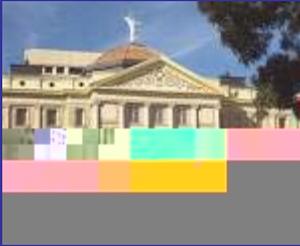


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Game and Fish Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking at New Game and Fish Headquarters

PHOENIX – A public ground-breaking ceremony for the new Arizona Game and Fish Department headquarters complex at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility was held on Oct. 19.

The department's new headquarters complex will be built on approximately 24 acres at the southwest corner of the Ben Avery Shooting Facility. This project began in 1997 with a comprehensive master planning process and culminated in Arizona Game and Fish Commission approval to build in 2004.

The new headquarters will total 117,115 square feet of new construction including office space for 332 employees, a 205-seat auditorium, conference rooms, climate controlled warehouse, laboratories, development shop, vehicle maintenance facility and fueling depot.

The entire facility is designed to meet Silver Certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental

Design Green Building Rating System. This certification addresses sustainability, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality.

The Game and Fish Department has occupied its current location at the Deer Valley campus for 30 years.



Coppersticker Program



Public Input sought on Arizona's OHV management Bill

PHOENIX - The Arizona Game and Fish Department, on behalf of the Off-highway Vehicle Legislative Workgroup, is seeking input from the public regarding the "Copper Sticker" off-highway vehicle (OHV) user fee proposed legislation. A series of informational open houses will be held around the state in October and November, and written comment will be accepted until Nov. 26.

The Off-highway Vehicle Legislative Workgroup, a group comprised of OHV recreationists and outdoor user groups, land management agencies, county and local governments, and Game and Fish have worked together to develop a "copper sticker" program to improve OHV management in Arizona. The bill will enhance funding for OHV programs including the maintenance and development of OHV trails and routes, education and information programs, enhanced law enforcement resources and mitigation for damage to environmental, historical and cultural resources from OHV recreation.

Informational public meetings describing the OHV user driven bill's highlights will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 24 - Tucson, Arizona Game and Fish Department regional office 555 N. Greasewood Road

Wednesday, Oct. 25 - Benson, Cochise College-Benson Center 1025 S. Highway 90

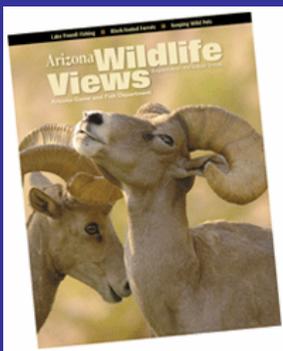
Monday, Oct. 30 - Prescott, Prescott Valley Council Chambers 7501 E. Civic Circle

Thursday, Nov. 2 - Pinetop, Arizona Game and Fish Department regional office 2878 E. White Mountain Boulevard

Friday, Nov. 3 - Mesa, City Of Mesa Utilities Department 640 North Mesa Drive



Emmy Award
Winners



Monday, Nov. 6 - Yuma, Arizona Game and Fish Department regional office 9140 E. 28th Street

Tuesday, Nov. 7 - Kingman, Arizona Game and Fish Department regional office 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road

Wednesday, Nov. 8 - Flagstaff, Arizona Game and Fish Department regional office 3500 S. Lake Mary Road

Wednesday, Nov. 15 - Glendale, Glendale Foothills Branch Library 19055 N. 57th Avenue

Thursday, Nov. 16 - Safford, Eastern Arizona College Bonita Room 1014 N. College Avenue

The proposed legislation can be downloaded and additional information can be obtained from the department's Web site at www.azgfd.gov/coppersticker

Written comment can submitted until Nov. 26 at the public meetings, through the Game and Fish Web site by clicking here or by U.S. mail to OHV Comments, c/o Joe Sacco, Arizona Game and Fish Department, 2221 W. Greenway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85023-4399.

[Economic Importance of OHV Recreation to Arizona](#)

AZGFD wins two Emmy Awards!

PHOENIX - The National Academy of Television and Arts Sciences (NATAS) is recognizing the Arizona Game and Fish Department with two Emmy awards for the long-running wildlife TV series "Arizona Wildlife Views."

The recipients were announced during the Rocky Mountain Southwest Chapter of NATAS Emmy awards ceremony held on Oct. 7, 2006 at the Hotel Valley Ho in Scottsdale. The Rocky Mountain Southwest Chapter of NATAS is comprised of television stations in Arizona, Utah and New Mexico, as well as parts of California and Wyoming.

Two "Arizona Wildlife Views" segments tied for first place in the Environment Program Feature/Segment category. Producer Carol Lynde won for the segment, "Fossil Creek," a feature about when the Arizona Public Service company discontinued operations at two historic hydroelectric power plants and allowed natural water flows to resume their journey down 14 miles of Fossil Creek. The Arizona Game

November Key Dates



and Fish Department was an active member of the coalition that helped to restore this beautiful creek, as well as to salvage and replace several species of native fish.

The other winning segment, "Alien Clean-up," addressed illegal immigrants crossing the Arizona desert, leaving behind a mountain of debris that impacts both habitat and wildlife. Game and Fish partnered with other agencies and volunteers to help clean up the environment in these areas.

"For years, 'Arizona Wildlife Views' has been an integral part of the department's efforts to communicate important wildlife topics, species and activities more effectively and directly with people across the state," said Lynde. "We're looking forward to providing future programming that will build on all of our successes."

"Arizona Wildlife Views" can be seen at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in Phoenix on Channel 8, KAET-TV, and at 6 p.m. on Sundays in Tucson on Channel 6, KUAT-TV.

For more information on show times and dates, as well as episode summaries, visit azgfd.gov/tv.

November Key Dates & Events

Nov. 4, 2006

8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Guided Bird Walk

Attend one of the guided bird walks to learn about native birds and their habitat at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum. Arboretum visitors are fortunate that some of Arizona's most skilled birders volunteer their time leading these seasonal walks. Don't miss your chance to learn visual and vocal identification alongside avian photographers Kathe Anderson and Kurt Radamaker will lead the Bird Walk Nov. 4. Walks are included with adult admission of \$7.50, or \$3 for ages 5-12. The Arboretum is located at U.S. 60, milepost 223, about one hour due east of Phoenix.

Nov. 12, 2006

8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Guided Bird Walk

Attend one of the guided bird walks at Boyce Thompson Arboretum to learn about native birds and their habitat. Arboretum visitors are fortunate that some of Arizona's most skilled birders volunteer their time leading these seasonal walks. Don't miss your chance to learn visual and vocal identification alongside Troy Corman and Tracy McCarthey. Walks are included with adult admission of \$7.50, or \$3 for ages 5-12. The arboretum is located at U.S. 60, milepost 223, about one hour due east of Phoenix.

Nov. 18, 2006



8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Guided Bird Walk

Attend the final guided Bird Walk at Boyce Thompson Arboretum to learn about native birds and their habitat. Arboretum visitors are fortunate that some of Arizona's most skilled birders volunteer their time leading these seasonal walks. Don't miss your chance to learn visual and vocal identification alongside Marceline Vandewater, Pete Moulton and Cynthia Donald. Walks are included with adult admission of \$7.50, or \$3 for ages 5-12. The arboretum is located at U.S. 60, milepost 223, about one hour due east of Phoenix.

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