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New Currents at AWC

As the year comes to a close, AWC is delighted to announce new additions to our team to launch us into a bright new year.

Welcome AWC's New Executive Director

The Arizona Wilderness Coalition's (AWC) Board of Directors is very pleased to introduce Kristen Densmore as AWC's new Executive Director. Barbara Hawke has done an outstanding job for us the past four years, and she has moved to part-time status as a policy and administrative expert facilitating this transition. The new position allows Barbara better ability to deal with a personal health issue. Thank you Barbara for all you do!



Kristen has extensive experience in nonprofit leadership and administration, including fundraising, communications, marketing and utilizing social media. She has worked as an educator, facilitator and advocate for multiple arts, environment, and community organizations. She received a BA from Prescott College and an MFA in photography from the Savannah College of Art and Design. She brings a creative perspective and entrepreneurial spirit to her role as Executive Director.

Fueled by a love of adventure and wild open spaces, Kristen moved west over twenty years ago. She has driven through every state in the continental USA, hiking, swimming and camping on our public lands, but is always grateful to return to Arizona. She recently moved to Tucson from Prescott and is excited to explore the diverse beauty of the Sonoran Desert.

Please join us in welcoming her aboard!

Don Hoffman - former AWC Executive Director and current Board Director.

Welcome AWC's New Monitoring and Survey Team Members

**Citizen Wilderness Inventory
Our 2017-18 Professional Survey Team:**



Sam Wershow

Sam has a M.S. in Biology from Western Washington University and a B.A. in Biology with a Geology major from Macalester College. He has extensive experience working for multiple agencies in biological surveys and fuels reduction.



James Holderer

James has a B.S. in Environmental Studies from Prescott College. He is experienced in field botany, ecological monitoring and outdoor adventure education.

**Wilderness Stewardship Performance
Our 2017-18 Monitoring Team:**



Julie Polovitch

Julie has served AWC in a number of roles the past few years, including restoration crews and environmental education. She holds a B.A. from Prescott College in Environmental Studies and Environmental Education, and has worked across the country as an Outdoor Educator.



Jonathan Patt

Jonathon has volunteered extensively with AWC on restoration projects in the Sky Islands. He is the founder of Chiricahua Mountains Hiking Trails, a free public online resource for trail condition information in the Chiricahuas.

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