

## HABITAT PARTNERS OF ARIZONA

Today is a critical time in Arizona's history as it relates to wildlife habitat. Acres upon acres of private as well as trust land is being developed into small ranchettes that interfere with the natural migration of Elk and other wildlife while fragmenting their habitat. We will be focusing our efforts to set aside land such as riparian areas, critical winter range, migration corridors, quality calving grounds and forage meadows. We will also be offering conservation easements to landowners that will help them continue operations on their land while limiting the loss of wildlife habitat through development.

With the success of the Burro Creek allotment purchase and reconfiguration the AES opened a door that has shown we are a successful land conservation organization. Up until Burro Creek the AES had done a great job of improving habitat by funding smaller but important projects such as Pinyon Juniper treatments, controlled burns, water developments and more. The AES will continue it's funding of these necessary projects.

The AES Board of Directors saw a need to raise funds in order to conserve land as wildlife habitat without taking away from the funds raised for on the ground improvements and youth projects. The AES is very proud of the Burro Creek accomplishment and with your help by becoming a Habitat Partner of Arizona we will continue the work to conserve critical Elk habitat.

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