



2017 AGFD/ADBSS Project Schedule— Mark Your Calendars!

January 6th - Bill Williams, Ram Mtn, Skull Mtn

February 17th - Granite Wash, Planet Peak Pothole, Plamosa Mtns #2

March 11th —ADBSS Fundraiser

March 17th - Red Cliffs

March 31st—Goldfield 1 and 2

April 22nd—STEAK FRY—South Mtn Park



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ADBSS/AGFD/BLM COOPERATIVE WATER PROJECT
Granite Wash Mountains #3 (AGFD #1032)
aka "Piedras Blancas" or "Snake Bit" February 17-19, 2017

Location:

GMU 44A, Granite Wash Mountains GPS Coord. of site: N 33° 51.211', W 113° 43.330'
Turn east off Highway 72 between Hope and Bouse at mile post 40.4, onto McVay Road. Crossing over the train tracks, continue for 0.2 miles to a right turn (still on McVay Road). Continue 1.5 miles, crossing over the CAP Canal. Once over the canal, take an immediate left and travel 1 mile, paralleling the CAP. At 1 mile, follow the right fork of a dirt road to the northeast. Keep in mind, all turns from Hwy 72 will be posted with ADBSS project signs indicating which direction to turn. Stay on this road for the next four miles. At about two miles in, there will be a right fork, but stay left. Again, a sign will be there showing the correct route. At 4.0 miles, there will be a right turn. Turn right and travel 0.25 miles to the camping area.

Project Description:

This is a follow up to 2016 project and will consist of constructing a frame and stucco structure around the tanks for protection and camouflaging. In conjunction with this project we will also dispatch two other small work crews to Planet Peak Pothole #1071 (N 34° 11.101', W 114° 00.232') to rebuild the washed away enclosure fence and to Plamosa Mtns #2 (N 33° 45.570', W 114° 02.752') to replace the cover and metal collection apron over the large ring tank.

Difficulty of Hike:

Hike to the main site is short (less than 0.5 miles) but steep and potentially very slippery.

Special Advisories:

- 1) Work will not start until Friday morning so early arrivals are not necessary for this project. The bulk of the work will occur on Saturday and may require some commuting in various vehicles.
- 2) This project is being accomplished in cooperation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and BLM and funded by the HPC Special Bighorn Sheep Tag Program.
- 3) Please closely follow the map, flagging and signs to the campsite and do not wonder onto any other roads. The road to the campsite is good and accessible with trailers. 4x4 is not required but recommended.
- 4) Please bring your own firewood, charcoal, or propane stoves for cooking/heating. Do not use or destroy native vegetation.
- 5) We must all clean up after ourselves and haul our own trash out. While on site please dispose of water bottles, cans and other trash in provided garbage bags.
- 6) As you will be staying out all day on the respective work site please bring plenty of water, lunch, sunscreen and appropriate protective clothing and footwear for the conditions and work.
- 7) Please bring your own work gloves, safety glasses, tape measure and marking pen to the project if you have them. A limited number will be available on site but we often run out or don't have enough.
- 8) All campsites must be within the designated camping area. There should be sufficient space for all vehicles. To minimize impact please keep spacing tight and more of a group camp. Ports-Johns may or may not be provided.
- 9) Please minimize disturbance to soils and existing vegetation. Respect the natural beauty of the area and haul away all trash. Fire rings and vehicle tracks should be completely raked out when leaving the campsite.

General Advisories:

This is a very remote desert area and the possibilities of danger and life threatening injuries exist. Volunteers should have a reliable vehicle, be in good physical condition and be familiar with desert terrain. Bring plenty of water. Volunteers should wear protective clothing and bring a lunch, rain parka, sunscreen and water (enough for one day) to the project site. Please follow your map and do not drive off existing roadways. Campsites should not be located more than 50 feet from the apparent two track roads in and around the camp area. Vehicle tracks leading to camps should be raked out upon your departure. Project sites are often 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.

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