



THE ARIZONA WILDERNESS COALITION

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Greetings!

It's a brand new year, and AWC is launching projects about which we're really excited. In this issue, you'll read more about our new Citizen Wilderness Inventory, and expanding our Wild Stew program onto BLM lands. We have very big events planned for Valentine's week – iconic wilderness champion Doug Scott will open a screening of Robert Redford's *Forever Wild* on February 12th. And you can spark your love for wilderness with a special project in White Canyon Wilderness on February 15th.

Let's bring the romance back into our environment by joining with friends and family for entertainment and on-the-ground conservation work in February. AWC has activities throughout the month to rekindle your passion for the outdoors.

Yours in Wilderness,



Barbara

Barbara Hawke
Executive Director





GETTING COZY WITH ADMINISTRATIVE PROTECTIONS

"Administrative Protections" are a way to preserve wilderness resources through agency land use plans and other agency decisions. Citizen Wilderness Inventory is an important part of helping agencies

identify wilderness resources so they can be protected, and AWC has begun an exciting wilderness inventory in northwestern Arizona. [Read more about the Citizen Inventory and Administrative Protections.](#)

A number of public land management plans are under revision in Arizona this year, with the management plan for the BLM-managed Harquahala Mountains Wilderness under review now. This plan provides long-term management guidance for wilderness use over the next twenty years. You are invited to meet with BLM staff to discuss your ideas and concerns on this plan:

Tuesday, January 27th :: 7:00 – 8:30pm

Sun City West, 14465 RH Johnson Blvd ([map/directions](#))

Wednesday, January 28th :: 7:00 – 8:30pm

Buckeye Community Center, 201 East Centre Ave ([map/directions](#))

You can make a difference by voicing your ideas, comments, and concerns! [Learn more about the Harquahala Mountain Wilderness management plan revision](#), other upcoming Management Plan reviews, and how to submit your comments.

Salt River Canyon Wilderness © Jason Corneveaux



FOREVER WILD CELEBRATION with special guest Doug Scott

We are delighted to host a special screening of the film *Forever Wild*, with an opening reception and presentation by legendary wilderness champion Doug Scott. Join AWC the evening of Thursday, February 12th, from 6:00 to 9:00pm for this exceptional opportunity to meet an icon of wilderness preservation

and enjoy this stunning film narrated by Robert Redford, with readings from Terry Tempest Williams.

[Click here to learn more of the evening festivities](#) held at the Sea of Glass Center for the Arts in Tucson. Please note, the opening reception and silent auction are free and open to the public; admission is \$10.00 for Doug Scott's keynote presentation and screening of *Forever Wild*.

High Uintas Wilderness, Utah © Jason Corneveaux



SHOW YOU ♥ WILDERNESS

White Canyon Wilderness

AWC launches its partnership with the Bureau of Land Management with a special restoration project in White Canyon Wilderness on Sunday, February 15th. Join us to help restore the beauty of the area by removing graffiti from rock walls. We'll be helping the BLM test out a new substance called "elephant snot." *Yes, you heard right!*

Though the unappealing name of this substance hides its ability to restore a natural appearance where humans have defaced our natural resources. AWC will provide lunch and our stunning Wilderness 50th bandana to all participants.

For additional details and to register, [click here](#).

White Canyon Wilderness © Jason Comeveaux



HOPI HIGH STUDENTS EXPLORE WILDERNESS THEMES

Students of Hopi High School met with AWC Executive Director Barbara Hawke in early January to learn more about the Wilderness Act and the activities of Arizona Wilderness Coalition. Through the efforts of Journalism teacher Stan Bindell, four classes had the opportunity to discuss their career goals and talk about why Native

people, lands, and culture are important to Arizona.

The students were full of enthusiasm and skillfully conducted both radio and video interviews with Barbara as part of their class activities. AWC gives a big shout-out of thanks to Stan Bindell and the students of Hopi High for sharing wilderness discussion with Native audiences. You can read a message from [Hopi High student Greta Quotskuyva here](#). *Go Bruins!*

You can also read about Barbara's visit, discussion topics, and more in the [Navajo-Hopi Observer](#).

AWC Executive Director Barbara Hawke with Hopi High School Students



UPCOMING EVENTS

We have full plate of exciting ways to get out & give back to our beloved wilderness areas through our Wild Stew program. From single-day hikes to multi-day backpack trips – take a peek what we have in store, and [join us on one of our upcoming stewardship trips!](#)

January 30th – February 2nd :: Superstition Mountains Wilderness Trail Maintenance & Wilderness Education

A unique backpacking trip into Superstition Wilderness where we'll be doing trail maintenance as well as special Wilderness education programming with Prescott College.

February 7th – 8th :: Sierra Ancha Wilderness

Grab your camera and join us on this backpacking trip to the remote Sierra Ancha Wilderness. We'll be doing trail maintenance along the way and exploring some great ruins.

February 15th :: White Mountain Wilderness Graffiti Removal

Join us as we kick off a new working relationship with the Bureau of Land Management! During this single-day event, we'll be working to remove graffiti in the area, followed by lunch provided by AWC.

February 21st :: Red Rock-Secret Mountain Wilderness

The beauty of the red rocks is calling and we must answer! Join us for this single day event to Red Rock-Secret Mountain Wilderness for some light trail upkeep. And, yes, cameras are recommended!

[Additional details and registration available online.](#)

Trail Brushing, Sycamore Canyon Wilderness © AWC



IN MEMORIAM: JASON CORNEVEAUX

Jason Corneveaux's love of the wilderness blossomed during the countless days he spent exploring the Southwest with his border collie Maggie. It wasn't until 2006 that Jason's proclivity towards nature inspired him to begin capturing Arizona's breathtaking landscapes with a small point-and-shoot camera.

Jason's full time work found him performing genomics research with the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) in Phoenix, AZ, but he quickly established himself as a recognized and award-winning photographer with work published in *National Geographic*, *Cowboys & Indians*, the University of Utah, and in advertisements. Jason also shared his talents with the Arizona Wilderness Coalition and was always excited to help support the health of Arizona Wilderness, whether volunteering his time or his photographic skills. Jason's impact on the community through his research, AWC, and his photography is immeasurable.

Thank you for sharing your love of Wilderness with us, Jason – may your spirit and passion continue to shine through your striking photographs that capture the beauty of those wild lands and waters of your beloved Southwest.

Jason James Corneveaux is survived by his wife Jody and young son Rex of Paradise Valley, AZ, his mother, Mary Corneveaux Marquardt of Carefree, AZ and his father, Jack Corneveaux of Midway, UT.

Jason frequently and proudly supported wildlife and wilderness conservation efforts; take a moment to [view his portfolio](#).



(above) Jason meets a new friend along the trail. (below) The sun sets in Organ Pipe Cactus Wilderness. All images copyright Jason Corneveaux.



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