

2024 AGFD/ADBSS Project Schedule – Mark Your Calendars!

Dry Mtn. Catchment GMU 28—Jan 13-14 Bill Holoboff/Hancock GMU 12BE—Apr 6-7 Sanmaniego Hills GMU 37A—Feb 10-11 Van Deeman Redev GMU 15C-Mar 9-10

Steak Fry-Cave Creek Rec Park- Apr 27 ADBSS Fundraiser—Camelback Inn-May 11



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ADBSS/AZGFD/BLM COOPERATIVE WATER PROJECT Dry Mountain Catchment Redevelopment (#914) January 12-14, 2024

Location:

GMU 28: Whitlock Mountains— Approximate GPS coordinates of camp site: N32.72625 W109.47894 Approximate GPS coordinates of project site: N32.69486 W109.47295

From Safford proceed east on east on highway 70 to MP 352.7. Turn right (south), cross the cattle guard and proceed south 4.1 miles on a well graded, all-season road and then turn left (east) on a short dead-end two track road. Campsite will be on both sides of this short road and located on a creosote flat. Space is extremely limited and camping will need to be tight and close to the road.

Project Description:

This is a redevelopment of an existing non-functional catchment. Early volunteer assistance would be helpful on Friday to complete the necessary removals, prepare the site and set posts for the new development. The new development will consist of 4 new HDPE 2500-gallon storage tanks, a 24' x 96" metal collection apron, a 4' deep walk-in trough and a new pipe rail exclosure fence.

Difficulty of Hike:

The project site is 2.6 miles from camp and is accessible by vehicle but the road is in poor condition and parking on-site will be very limited. We will endeavor to carpool volunteers to the site in shared or AZGFD vehicles. Please also consider bringing your multi passenger OHV or ATV if you have one as that might be the preferred mode of transportation to the site.

Special Advisories:

AZGFD Volunteer Website – All volunteers wishing to participate in one of our projects will need to access the new AZGFD Volunteer Website located at http://volunteer.azgfd.gov/adbss/ to create a Volunteer Account and password, join the ADBSS User Group and access and sign the Volunteer Registration Form (including the Parental Consent Form if applicable). After the project is complete (and within 5 days) all volunteers should return to this website to record and log in the volunteer hours they worked on the project including the commuting time. For your convenience this flyer contains a QR code to access the AZGFD Volunteer Website with your mobile device. A hyperlink to the AZGFD Volunteer Website is also posted on our website (www.adbss.org) under the Projects Tab or alternatively you may type in the bolded address above into your browser. If you have any questions or issues regarding the use of this website you may contact Megan Young, AZGFD Volunteer Success Program Manager at 623-236-7311 (office), 602-526-2004 (cell) or myoung@azgfd.gov.

- 1) All project participants need to attend and check in during the morning safety briefings.
- 2) Please bring charcoal, firewood, or propane stoves for cooking/heating. Do not use or destroy native vegetation.
- 3) Road to campsite is accessible by high clearance two wheel drive vehicles but 4x4 is recommended if inclement weather is encountered. Trucks towing camp trailers will probably be okay but RV's would not be recommended.
- 4) Please bring your own water and remove all of your trash.
- 5) Project is funded by the Bighorn Sheep Special Tag Fund, ADBSS and Federal Aide to the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
- 6) Please follow the map and do not drive off existing roadways.
- 7) Please be respectful of the area and do not destroy native vegetation.
- 8) Campsites should not be located more than 50 feet from existing two track roads in and around the camp area. Fire rings and vehicle tracks leading to camps should be raked out when leaving the project.

General Advisories:

This is a remote desert area and the possibilities of life threatening injuries exist. Volunteers should have a reliable vehicle, be in good physical condition and comfortable hiking and working in rugged terrain. Volunteers should bring and wear protective clothing and footwear, a sack lunch, rain gear, sunscreen, and water (enough for the whole day) to the project site. Project site is unsafe for young children due to the steep terrain and the use of construction equipment. Parents or guardians must maintain direct control and supervision of any minors on the project site at all times. Pets are discouraged. Projects will take place regardless of local weather conditions. All ADBSS projects feature a catered Saturday evening meal and Sunday breakfast. Membership in the ADBSS will put you on the mailing list to receive project flyers and maps.

See project map on reverse!