

## THE ARIZONA WILDERNESS COALITION

PROTECTING ARIZONA'S WILD LANDS & WATERS SINCE 1979

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Dear ,

Arizona's wild places are full of adventure, yet they should evoke more pleasure than fear – unless you venture into our state's fabled ghost haunts. Will you encounter an otherworldly presence in the Superstition and Mazatzal Wilderness areas along Haunted Canyon Trail or in the ghost town of Goldfield? Might La Llorona meet you on the Transept Trail on the North Rim in Grand Canyon National Park?

Fall is a great time in any case to explore lesser-known wilderness areas at lower elevations. We hope you'll enjoy the array of activities highlighted in this issue – great opportunities to learn more about wilderness in the backcountry, or indoors if you prefer milder locales.

This month we feature the legacy of the 1990 Arizona Desert Wilderness Act that preserved more than a million acres, including vast deserts, canyons and ridge lines managed by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. November 28th marks the 25th anniversary of this Act, with a special celebration in Tucson November 17th.

Treat yourself to a wilderness experience this month, spooky or tame!





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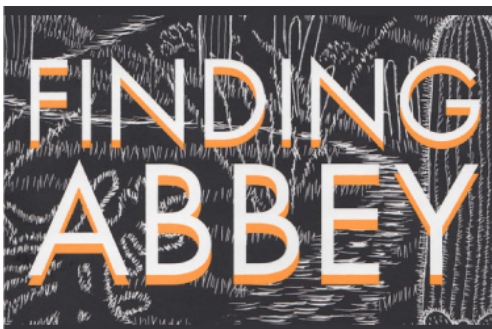


## Cherish our Desert Landscapes

Arizona's desert landscapes are unique in all the nation. November 28th marks the date that landmark legislation in 1990 protected more than a million acres that are home to many endangered species, gorgeous wildflowers, and expansive vistas. [Learn more about the 1990 Arizona](#)

[Desert Wilderness Act and special places to visit.](#)

And mark your calendars for a special celebration of the 25th anniversary of this Act, the evening of Tuesday, November 17th, in Tucson. Watch for more details soon!



## Ed Abbey's Legacy

Ed Abbey was an outspoken champion of the environment, and his legacy endures today. A new book by Sean Prentiss considers the influence of Ed on searching for contemporary meaning in wild lands.

[Learn more and attend one of Sean's readings](#) from his new work, *Finding Abbey*:

- October 27th :: University of Arizona, Tucson
- October 28th :: Changing Hands Bookstore, Tempe
- October 29th :: Bookman's Exchange, Flagstaff



## Arizona Community Foundation Supports Stewardship

Wilderness stewardship depends on our marvelous volunteers, and also on the generosity of incredible supporters like the Arizona Community Foundation – Cochise. In October, Arizona Wilderness Coalition

was delighted to be awarded grant funds of over \$6,000 to advance trail restoration in the Chiricahua Mountains and beyond. Great thanks to ACF for their commitment to improving



## Harquahala and Aravaipa Wilderness Plans Finalized

The Bureau of Land Management has finalized the Wilderness Management Plans for the Harquahala and Aravaipa Wilderness areas. Your comments made a difference, as some citizen concerns were addressed. Yes, there is more work to do on outstanding management needs and concerns. Let's

build on progress made so far. Read the latest on **Administrative Protections** throughout Arizona, and view the updated Management Plans here:

[Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness Management Plan](#) (*be patient, PDF ~9Mb*)

[Harquahala Mountains Wilderness Management Plan](#) (*PDF ~3Mb*)



## Happy Birthday Petrified Forest National Wilderness!

Friday, October 23rd

As we celebrate 45 years since the designation of Petrified Forest National Wilderness, did you know that it was the first wilderness area designated within the National Park System in 1970? Now that's a cool milestone to celebrate!

Learn more about **Petrified Forest National Wilderness** and how you can explore this unusual landscape!

## Upcoming Events

OCT  
24-25

### Chiricahua Wilderness Trail Restoration

Join us as we head to Chiricahua Wilderness to do some much-needed maintenance on trails to restore conditions following wildfires and monsoonal erosion. Trails will be brushed out, logs removed, and some re-establishment of tread in washed out areas.

[Learn more & RSVP.](#)

OCT  
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### Terry Tempest Williams in Prescott

Terry will read from her new book, *The Hour of Land*, and discuss environmental issues. She will be joined by her husband Brooke Williams and AWC intern and trip leader Brian Anderson. Free & open to the public at the Prescott College Crossroads Center.

[Learn more on Facebook.](#)

NOV  
7-8

### Chiricahua Wilderness Trail Restoration

Join us as we head back to Chiricahua Wilderness to continue much-need trail maintenance following wildfires and monsoonal erosion.

[Learn more & RSVP.](#)

NOV  
21-22

### Arrastra Wilderness River Monitoring

Join us on an overnight backpack trip along the Big Sandy River in the Arrastra Wilderness to conduct monitoring. We will be taking photographs up and down the river and recording data such as the presence of invasive plants. [Learn more & RSVP.](#)



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