



## 2018 AGFD/ADBSS Project Schedule— Mark Your Calendars!

**January 6th - Thanksgiving Tank—40A**  
**February 17th - Newman Peak—37A**  
**March 10th—ADBSS Fundraising Banquet**

**March 17th - Mescal Ridge — 24A**  
**April 14th—Hackberry Canyon—24B**  
**April 28th—Steak Fry—South Mountain Park**



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**ADBSS/AGFD COOPERATIVE WATER PROJECT**  
**AGFD # 954, MESCAL RIDGE CATCHMENT REDEVELOPMENT**  
**MARCH 15-18, 2018**

**Location:**

GMU 24A: Mescal Mountains  
Approximate GPS coordinates of camp site: 12S 526612 E3661173  
Approximate GPS coordinates of catchment: 12S 527126 E3669420

**Project Description:**

From Phoenix or Tucson: Get to the town of Winkleman at MP 135 and the intersection of highways 177 and 77. Proceed north on highway 77 along the Gila River to MP 147.1 at the bottom of sweeping turn in the highway. Turn right (north) and go through the ROW gate and proceed 0.1 to 0.2 miles to the main camp and staging area. An alternate BLM developed campground (Christmas) is available at MP 144.6 for RV's and trailers.

**Difficulty of Hike:**

This is a redevelopment of a previous BLM water catchment. Early volunteer assistance will be needed on Thursday and Friday to prepare the site and level a pad for the new development on a gentle slope above the original catchment. The new development will consist of 2 new HDPE 2500 gallon storage tanks, 24' x 24' metal collection apron, a 4' deep walk in trough and a livestock enclosure fence.

Moderate and short but steep, vegetated and rocky in some places.

**Special Advisories:**

- 1) All project participants need to participate 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 two wheel drive vehicles but 4x4 is recommended if camping in the wash. There is no room at the main camp site for trailers or RV's. For these rigs use the alternate BLM Christmas campground located at MP 144.6.
- 4) We must all clean up after ourselves and haul our own trash out. While on site please dispose of all water bottles, cans and other trash in garbage bags.
- 5) As we 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.
- 6) 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 sometimes run short.
- 7) 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.
- 8) Please minimize disturbance to soils and existing vegetation and respect the natural beauty of the area. Haul out all trash (do not burn trash). Fire rings and vehicle tracks should be raked out when leaving the area.
- 9) This project is being accomplished in cooperation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Bureau of Land Management and is funded by the bighorn sheep Special Tag Fund and the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

**General Advisories:**

This is 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, 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 MAP ON REVERSE**

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