Our Mission: The mission of the Arizona Elk Society is to benefit elk and other wildlife by generating resources for habitat conservation and restoration, and to preserve our hunting heritage for present and future generations.

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

Youth & Heritage

• Hosted over 600 youth at various outdoor skills and junior hunt camps.
• Taught campers skills including, archery, survival, wildlife identification, wildlife calling, hunting tactics and conservation.
• Focused on instilling a sense of responsibility in our children for taking care of the forests and wildlife habitat as they are vital for the future of Arizona’s elk.
• Actively recruited young hunters, women and new hunters for our various elk, turkey, javelina, small game and predator camps. Camps included hunting seminars, expert mentors and volunteers assisting in the field and camp logistics.
• Partnered with many of Arizona’s wildlife organizations, sponsors and volunteers Over 650 youth & many new adult hunters

Water for Wildlife Program

• Funded from the Arizona Elk Society Banquet and the AZGFD Habitat Partnership Program, the Arizona Elk Society Catchment Repair Squad is led by Dan Bradford.
• Hauled over 200,000 gallons of water to dry areas of elk range.
• Restored and maintained 40+ wildlife water catchments in Northern Arizona. 40+ water catchments restored

Habitat Projects

• Funded over $400,000 in projects across elk range. Money is raised through the AES Banquet, auction and raffle of the Commissioners Big Game Elk Tags and coordinated through the AZGFD Habitat Partnership Committee. Projects include; New Water Catchments, Grassland Restorations, Juniper Thinning, Controlled Burns and much more.

Heroes Rising Outdoors

• Provided 95+ opportunities for our wounded Arizona Veterans, men and women, to get back into the woods and enjoy the Hunting Heritage of Arizona.
• The Veterans have communicated feeling a connection to nature and the outdoors that has helped them heal inside and has been very gratifying. “Healing through Hunting” is our motto for this program.
• Donated tags have been rolling in for 2018 hunts for Arizona disabled Veterans.
Volunteer Projects

- Coordinated large-scale volunteer work projects with the USFS, AZGFD, area ranchers and other organizations to benefit elk in the state.
- Worked on riparian restoration in the Coconino National Forest including creek channel restoration, removal of encroaching pine trees in the meadows, fence removal and enclosure maintenance.
- Volunteers hauled over 7 tons of rock to build riparian stream structures to restore meadow and watershed, built log fences to protect critical wildlife habitat, maintained important enclosures and stacked logs from thousands of trees.
- AES Sawyers cut many thousands of trees to open riparian wetland meadows.
- Volunteers cleared 100+ acres of invasive juniper & jack pines, by hand, for grassland restorations in the Coconino National Forest.
- Volunteers worked on restoring many water catchments, plumbing, installing new troughs, thinning back brush and fixing fences in the Tonto National Forest.
- Over 250 volunteers spent thousands of hours performing the labor to accomplish these projects. The value of these volunteer hours is not only the benefit to the wildlife and their habitat, but hours are used as match for federal dollars that come back to the state for habitat improvements. This year’s value will be in excess of $100,000 to Arizona.

300K+ acres improved

Annual Banquets

- With the help of 80+ committed volunteers, raised over $400,000 for elk and elk habitat at the Annual Banquet. Our 2018 Banquet is scheduled for April 14. Mark your calendars!
- Jim and Chris Warren and a dedicated committee, held their AES White Mountain Chapter Annual Banquet in Show Low. They raised over $30,000 for Arizona’s elk! Money raised will be used in the immediate area to help improve elk habitat and fund youth hunting camps along with conservation education. The 2018 Banquet is scheduled for June 30.
- The new Northern Arizona Peaks Chapter’s 2018 Banquet will be July 21 in Flagstaff.

Representing

- Arizona Elk Society representatives serve on committees for many of the issues that we are involved in to keep wildlife, habitat and our hunting heritage protected for future generations. Throughout the year, we represent sportsmen and our members on many issues related to wildlife habitat, forest health, access issues, threats to hunting, elk management, wolf reintroductions, USFS travel management, forest use planning, natural resource uses and much more.

Volunteer

AES is looking for new volunteers to get involved in projects, programs for wildlife, youth camps and events.

Join Us

Membership is the lifeblood of the Arizona Elk Society, if you like what we do, please join.

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