



North Gila Mtns
and
Sheep Mtn.
Catchments
Jan 24-26, 2024

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Volunteer website



2025 AGFD/ADBSS Project Schedule– Mark Your Calendars!

Marquette Pass GMU 43A Jan 10-13
North Gila and Sheep
Mtn Catchments GMU 40B Jan 25-26
Gonzalez Pass GMU 24B Feb 22-23

Rinehart/Newlon GMU44A Mar 8-9
Slurry Tank GMU 15D Apr 5-6
Annual Fundraiser May 10



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ADBSS/AZGFD/BLM/MCAS COOP WATER PROJECT

North Gila Mtns. Catchment Augmentation (#1127)

Sheep Mtn. Catchment Redevelopment (#1050)

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Location:

GMU 40B: Gila Mtns. Approximate GPS coordinates of Main Camp site: N32.63711°, W114.27095°
Approximate GPS coordinates of North Gila project site: N32.63084°, W114.30959°
Approximate GPS coordinates of alternate Sheep Mtn. camp site: N32.59911°, W114.22755°
Approximate GPS coordinates of alternate Sheep Mtn. project site: N32.53763°, W114.24273°
From Phoenix take I-8 west to Wellton. Take Exit 30/Ave 29E and turn right (north) on Williams St. Proceed north 0.7 miles to Old US 80/Los Angeles Ave. and turn left (west). Proceed west 4.1 miles to Ave 25E and turn left (south). Proceed south, across RR tracks, under I-8 and over canal for 2.4 miles to Gila Ranch Rd. Turn right (west) at Naked Dates farm and proceed 1.0 miles to "T" intersection at Ave. 24E and turn right (north). Proceed north 0.3 miles to County 13th St. and turn left (west). Proceed west 2.6 miles on County 13th St. to unmarked dirt road and turn right (north). Proceed north 0.2 miles to **Main Camp**. An alternate camp for those working earlier on the Sheep Mtn. project is 2.3 miles south of County 14th St. See map and follow flagging/signage.

Project Description:

The North Gila Mtns. project is an augmentation of an existing catchment and consists of installing 3 new above ground 5000-gallon, 11' diameter, HDPE storage tanks and a new surface collection point. Need early arrivals on Friday to assist with leveling the pads for the new tanks. Note that this will be the primary volunteer work opportunity for our group. The Sheep Mtn project is a more involved redevelopment and consists of extending the elevated steel platform and installing 5 new 2035-gallon oval HDPE pedestal tanks and new surface collection lines. A small number of early arrivals beginning on Tuesday needed to assist with building the foundations and erecting the frame for the platform extension. Note that this project site is very small and volunteer participation will be limited.

Difficulty of Hike:

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 must access the new AZGFD Volunteer Website 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 must return to this website to record and log in the volunteer hours worked, including the commuting time. This flyer contains a QR code to access the AZGFD Volunteer Website with your mobile device. A hyperlink to the AZGFD Volunteer Website is posted on our website (www.adbss.org) under the Projects Tab or you may type the bolded address above into your browser. If you have any questions or issues regarding the use of this website, 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
- 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 AZGFD.
- 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.

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.