the state's Heritage Fund dollars come from the Lottery. Normally, continuation of this would not have to go to the ballot, but due to the shenanigans of former Speaker of the House Jeff Groscost several years ago, it must now be re-referred. He tried to kill the lottery and placing it on the ballot was the only way to keep it. Now, because of that, it must be re-referred to continue it. This passed out of the House 37-17-6, the Senate 18-11-1.

# Around the State, Around the Nation

Chapter and Southwest Office Staff make the Sierra Club Proud

## Our Pride: National Monuments

by Julie Sherman, National Monuments Organizer

**Help Protect  
Grand Canyon-Parashant and  
Vermilion Cliffs  
National Monuments!**

**Canyon**  
by David Chorlton

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently held a series of public scoping meetings to identify issues and gather input on how to manage Grand Canyon-Parashant and Vermilion Cliffs National Monuments, located on the Arizona Strip, north of the Colorado River. These areas were designated monuments by President Clinton to protect their spectacular scenery, pristine but threatened habitat, and remarkable concentration of natural, cultural and historic resources. The proclamations creating each of the two monuments mandate protection of specific monument features. For both monuments, these features include remoteness, and objects of scientific and historic interest, such as: the Navajo Sandstone of Coyote Buttes and other geologic wonders; traces of Ancestral Pueblo cultures, Spanish explorers, and Mormon settlers; untrammeled desert and forest habitat; and native wildlife including desert bighorn sheep, deer, pronghorn, desert tortoise, spotted owls, mountain lions, and California condors.

### Why do National Monuments need your help?

Grand Canyon-Parashant and Vermilion Cliffs National Monuments are threatened by off-road vehicle (ORV) use, grazing, development and new recreational uses. The existing network of roads and tracks within the monument is threatening the resources the monuments were created to protect. Motor vehicles are damaging wildlife habitat, and driving over and through archaeological sites and historical trails. All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and other ORVs are creating new tracks by traveling off established roads, which is illegal under the monument proclamations. The off-road vehicle community is putting intense pressure on both the BLM and the Department of Interior in Washington to keep every single road and track within these monuments open, regardless of whether or not it was legally created, or whether it harms monument resources. Help ensure that BLM provides protection for these national treasures: send in comments telling BLM to provide long-term protection for monument resources.

### Please ask BLM to: Keep it Wild

Safeguard the remote character of these landscapes by designating a transportation network consistent with preservation, retaining the minimum route network needed to provide reasonable access and closing extraneous routes, and routes that impact wildlife, archaeological resources and other monument objects

### Preserve Wildlands and Wildlife

Inventory and protect lands qualifying for wilderness designation; protect and restore springs and seeps, critical wildlife water sources; assess and mitigate negative grazing impacts on grassland animals and desert tortoise habitat; protect and restore native fish populations impacted by dams and non-native species.

### Preserve history

Provide better protection for archaeological resources, which are threatened by pot hunters and off-road vehicle use.

### What you can do:

**Send written comments by July 31, 2002.**

Bureau of Land Management  
Arizona Strip Field Office  
Attention: Diana Hawks  
345 E. Riverside Drive  
St. George, UT, 84790  
Phone (435) 688-3266  
Fax (435) 688-3388  
e-mail arizona\_strip@blm.gov.

**For more information contact:** Julie Sherman (928) 213-1176 or julie.sherman@sierraclub.org Sign up on our monuments e-mail list to get the latest news about our five national monuments.

The lizard is a thumbprint  
at the canyon's edge  
where evolution left its mark.

Below it, the earth

is a cross section through time  
with sounds still trapped  
between the layers  
from birds that fused with rock  
leaving their bones

impressed in the walls.  
As a condor back from the dead  
heaves his wingspan  
through empty space

his shadow is the flag  
of a country that never had a border.

Left: Vermilion  
Cliffs Monument  
© Julie Sherman,  
Plateau Group.



**Commenting to BLM  
about the importance of  
these monuments is  
critical.**

**It does make a difference!**

## Local Sierrans receive National Honors

by Ted Gartner, Palo Verde Group

Two local Sierrans, **Sandy Bahr** and **Rob Smith**, have recently been honored by the national Sierra Club.

Sandy Bahr, Director of the Grand Canyon Chapter, has received the Virginia Ferguson Award for consistent and exemplary service to the Sierra Club. Sandy may be the best-known activist in the state of Arizona, and is frequently called upon by the media to comment on environmental issues. Her commitment to the organization is demonstrated through her competence, congenial attitude, extraordinary spirit, and unquestionable integrity that makes her an inspiration to all of us. Here's what the *Phoenix New Times* recently had to say about her: "Sandy

Bahr, the Sierra Club legislative lobbyist, is one of the smartest, most dedicated and hardworking people. She is well-schooled in a wide range of conservation issues, she's politically savvy and her integrity should be the envy of a lot of other people who haunt the halls of the state Capitol."

Rob Smith, Regional Staff Director of the Southwest Office, has been honored for completing 20 years of service (closer to 21, but who's counting). In 1981, Rob began working for the Sierra Club in Santa Fe, NM, then moved on to open the first Sierra Club field office in Salt Lake City,

UT. After working for passage of Arizona and Utah forest wilderness legislation in 1984, Rob moved to Phoenix, where he married Joni Bosh on Earth Day in 1989. Rob is an instrumental part of an increasingly effective organization built around a community of great people.



Together, Sandy and Rob are the heart and soul of our efforts to protect Arizona's environment. They embody the spirit of the Sierra Club in a way that we can aspire to maintain.

Please join us in congratulating Sandy and Rob for jobs well done!

**Above Center:** Juvenile female California Condor at the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument in November 2001, afternoon light with Kodak VS100. © *Elias Butler, Plateau Group* **Above:** Rob Smith and Sandy Bahr at the Grassroots Training Academy in Tucson in June. Photo courtesy of Liz Pallatto, National Sierra Club Trainer. **Left:** Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, © *Kim Crumbo, Plateau Group*.



# Wildlife: Ferret Festivities

Learn about Arizona's Black-footed ferret through an informative talk on **July 18th** and then join the Wildlife Committee on **July 19th-21st** to help our ferret friends!



## Black-footed Ferret Returns to Arizona July 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM

Gentle Strength Activity Center  
Ash and University in Tempe

**Bill Van Pelt**, Arizona Game and Fish, will give a presentation on how Arizona has returned the black-footed ferret to Arizona after 65 years. Van Pelt has been the project manager of this effort since March of 1996.

Arizona is the fourth state to return the ferret. The black-footed ferret lives out its entire life in prairie dog towns. When disease and government poisoning decimated the prairie dog populations, many of the black-footed ferrets died with them and were thought to be extinct. A great find of a small population in Wyoming in 1981 led to a captive breeding and reintroduction program. Join us as we learn how ferrets are protected from their predators and how their homerange area is prepared. Learn how you can volunteer to help the "kits" and sustain the ferret populations.

For more information contact Connie Gartner, (480) 961-0370, twofast@primenet.com.

After the talk,  
join us on the week-end for a spotlighting walk...

**The Arizona Game & Fish Department & the Chapter Wildlife Committee need your help to monitor the highly endangered black-footed ferret.**

### Spotlighting:

This is the primary method used to monitor ferrets. Many species' eyes reflect the light from the high-powered spotlights used. This method allows us to gather information on species' and individuals' locations, movements, and population size. We may also be able to trap and/or identify a wild ferret!



### Public Claim:

Renovations to reopening PinnaclePeak were slow in coming, but positive and (hopefully) will last for future generations.  
*Photo courtesy of John Loleit, Pinnacle Peak Park*

Ferret outings are scheduled for three-day blocks (Friday through Sunday). Volunteers are invited to come for all or part of any block. Times vary throughout the year, but sessions typically last from dusk to dawn. The dates may change due to weather or other circumstances that prevent work. Official spotlighting dates are:

### July 19-21 - Wildlife Committee outing

For information about joining us and making reservations for this exciting outing, please contact Dale Volz dvolz@earthlink.net or call (602) 253-8633.

<b>July 26-28</b>	<b>Aug. 16-18</b>	<b>Aug. 23-25</b>
<b>Sept. 20-22</b>	<b>Sept. 27-29</b>	<b>Oct. 18-19</b>
<b>Oct. 25-27</b>	<b>Nov.15-17</b>	<b>Nov. 22-24</b>
<b>Dec. 13-15</b>	<b>Dec. 20-22</b>	

**We also hope to spotlight on these dates, depending on volunteer assistance:**

<b>July 10, 11 or 31</b>	<b>Oct. 2, 3, 9 or 10</b>
<b>Aug. 1, 7, 8, 28 or 29</b>	<b>Nov. 6 or 7</b>
<b>Sept. 4, 5, 11, or 12</b>	<b>Dec. 4 or 5</b>

### Night Vision by David Chorlton



A Canyon Wren's call soaks back into the rocks whose rough shapes blend into the sky behind them as a Common Poorwill cuts a sudden arc from the desert grasses, broadcasting its two repeated syllables to the Moon, half of which appears as a desert of light, half as a moth's wing. The mountain's spine cracks as it opens: a book to be read only in the dark.

**Pen tear-down, construction, and repairs assistance:** The project uses large outdoor pens to pre-condition captive ferrets to the area prior to their release. Arizona hopes to receive an allocation of ferrets later this year, so the pens need to be ready. This is a HUGE project that cannot be done without your support! If none of these dates work for you, there's still hope. Please inform us if a different date would be better, and we will try to work it into our schedule.

**Please contact:** Tiffany Volz or Kristen Hoss at azferret@tabletoptelephone.com or (928) 422-0155 if you would like to help with either of these projects or have any questions.

# Inside Peek at the Peak

## Pinnacle Peak's Facelift - April 20th

by Ted Gartner, Palo Verde Group

Pinnacle Peak stands 3,170 feet tall, a regional promontory that on a clear day can be seen from as far away as 40 miles. It is the most beloved landmark in Scottsdale, nestled in the foothills of the McDowell Mountains. In 1989, the State of Arizona sold Pinnacle Peak to the highest bidder, as is customary when there are majestic lands with magnificent prospects of profit to be made by developers.

**"If you wisely invest in beauty, it will remain with you all the days of your life."**

The state and the City of Scottsdale recognized that the Peak belonged to the public in spirit, if not actual title, and so in 1994 they cut a deal with the developers that allowed them to build their luxurious houses around the Peak, and build their grand golf course in its shadow, and make their millions of profit on the land. They realized they would have to return the peak itself to the public. Then came many years of holdups, hang-ups, setbacks, unforeseen delays, unanticipated difficulties, and general all-around foot-dragging. Finally, on Saturday, April 20, Pinnacle Peak Park was re-opened to the public.

- Frank Lloyd Wright

### Freedom for Pinnacle Peak

The park totals more than 150 acres of continuous pristine desert with wonderful views of the surrounding desert and mountains,

and is open from dawn to dusk daily. There are opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, and rock climbing. City-sponsored evening programs are scheduled for activities such as moonlight hikes and astronomy talks.

The grand opening was the result of the dedication and commitment of many people. At the opening ceremonies, **Mayor Mary Manross** recognized some of the folks for their time and devotion:

• **McDowell Sonoran Land Trust** and executive director **Carla** (her legal name) for having the

foresight to include the Pinnacle Peak trailhead within the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Study Boundary, thus facilitating the acquisition of the trailhead acreage from the Arizona State Land Department

- **Arizona State Parks** for a \$76,000 Heritage Fund Grant for trailhead improvements (those Arizona state lottery dollars at work!)
- **Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona** (Michael Baker and crews) for the trail improvements (**many Sierra Club volunteers helped with this! Thank you.**)
- **Arizona State Horsemen's Association** pitched in with trail improvements
- Rock climbers **Paul Deifenderfer, Wayne Schroeter, and Marty Karabin** for planning and constructing climbing access routes and safety improvements
- **Access Fund** for helping to construct the climbing access routes

Together, these folks have helped give a timeless gift to future generations. Most importantly, Pinnacle Peak Trail is not a "stand alone" trail or park. Instead, the trail is an integral part of the overall citywide trail system. The Pinnacle Peak Trail will connect to neighborhoods as well as planned areas of the **McDowell Sonoran Preserve**.

Mayor Manross summed it up best at the dedication ceremonies with her closing remarks: "In a few generations when our grandchildren are standing at the trailhead ready to embark on a hike with their grandchildren, we can be assured that our efforts are consequential. That our collective work has contributed to Scottsdale's preservation legacy." With Pinnacle Peak Park, Scottsdale now has the crown jewel of parks.

**Let us treasure it.**

# Chapter and Group Happenings

## Meetings, Events, & News

**You are invited!** The Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter is composed of five groups (see page two for listings). Attending meetings is the first step in getting active. Conservation, political activism, and administrative work are just a few areas which offer diverse opportunities. **All are open to members interested in learning more about the Sierra Club.** We are working to make this world a better, more livable place. **We need your help!** For more information and meetings/events near you, please check out our website: [http://arizona.sierraclub.org/meetings\\_events.asp](http://arizona.sierraclub.org/meetings_events.asp).

### Assuring the Chapter's Spirit Lives On

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."*

— Margaret Mead

by Rich Genser, Grand Canyon Chapter Chair

**A** rizona is a fabulous place full of majestic treasures, often remote and waiting to be explored. This is what the Sierra Club outings are all about! Explore this state so full of life (seven life zones!) and enjoy one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Our Chapter is nestled in the heart of this diversity. In this state you'll find large treasures, as well as hidden delights, such as, the red sandstone of Sedona, ponderosa pinecones, and red Monkey-flowers dotted between ferns. Nature creates a paradise in the cool mist of Havasu Falls or shows us beauty in a hummingbird. It's the small things that help us appreciate the larger things, like the San Francisco Peaks, the pinnacles, the spires, the valleys, ponderosa and Aspen and the Sonoran desert. The Grand Canyon Chapter is doing its part to help preserve Arizona's environment and wilderness. **We need your help.**



But ponder the following:

**What if your local group and/or state chapter was endowed and had plenty of savings invested conservatively and wisely?**

We would be able to plan meticulously knowing that yearly budgetary needs would be met. The Group or Chapter could develop better strategies for conserving Arizona's treasures.

I can be sure of only one thing – I will pass on one of these days. I love Arizona, so I have stipulated a sum in my will for the Grand Canyon Chapter. You can easily do the same, from one dollar to

whatever. One hundred dollars would do wonders. In a state where wonders do not cease to amaze us, please do something wonderful for your Grand Canyon Chapter. Do not make the mistake of believing that a small sum has no meaning.

Take a minute and add the Chapter to your Will, name the Chapter as the beneficiary on a certificate of deposit (CD) or a savings account. A will is used to distribute *your* wishes.

- Contact your local attorney-at-law
- List the full name of your Chapter or Group i.e. Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter and their address.
- Ask your attorney-at-law what kinds of options are available – tax-free stocks, bonds, certificates.

Knowing that you have provided for your family and the future of Arizona will help ensure that your spirit thrive. **Remember your Grand Canyon Chapter or local group.** There are those whom I love and I will provide for these people but there are other things that I also love deeply and these things have made my life grand. They deserve to last forever. Think about the memories that you shared with your family and friends. Were they in the great outdoors? Remember, a little money for the Chapter will go along way for future generations.

**Breathe deep.**

**Invest in your spirit.**

For more information, please contact Sandy Bahr, Grand Canyon Chapter Conservation Director, (602) 253-8633.

### Canyon Echo: Save the Date(s)

**Sept/Oct Copy Deadline:**

**Friday, August 2, 5 PM**

Placing your meeting/event is a great way to notify all members in your area. Remember we have bi-monthly issues, so plan ahead. Next theme: Riparian. Please send meetings and event information to Canyon Echo, Editor (details, pg. 2).

**Mailing Party: Monday, August**

**26th, 2 PM** Your effort is greatly needed. The more the merrier! Help us label and bundle the Sept/Oct Canyon Echo for our members. Your participation helps save thousands of dollars each year in mailing costs. Confirm date and time with Bill Gill, [gill512@mindspring.com](mailto:gill512@mindspring.com) or call (602) 253-9140 for directions/confirmation.

### One-Club Outings are "One-of-a-Kind" Green River, Utah Canoe/ Kayak Float Trip

**OCT 12-16 (SAT-WED) Missed the last one?** Here's your second chance. Meet in Moab (8 hour drive from Phoenix) to be put in at Crystal Geysers by our outfitter. Float/paddle for five days through beautiful Labyrinth Canyon camping 4 nights on sandy beaches. Included: canoes, shuttle, most equipment and all meals. Kayaks may be rented for an additional charge or bring your own. A donation of \$250 is requested.



**OCT 19 (SAT) "C" SPUR CROSS HIKE 9 AM**

Meet at the Spur Cross parking lot, end of Spur Cross Road in the town of Cave Creek. Naturalist Bob Gualden will be our guide for a tour of this spectacular area. A donation of \$10 is requested to make a reservation.

**For all trips contact: Bev Full (480) 595-2306 or [bfull@cox.net](mailto:bfull@cox.net). To reserve send a check payable to: Sierra Club Grand Canyon**

**Chapter. Mailing Address: 202 E. McDowell Rd., Ste. 277 Phoenix, AZ 85004**

**OCT 26 (SAT) "B" GO JOHN CANYON HIKE & BARBECUE 2 - 6 PM**

Learn more about the acquired 500 acres in Go John Canyon. This acquisition is due to the hard work of the Desert Foothills Land Trust (DFLT) and the Nature Conservancy. A volunteer from DFLT will make a short presentation about saving this unique part of the Sonoran Desert. Join us as we hike the 5 1/2 mile loop hike. Enjoy a barbecue served at Ramada 5 (veggie & beef burgers). A donation of \$15.00 is requested for a reservation. There is a \$5 charge per car to get into the park which is located on Carefree Highway, east of Cave Creek at 32nd Street. Meet at 2 PM at Ramada 5 in the park.

#### Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness

**Bob Brister**, Outreach Associate of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance will give an informative presentation on the current status of the Utah wilderness with a slide show titled "Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness." There will be a special reading by Pulitzer Prize winning author Wallace Stegner from his famous Wilderness Letter.

**Tuesday, July 23rd - 7 PM**

REI Paradise Valley, 12634 North Paradise Valley Parkway West

**Wednesday, July 24th - 7 PM**

REI Tempe, 1405 W. Southern (at Priest)

This multi-media slideshow documents citizen efforts to designate public lands in southern Utah's canyon country as Wilderness under the 1964 Wilderness Act. This inspirational event is a must see for citizen's wishing to become personally involved to make the difference in this tremendous American public lands conservation effort.

**Aug 8 (Thu) Palo Verde Group conservation meeting**

The Palo Verde Group conservation committee holds its monthly meeting to discuss regional environmental issues concerning forest protection, wildlife management, energy conservation, growth management, etc. The 7:30 PM meeting will be held at the Sierra Club office at 202 E. McDowell Road, Second Fl. Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85004. For information, contact Don Steuter, (602) 956-5057 or [donsteuter@aol.com](mailto:donsteuter@aol.com).

**Aug 22 (Thu) Palo Verde Group Executive Committee Meeting**

The Palo Verde Group Executive Committee meets to discuss local policy on issues ranging from conservation to politics to outings. The 7:00 PM meeting will be held at the Sierra Club office at 202 E. McDowell Road, Second Fl. Conference Rm. Phoenix, AZ 85004. For information, contact Ted Gartner 480-961-0370 ([gartneraz@netzero.net](mailto:gartneraz@netzero.net)).

Center: Saguaro cactus.

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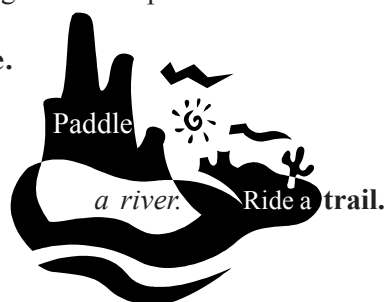
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You've heard the saying, "you are what you eat". **You are where you live too.** Many of our members have lived here most of their lives. They have chosen to retire here. Arizona holds a special place in their heart, as it does with us.

We understand your financial resources are not as wide and deep as the Grand Canyon. The plain truth is most of us are very careful with the way we spend our money. But what happens to our money when we pass on? You can make your money grow when you pass, and your money can fulfill the wishes that you might not have been able to afford when you were alive. The money will compound. Over time, compounding is a miraculous thing. We are frugal. At the Chapter level our expenses are low, but our environmental goals are high.

Explore the wilderness and then think what you can do to ensure the spirit of nature, liberty and beauty lives on peacefully. Your spirit will endure through the wild spirit of Arizona.

**Hike.**



# Outdoor Adventures

The Sierra Club is a nationwide organization with an active local outings program for members and non-members alike. You are invited to explore the beauty of Arizona while making friends and possibly finding new life enriching interests. Simply find an outing that appeals to you and phone the leader for more information. For general Club information visit our website at: <http://arizona.sierraclub.org>. We look forward to seeing you in the beautiful Arizona outdoors.

## **JULY 7 (SUN) Wasson Peak Dayhike, Tucson Mtns. (9 miles RT, 1800 ft. EC)**

The Forest Service closed our playground for awhile due to high fire danger. It looks like it'll be that way until we get some rain. So we're limited to warm hikes at lower elevations. It's either that or mall walks (ugh!). This hike will start early in the morning and we will climb to the top of Wasson via King's Canyon trail. We plan to be back to the cars by 11:00 AM since it is well known that only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the mid day heat. The distance is 9 miles and the elevation is 1800 ft. Since there is no shade, hikers will want to bring 4 quarts or more of water and a broad brimmed hat and sunscreen. Call Sid Hirsh (520) 326-0583 or e-mail to [sidmarsha@webtv.net](mailto:sidmarsha@webtv.net).

## **JULY 12, 13, 14 (FRI, SAT, SUN) "B" Lees Ferry Weekend. Carcamp or Motel.**

Hike three historic Lees Ferry area trails on one weekend. We will carcamp at the NPS Lees Ferry campground. Those wanting comfort are welcome to stay at the nearby Marble Canyon Lodge. On Fri. we hike the historic Sand Hills Crack trail to the top of the Vermillion Cliffs (11 mi. RT, 1,600 ft. EC). Bring plenty of water and be prepared for just a little exposure on this one. See rock art as well as historic cowboy etchings on this one. On Sat. we will hike the very historic Dominguez Trail to the top of the Echo Cliffs and then descend via the Spencer Trail (10 mi. RT, 1,800' elev. gain). This trail was used by early explorers as well as Native Americans. Fantastic views on this one! On Sun. we will hike the Bonelli Spring Indian Trail to the top of the Vermillion Cliffs (8 mi. RT, 2,000' elev. gain). See the historic Honeymoon trail as well as petroglyphs on this. We leave early on Sun. morning's hike for those folks needing to get back to the Phoenix area. Bring lots of extra water, sun screen and hot weather clothes for the heat. For more details or to register for these hikes contact the leader, Bob Audretsch at (928) 638-2077 before 9 PM or [bob41@grand-canyon.az.us](mailto:bob41@grand-canyon.az.us). **Grand Canyon**

**JULY 19-21 (FRI-SUN) "D" Bisbee/Tombstone First-Class Road Trip.** Bisbee is the best preserved original Victorian Mining Town in Arizona. Similar to Globe, Prescott, Jerome with a bit more charm and history. The average July high temp is 84 degrees F. We'll hike up to the large rock Bisbee "B" on the mountainside behind the town for some great views. We'll visit the Historical District, have dinner out and lurk around Brewery Gulch. We'll spend the night in a three-story, wood framed Victorian Bed & Breakfast built in 1890 as a Miners' Boarding House. Saturday we'll do the Copper Queen Underground Mine Tour, shopping and sightseeing, then head for Tombstone. We'll wander around town, watch a few hangings, check out the junk shops and try not to upset the gunfighters. This place is a lot of fun for fans of the old west. Tombstone is not a movie set and has not burned since May 1882. You can sit in the same two saloons Doc, Virgil, Morgan and Wyatt actually did. We stay in a Cowboy Motel Saturday night 100 ft. from the Crystal Palace Saloon, if we can find it. The cost is \$75.00 per person for lodging and the mine tour, limit 12. Contact Randy Smith at (602) 944-1905. **Phoenix**

## **JULY 20-21 (SAT-SUN) "A" California Canyoneering**

Surfing the San Gabriels Technical canyoneering adventures in the San Gabriel Mountains of California involving bushwacking, bouldering, downclimbing, wading, and swimming as we journey thru deep narrow gorges, cross over streams and pools, rappel over waterfalls, etc. On Saturday we'll do the Great Falls of the Fox, a challenging and spectacular dawn-to-dusk adventure for strong and sure-footed hikers only, featuring many rappels up to 100 ft. On Sunday we'll do the Middle Fork of Lytle Creek, featuring several rappels up to 130 ft. Some rappels may require floating disconnects into deep water. Sponsored by the Palo Verde Group mountaineering activity section. You must be a Sierra Club member and bring the following equipment: climbing harness, rappel device, helmet, headlamp, 3 locking carabiners, and a personal anchor sling. Get bonus points for bringing a rope, extra slings or rap rings. Limit 8. Contact Connie or Ted Gartner (480) 961-0370 or [gartneraz@netzero.net](mailto:gartneraz@netzero.net). **Phoenix**

## **JULY 20 (SAT) "C" McDowell Mountain Road Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Project**

Our 3-mile stretch of blue highway meanders in and out of McDowell Mountain Regional Park between Fountain Hills and Rio Verde. With views of Four Peaks and the Verde River to the east, the Superstition Mountains to the south, the McDowell Mountains to the west and the Mazatzal Mountains to the North, you can't ask for a more scenic place to serve your community. Best of all, we always finish well before noon leaving the afternoon free. As usual, the trip highlight is a mid-morning visit to the enchanting and mysterious "McGinty's Hidden Spring," a secret and seldom visited Shangri-La, known only to Adopt-a-Highway alumni, where ice cold refreshments can often be found. Each trip participant receives a free Adopt-a-Highway ensemble including t-shirt, gloves, and vest, courtesy of Maricopa County's Adopt-a-Highway program! 3 mi. RT, 300 ft. EC. Call Michael Brady, (602) 534-1355. **Phoenix**

## **JULY 21 (SUN) "B" Fossil Springs Dayhike.**

Join us on a hike to a cool green oasis near Strawberry with the most beautiful swimming hole in all of Arizona! Travertine rock lines the pool, rendering it a deep blue. The million gallons of 72 F water that gush from the springs every hour have created a lush environment which support more than 30 types of trees and bushes and more than 100 species of birds. 4 mile hike along a Forest service road to the shaded pool (8 miles RT). 1000 ft. EC. Optional dinner in Payson after the hike. Contact Donna Kerwin (602) 266-5077 or [dmkerwin@yahoo.com](mailto:dmkerwin@yahoo.com) to sign up. **Phoenix**

## **JULY 25-28 (WED-SUN) Sierra Nevada Camping and Hiking.**

Devils Postpile - Inyo National Forest. After a long journey from Arizona, join Bay Chapter members in their annual campout in the spectacular scenery of the High Sierra. Good meals, all cooking gear, and good companionship provided. We'll have day hiking to glacier-carved lakes, streams, meadows, and peaks, or you can just plain relax in this stunning 8,000 ft. setting. Enjoy some great hot springs by day or moonlight. Daytime temperatures

should be pleasant and nights chilly. Bring a tent and warm sleeping bag, and be ready to help in cooking. Count on leaving Phoenix by early Tuesday and returning Monday, if driving. Costs, car pooling ideas, and sign-up details coming later. Contact Jon at [jradtke602@yahoo.com](mailto:jradtke602@yahoo.com), or (602) 870-1335. **Phoenix**

## **AUG 3 (SAT) "C" Wet Beaver Creek/Bell Trail Hike and Swim.**

Come along on an easy 3 mile, 400 ft. EC hike along Wet Beaver Creek and the red rocks near Sedona. This area is not subject to closure because there are no pine trees or houses nearby. The trail is exposed, so bring sunscreen and plan on starting early. The reward is one of the most scenic desert canyon swimming holes in Arizona. At Bell Crossing, there are giant flat rocks and sandstone ledges at different heights that you can jump into the stream from. Don't panic, it's 20 ft. deep there. If you prefer, you can hike further upstream and explore some of the sandstone caves and crystal clear pools that go on for miles. Bring your water shoes or an old pair of tennis shoes for navigating the creek, your beach towel, lunch and dinner because we'll want it to cool down a bit before hiking out. Bring at least 1 full gallon of water or equivalent. All roads are paved. Limit 15. Contact Randy Smith, (602) 944-1905. **Phoenix**

## **AUG 11 (SUN) "B" Mount Elden Dayhike.**

Want to escape triple digit temperatures? Join us for a cool day hike up Mount Elden northeast of Flagstaff, through pines, spruces, firs, and aspens. Great view from the top. After July monsoon rains, Coconino National Forest should be open by this date. 7 miles, 2,400 ft. EC, all on-trail, but trail is somewhat steep. This is like doing 2 Squaw Peaks in a row, so expect a definite workout. To reserve, contact Mike Schwarz (602) 840-0019 or [malthusian@mindspring.com](mailto:malthusian@mindspring.com). **Phoenix**

## **AUG 16-18 (FRI-SUN) "D" Train Fans' Car Camp in Williams.**

Camp in the pines and junipers North of Williams - 6400 ft. elev. We'll drive up Friday morning, set up camp, toss a frisbee around and unwind a bit. Then we'll grab a lawn chair and our coolers and drive about a mile West. There's a hillside spot above a double track on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe line where you can watch the freight trains rumble by. They still run the beautiful old red & silver Santa Fe "War Bonnet" engines up there, sometimes as many as five at a time to pull a mixed-freight a mile long around the curves. Saturday we'll hike three miles across an old railroad grade that was cut into the mountainside high above a canyon. There's an old train tunnel built of flagstone in 1881, the best one I've ever found. The ceiling is lined with massive, half-round iron plates held to the rock with thousands of giant rivets. Rail fans and history nuts will love this hike, there's even a few telegraph poles still there. Forest closures due to dry conditions this year are likely, but the South Kaibab usually does not get closed. Any vehicle with higher than average ground clearance can make this one, limit 15. Contact Randy Smith at (602) 944-1905. **Phoenix**

## **Hiking Guidelines: Starting on the Right Foot**

SIERRA CLUB RESTRICTIONS:  
**NO FIREARMS, RADIOS OR PETS.**

Outings are rated for degree of difficulty and risk by the leader. As a guideline, outings are classified as follows:

"A" More than 16 miles or more than 3,000 feet elevation change.

"B" 8 to 16 miles and between 1,500-3,000 feet elevation change

"C" 3 to 8 miles, 500 to 1,500 feet.

"D" Less than 3 miles and 500 feet.

**RT** means round trip; **OW** means one way; **EC** means total elevation change; Name of city after the description means city of origin for the group hiking.

Trip leader has absolute authority to question trip participants as to their equipment, conditioning and experience before and during the trip.

Sierra Club liability covers leaders only.

Each person is responsible for his or her own first aid equipment. If you are injured, notify the leader immediately.

If you leave the trip, with or without the leaders permission, you are considered to be on your own until you rejoin the group.

Hikers are encouraged to carpool and share the driver's fuel expense. Suggested compensation is 5 cents per mile.

Outings are by reservation; call the leader early. Group limit is 20.

Donations are accepted from all participants at \$1.00 per member, and \$3.00 per nonmember. Money is collected by the leader and deposited with the sponsoring group treasurer.

For more information, call Ted Gartner, (480) 961-0370.

## **Bighorn Sheep Workshop & Boat Trip Kingman, July 26-27**

Heritage Funds are invested in much of our wildlife management which includes the bighorn sheep. Arizona Heritage Alliance sponsors educational workshops for our members and public. Limit: 30 people. Food and water provided. Bring hats, sunscreen and swimsuits. Register as early as possible. Workshop: \$35 per person (members) or \$55 (nonmembers). Accommodations are not included however the Best Western Kings Inn is offering us a special rate of \$55 per night for two. To register and/or become a member, contact the Arizona Heritage Alliance for a registration form. Participants will receive more information via e-mail or mail. **Workshop Schedule:** **Friday, July 26th 4 PM** - Tour of Visitor Center Kingman Power Plant **7 PM** - Presentation on bighorn sheep **Saturday, July 27th 8 AM** - Depart for Willow Beach below Hoover Dam **10 AM** - Float trip (approx. 3 hrs) For more information contact: Pam Jones **Arizona Heritage Alliance**  
**160 S. Ash, Suite 203**  
**Tempe, AZ 85281**  
[azheritage@arizonaheritagealliance.org](mailto:azheritage@arizonaheritagealliance.org)

# Outdoor Adventures

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## AUG 17 (SAT) Windy Vista Rock

**Climbing.** Sport climbing at Windy Vista on Mt. Lemmon, featuring such routes as High Karate, Hitchcock Pinnacle, Rupley Towers, and Space Cowboys. Rated 5.4 thru 5.10. Requires Sierra Club membership, rock climbing experience, and the following gear: climbing harness, climbing shoes, helmet, belay device, 3 locking carabiners, personal anchor sling, and prusik cords. Get bonus points for bringing a rope or extra slings and carabiners. Optional overnite in Tucson for those who want to do Peppersauce Cave with us on Sunday. In **Phoenix**: Connie Gartner (480) 961-0370 or Ted Gartner (gartneraz@netzero.net). In **Tucson**: Janet Krisinski (jski@cox.net).

## AUG 18 (SUN) "A" Peppersauce Cave

Hike down under to a world of wonder in the Catalina Mountains near Tucson. Experience bizarre subterranean slot canyons which interconnect majestic cathedral-like chambers and murky lake rooms. This is not for the faint of heart or for folks with phobias regarding darkness or enclosed places. Helmets with headlamps required, and two flashlights (make sure you have fresh batteries). There will be crawling through tight passageways and some 4th-class climbing. Suggest long pants, long-sleeved shirt, gloves, and maybe even elbow/knee pads. It will be muddy in many places, and you will surely get dirty, so don't wear your Sunday best. Bring a change of clothes for after the hike, and a bag for your dirty clothes. Limit 10. Contact Connie Gartner (480) 961-0370 or Ted Gartner (gartneraz@netzero.net). **Phoenix**

**AUG 24 (SAT) "A-" West Clear Creek/ Willow Valley Dayhike.** Possibly "the narrowest valley in the world," Willow Valley forms part of the headwaters of West Clear Creek. After working our way down a brushy draw and a short cliff, we immediately must swim two or three long, cold, deep pools in the Coconino Sandstone narrows. The rest is beautiful.

Expect brushbashing, rockhopping, wading, and swimming. Absolutely no non-swimmers, strong hikers only, personal flotation device (e.g. life jacket or pool tube) strongly recommended. Estimated 7 mi. RT, 600 ft. EC. Contact Jay Skardon (602) 943-6583 or Jskar1@aol.com. **Phoenix**

## SEPT 14 (SAT) "A" West Clear Creek

**Hike.** The leader continues to work his way down this magnificent wilderness canyon. This time we tackle the remote, rugged stretch between Forest Road 142A and Cash Tank. Expect lots of rock hopping, brush bashing, wading, and swimming - there is at least one long deep pool. If time permits we will peek into the upper end of the White Boxes. Absolutely no non-swimmers, strong hikers only, personal flotation device (e.g. pool tube or life jacket) strongly recommended. We need high-clearance 4wds to cut down on the road walk - please volunteer! At least 7 mi. RT, 700 ft. EC. Contact Jay Skardon (602) 943-6583 or Jskar1@aol.com. **Phoenix.**

## SEPT 20-22 (FRI-SUN) Grand Canyon Music Festival Weekend and "D" hike.

Attend one or two of the Grand Canyon Music Festival concerts and hike Sat. and Sun. (optional). Limited crash space at the residence of Bob Audretsch (bring bedding). Friday evening's program will be quartets by JS Bach, Haydn and Corigliano. On Saturday we will hike to Bob's "secret" spot along the rim for lunch, a special grove of trees known for centuries by local Hopi and Havasupai (about 2 mi. RT, little elev. gain). Saturday evening's is music composed by David, Smetana and Davids. (More info and ordering tickets for the Music Festival web site: [www.grandcanyonmusicfest.org](http://www.grandcanyonmusicfest.org). Concerts begin at 7:30 PM and individual tickets are \$18). Those wanting to reserve rooms online can try [www.xanterra.com](http://www.xanterra.com) for rooms inside the park or [www.grandcanyoninformation.com](http://www.grandcanyoninformation.com) for rooms in Tusayan. On Sunday hike on your own after breakfast at the famous El Tovar. For more info contact: Susan Zeitlin, (480) 704-5134, or [s.v.zeitlin@worldnet.att.net](mailto:s.v.zeitlin@worldnet.att.net). **Phoenix**

## Educational Service Trip Help Arizona's Wolves

Saturday, Sept. 7-8  
Hannagan Meadow

by Sandy Bahr, Grand Canyon Chapter, Conservation Director

Join us as we head to eastern Arizona for a Mexican gray wolf service and field trip. Carpool to Hannagan Meadow Friday night (camp or lodge). Saturday morning: help wildlife officials with disassembling an old acclimation pen and/or other service work. Saturday afternoon: discussion of wolf program with informative question/answer session.

(Hannagan Meadow). Sunday morning: short "D" hike in the wolf recovery area (chances are we will not see wolves on this trip — that's a good thing — but it's likely we'll see other wildlife). No pets allowed.

There are many ways to assist with the Mexican gray wolf recovery in Arizona — advocating for wolves with elected officials and agencies, promoting appropriate management, and informing the public about wolves and other predators and the critical role they play in healthy functioning ecosystems. For more information about this outing or the recovery program, please contact Sandy Bahr, (602) 253-8633 or [grand.canyon.chapter@sierraclub.org](mailto:grand.canyon.chapter@sierraclub.org).

### Struggling, but making a Comeback

The Mexican gray wolves in Arizona and New Mexico continue to struggle with re-establishing themselves in a portion of their former range. There are many reasons to be hopeful, however, that soon there will be a sustainable population in the southwest.

The Mexican gray wolf is the smallest, rarest and most southern of the subspecies of the gray wolf. Listed as endangered in 1976, these wolves once roamed the mountains of southeastern Arizona, central Mexico, southern New Mexico, and even portions of southwestern Texas, but predator removal efforts for the livestock industry extirpated them from the wild. After years of meeting, planning, captive breeding, pushing, and advocating, 11 wolves were released into the Blue Range Recovery Area in March of 1998. A total of 14 packs have been introduced to date.

The single greatest threat to these wolves is human inflexibility and intolerance. Since the reintroduction and recovery effort began, nine wolves have been shot, three have been hit by vehicles, and five have died from disease. Many of the wolves have been recaptured and relocated/recaptured and put back into

captivity when they wandered from the recovery area, stayed near humans, or developed a taste for beef. (When wolves do take livestock, the owners of the livestock are compensated by Defenders of Wildlife's compensation fund.) While the shootings and the frequent recapturing of wolves is disturbing,

there is much good news for the wolves. Recently, the White Mountain Apache Tribe decided to allow up to six Mexican gray wolf packs on the 1.5 million acres of reservation land. This gives the wolves the one thing they need most, more space, and less interaction with humans and livestock.



In the wild, these wolves have established territories, formed packs, hunted wild prey, mated and produced young. Currently, several of the females are believed to be denning, but it is still too early to confirm whether there were pups and how many. These wolves usually have between 4 and 6 pups sometime between mid-April and mid-May. Fifteen pups have been born in the wild to date, (not counting this year). When more pups grow into adults and wild-born wolves begin bearing their own young, then we will know, the Mexican gray wolf is really recovering and resuming its natural role in the wild.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for the shooting deaths of three wolves last fall. Killing a Mexican gray wolf is a violation of the Federal Endangered Species Act and Arizona law. Anyone with information that might be helpful in this matter should contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service special agents in Mesa, AZ at (480) 835-8289 or Pinetop at (928) 367-5689; the White Mountain Apache Tribe at (928) 338-1023 or (928) 338-4385; or Arizona Game and Fish Operation Game Thief at 1-800-352-0700.

### TAKE ACTION

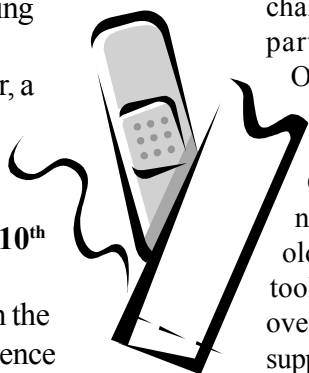
Please thank the White Mountain Apache Tribe for their support of wolf recovery. Direct your letters to: Dallas Massey, Sr., Chairman, White Mountain Apache Tribe, PO BOX 1150, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941, Fax (928) 338-1514.

Center: Mexican gray wolf.  
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## First Aid Training July 10th 5:30 PM

HAPPY (AND SAFE) TRAILS!

Join us for this important first aid training. The Sierra Club requires that all Sierra Club hike leaders have first aid certification. If you are interested in becoming a hike leader or assistant hike leader, a good first step is to attend this first aid class on **Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30- 9:30 PM** at the Sierra Club in the second floor conference room located at 202 E. McDowell Rd. in Phoenix. The cost is \$25. Food and drinks provided. Scholarships are available. To sign up or to ask questions, contact Sandy Bahr, (602) 253-8633 or [grand.canyon.chapter@sierraclub.org](mailto:grand.canyon.chapter@sierraclub.org).



## SIERRA CLUB TRAIL MAINTENANCE October 12 - 13

Join us as we work a section of the AZ Trail adopted by the Sierra Club. The AZT from the Geronimo Trailhead to Bray Creek is under stewardship of the Palo Verde Group. It contains lots of challenging and interesting terrain. In partnership with the Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona (VOAz), we will continue to improve a portion of this trail.

Camp at the Geromino Campground near Payson. Children must be 10 or older. No pets. VOAz will provide all tools and equipment, crew leaders and oversight of trail building and logistical support. Arrive Friday evening, work Sat. morning until 3:30 PM. Meal compliments of VOAz and Sierra Club. Sat. evening entertainment. Advance registration required on VOAz website: [www.dgcenter.org](http://www.dgcenter.org) with links and details. Event limited to 40 volunteers. Ride share: Contact Marge Sparks, (602) 508-0915 or e-mail [margeinphx@aol.com](mailto:margeinphx@aol.com).