

Spring is here, and summer is right around the corner. With a host of activities occurring this Saturday for science and for the planet, we have every reason to remember that in the Wilderness, Earth Day is every day.

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April 20, 2017

Greetings!

Earth Day 2017 marks my final week with AWC, and Barbara has invited me to introduce this Earth Day e-news to Arizona Wilderness Coalition friends and supporters, where we recognize a remarkable season of stewardship, bolstering our spirits and our efforts to tackle the challenges ahead.

In preparing for my next big adventure - living, working, and exploring America's wild places in a converted van with my husband and adventure partner, Ty - I'm struck by the thread that Wilderness has woven throughout my life. Wilderness has both literally and figuratively moved me! Drawn to the awe-inspiring Eastern Sierra as a Wilderness Ranger, I discovered what Wilderness could do for the human soul and the solitude-dependent creatures that rely on it. Protecting the Sky Islands' varied wildlife and their equally diverse habitat as a biological planner allowed me to forward higher-level administrative protections more lasting than what I could achieve as a Ranger. Even my stints across the West in outdoor industry were driven by my great love to experience Wilderness through human-powered transport and to share it with others, be it climbing or distance-running or backpacking or wildlife-watching.

As I reflect, then look ahead, I am both excited and curious to see how Wilderness will continue to move me!

Please join me in celebrating AWC's likewise storied history and anticipating the new challenges and successes yet to be imagined. It's been an honor and a gift to have worked in the name of Arizona Wilderness - for you and for our state's wild places.



Moved by Wilderness,

Linda

Departing AWC Office Coordinator



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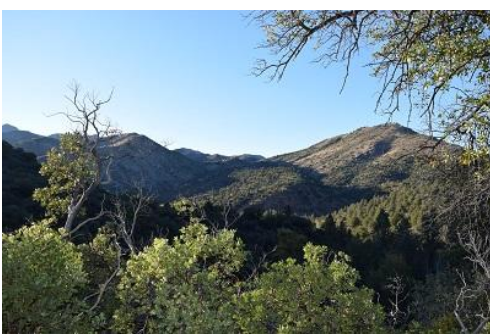
Hellos & Goodbyes

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Tonto Plan Advances

The large-scale revision of the Tonto National Forest (TNF) Land and Resource Management Plan is moving ahead with the official release of the "Notice of Intent" to revise the Plan. With three million acres, seven wilderness areas and two wild and scenic rivers, there's a lot at stake. TNF expects to hold public meetings in June to get input on wilderness topics. This will be an important time for us to

voice our goals for wilderness preservation!

For river lovers - and aren't we all? - TNF has shared a Wild and Scenic River Story Map with feedback on river classifications. [Take a look at this very informative tool here.](#) Stay tuned to our website for [more details and updates.](#)

[Get Involved](#)



More Help for Wild Forests

We're delighted to receive a \$35,000 award from the National Forest Foundation to repair trails, restore ponds for Chiricahua leopard frogs, and much more! Yet we need your help - these funds are only released with the help of private matching funds. [Make your donation to AWC's wilderness preservation](#)

[programs, and double your impact.](#)

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Adventures in Wilderness: Mazatzals and Kendrick Mountain

Our marvelous Wild Stew volunteers and partners have been transforming wilderness conditions to provide safe access for visitors and more sustainable ecosystems. Volunteers and students braved snow, washed out trail and hundreds of downed trees to restore trail

connections in the Kendrick Mountain Wilderness and make the Arizona Trail passable again in the Mazatzals Wilderness - all while having a great time, and learning a lot! [Read more about their adventures during the Alternative to Spring Break and Native American Student Services projects.](#)

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Welcome Katrina!

AWC is delighted to introduce Katrina Pappas as our new Office Coordinator. How lucky we are! Katrina brings 26 years of experience in nonprofit administration, having served for a number of years as the general manager of the Chandler Center for the Arts. Katrina's former career also entailed extensive work the Chandler Cultural Foundation. She has Bachelor's degrees in Arts Management and Accounting, and was awarded a Virginia G.

Piper Charitable Trust Fellowship through which she completed Georgetown University's Nonprofit Leadership Institute.

Katrina has hiked many wilderness trails in Sedona, Prescott, and the Phoenix area. She is also an accomplished equestrienne. In 2016, she ended up 2nd in the nation in the American Paint Horse Association's Honor Roll for Novice Amateur Western Riding. [Thanks for riding onto our Wilderness Ranch, Katrina!](#)



Farewell to our Rock Pyxie

Linda Tyler served as an exceptional Office Coordinator the past two years, and lent a unique brightness to our office with her strong enthusiasm for the outdoors. Her outstanding acuity with grants and operational matters was matched by her kind personality and knowledge of Forest Service wilderness. And our visual materials benefited from her keen designer's eye! We are going to miss Linda - and her fermented foods and Matcha tea -

dearly.



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Get Wild and Green with AWC at Phoenix Earth Day

We'd love to see you at the Keep Phoenix Beautiful Earth Day, held this Saturday from 11 am to 4pm at Steele Indian School Park. Look for us along "Local First Arizona Way." [Learn more about the event here.](#)

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Earth Day March for Science

Science can form our common ground for making decisions about the natural resources and public lands so under threat today. You can help support the role of science and scientists in forging a sustainable future for our people and planet. Get involved: [Flagstaff](#) | [Phoenix](#) | [Tucson](#)

[Learn more about the Washington DC March for Science, and register to March virtually.](#)

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More Arizona Earth Day Events!

What is going on for Earth Day, Saturday, April 22 all across Arizona? Here is a great resource to find out, from our good friends at Local First Arizona! [Visit the Earth Day Events Roundup website here.](#)

[Learn More](#)

THIS
SUMMER

Stay tuned for the frogs...

This summer we are planning several opportunities for Chiricahua Leopard Frog habitat work. Stay tuned!



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