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2025 AGFD/ADBSS Project Schedule– Mark Your Calendars!

Marquette Pass GMU 43A Jan 10-13
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Slurry Tank GMU 15D Apr 5-6
Annual Fundraiser May 10



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ADBSS/AZGFD/BLM COOPERATIVE WATER PROJECT

Marquette Pass Catchment Redevelopment (#1000)

January 10-12, 2025

Location:

GMU 43A: Dome Rock Mtns. , Approximate GPS coordinates of camp site: N33.69946°, W114.34822°
Approximate GPS coordinates of project site: N33.68782°, W114.32893°

Project Description:

From Phoenix take I-10 west to Quartzsite. Take Exit 17 and turn right (north) to Main Street. Turn right (east) and proceed 0.4 miles, past Yacht Club to Kofa Ave. Turn left (north) and proceed 0.3 miles to Cowell Street. Turn left (west) on dirt road and proceed northwest 0.9 miles, crossing La Cholla Wash, to downed BLM kiosk. Turn left and stay on main dirt road for 3.7 miles to the Marquette Mine Property and a secure locked gate. (See note below). Respectfully proceed across the mine site for 0.6 miles and another gate (unlocked). Continue on main dirt road for 1.8 miles to project site and another 1.5 miles to camp. Closely follow route flagging and ADBSS signage.

Note: The south entrance gate to the private mine property is secure and the mine owner will allow us to individually open/close this gate using a “clicker” that will be placed on a black box mounted to a white post near the gate. Should you experience any trouble with this gate you may call GMU 43A WM, Courtney Fitzgerald @ (928)856-0702 or the mine owner, Joe Bittick @ (928)892-2495.

Difficulty of Hike:

This is a repair and augmentation of an earlier 2011 redevelopment that consists of installing a new 44' x 144" collection apron and two (2) new above ground 5000-gallon supplemental storage tanks and a new surface collection point. Early arrivals on Friday would be helpful to assist with setting posts and leveling the pads for the new tanks.

Easy as we will be carpooling to the project site from camp in vehicles.

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.

General Advisories:

- 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
- 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 Az Game and Fish Dept.
- 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 camp spots should be raked out when leaving the project.

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. ADBSS Membership will put you on the mailing list to receive project flyers and maps.