



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
STEAK FRY—TBD



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ADBSS/AGFD/BARRY GOLDWATER RANGE WATER PROJECT

Thanksgiving Day Tank Clean Out Project

January 5-7, 2018

Location:

SR 85 Gate 9 coordinates – N 32.68081 W 112.85608 Camp Site coordinates – N 32.63887 W 112.75988
Thanksgiving day tank coordinates – N 32.65754 W 112.75722

Project Description:

From Phoenix take I-10 west to State Route (SR) 85. Go south on SR 85 to Gila Bend. Go west through Gila Bend to continue south on SR 85 towards Ajo. Go south on SR about 20 miles to Mile Post 20.3 and turn east through Gate 9. Gate 9 is normally a combination locked gate. The gate will be unlocked starting 1-5-17 at 12 noon. After you pass through the gate make sure you close it but do not lock it.

Difficulty of Hike:

The campsite is accessed by a dirt road suitable for high clearance and/or 4x4 vehicles (no motor homes or travel trailers). All people must camp in the designated camping area and all vehicles must stay within 50' of the road. The camping area and project area are adjacent to a live fire gunnery range where entry is strictly prohibited.

Special Advisories:

This project will clean out accumulated sand and gravel in a large natural tinaja (Thanksgiving Day Tank). This is an important water source for bighorn sheep and other species of wildlife in the Saucedo Mountains.

Access to the work site is a moderate 20-minute walk.

General Advisories:

- 1. All project participants must be present Saturday morning for a safety briefing from the military and sign hold harmless agreements in order to participate in the project.**
2. Please bring your own firewood, charcoal, or propane stoves for cooking/heating. Do not use or destroy native vegetation.
3. 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 garbage bags.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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. Porta-Johns may or may not be provided.
7. Please minimize disturbance to soils and existing vegetation. Respect the natural beauty of the area and haul away all trash (Do not burn trash.) Fire rings and vehicle tracks should be completely raked out when leaving the campsite.

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, appropriate footwear and bring a lunch, jacket, rain parka, sunscreen and water (enough for one day) to the project site. Please follow your map and do not drive off existing roadways. 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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