

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT
HABITAT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL**

Game Branch / HPC Project Number:	14-523
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PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Southeastern Arizona Sportsmen Club Water Projects
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Region and Game Management Unit: 27, 28, 31, 32
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Local Habitat Partnership Committee (LHPC): • Safford	Was the project presented to the LHPC? YES[X] NO[]
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Has this project been submitted in previous years? YES[] NO[X] If Yes, was it funded? YES[] NO[] → Funded HPC Project #(s):

Project Type: Materials and Supplies for upcoming watering facility repairs
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Brief Project Summary: The South Eastern Arizona Sportsmen Club (SEAZSC) was established in 2003, and currently has a membership of approximately 300 members. The SEAZSC is a non-profit organization dedicated to conservation of wildlife, habitat, and our natural resources. The Club has an active Board of Directors that meets on a monthly basis; the general membership also meets monthly in Safford. Work projects are scheduled throughout the year in the outdoors so that the membership can make a positive impact on our wildlife, environment, and natural resources. Using volunteer labor and supplies, SEAZSC repairs fences, storages, pipelines and troughs throughout the four Game Management Units listed above to benefit area wildlife. The requested funds will allow us to have supplies on hand to repair water improvements that are on our task list this year. Each project entails a minimum of 80 hours, bigger projects can take up to 120 hours and repeat visits to complete.
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Big Game Wildlife Species to Benefit: Mule and white tail deer, javelina, quail, and turkey
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Implementation Schedule (Month/Day/Year): <u>Project Start Date:</u> Spring, 2015 <u>Project End Date:</u> Summer, 2015	Environmental Compliance: NEPA Completed: Yes[X] No[] N/A[] <u>Projected Completion Date:</u> all projects are NEPA compliant and only maintenance is involved, not new construction. We work through the local HPC and with FS, BLM and AZSLD. State Historic Preservation Office - Archaeological Clearance: Yes[] No[] N/A[X] Projected Completion Date: _____ Arizona Game and Fish Department EA Checklist: N/A[X] To be Completed by: _____ Projected Completion Date: _____
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PROJECT FUNDING

Special Big Game License Tag Funds Requested:	\$3500.00
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Cost Share or Matching Funds:	\$ 6000.00 (volunteer labor and some supplies)
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Total Project Costs:	\$ 9500.00
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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Applicant (please print): Southeastern AZ Sportsmen Club	Address: PO Box 399 Thatcher, AZ 85552	E-mail: wardsbuilders@q.com
Telephone: (928)651-0077		Date: 8/25/2014
AGFD Contact and Phone No. (If applicant is not AGFD personnel): Duane Aubuchon		
Project has been coordinated with: Safford HPC, AZ Game & Fish personnel (Duane Aubuchon, Devin Skinner, Steve Najjar, John Bacorn, Matt Pelto), Gila District BLM staff, Coronado and Apache Sitgreaves National Forests, Mule Deer Foundation (Terry Herndon), Antelope Foundation, area ranchers and NRCS.		

NEED STATEMENT – PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

Many existing watering facilities on public and state trust lands across the four game management units require repair and maintenance or a complete rebuild in order to function to their full capability or to bring them back in to working order.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

SEAZSC will replace or repair troughs, storage tanks, pipelines, floats, valves and fences in order to bring these important wildlife water resources back into working order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND STRATEGIES:

Projects are identified for the SEAZSC through our partnerships and membership. SEAZSC will use volunteer labor, and in some cases donated supplies to replace, maintain or otherwise fix existing water improvements to bring them back into working condition.

PROJECT LOCATION:

No projects will take place on private lands. All projects will occur on BLM, State, and FS lands across the 4 unit area.

LAND OWNERSHIP AT THE PROJECT SITE(S):

(if the project area is private property, please state specifically and provide the landowner's name)

- PUBLIC LANDS

IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A COOPERATIVE BIG GAME STEWARDSHIP or LANDOWNER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT?

YES[] NO[] N/A[]

HABITAT DESCRIPTION:

Mixed habitat (projects will benefit mule and white tail deer, javelina, turkey and quail.

ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:Special Big Game License Tag Funds

Funds will be used to purchase needed supplies, such as pipe, fencing materials, float valves, and items to repair storage tanks and drinkers.

Cost Share or Matching Funds (for volunteer labor rates please refer to the worksheet below)

5 projects have been identified for 2015. A minimum of 80 hours of volunteer labor will be needed at each project, with a maximum of 120 hours.

LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:

We work closely with BLM, FS (both Coronado and Apache Sitgreaves Forests), and AZGFD personnel both when identifying projects for future maintenance and to make sure that the group is NEPA compliant. Federal land management agencies along with Game and Fish are kept up to date on the dates maintenance activity will take place, and project progress, and completion. Many times agency and AZGFD personnel are on site when work is being done.

WOULD IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROJECT ASSIST IN PROVIDING, MAINTAINING, OR FACILITATING RECREATIONAL ACCESS?

YES[X] NO[] N/A[]

PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:

Projects will be monitored by SEAZSC members checking periodically on projects and making sure they are in working order.

PROJECT MAINTENANCE:

Same as above. The Board of Directors will ensure that past projects remain in working order.

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:

Daniel Ward

WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (please use the worksheet below):

WATER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHEET

PROJECT TITLE: South Eastern AZ Sportsmen Club water maintenance program

1) **Is the water development listed as a priority in the most recent “Wildlife Water Development Annual Implementation Schedule?”**

NO

2) **Please list the Development Branch personnel and date coordinated with for this project.**
Coordination has been w/the land management agency biologist and local Wildlife Manager.

3) **What is the estimated annual inches of precipitation for the area? (mark one)**

2-4 4-6 6-8 8-10 10-12 12-14 14-16 >16

4) **Is there a perennial water source available to big game within four miles of this project?**

YES (please complete #5 below) NO (skip #5 below)

5) **For the accessible, perennial water source nearest this project:**

Name of water source: varies

Type of water source (catchment, spring, dirt tank): catchment, spring, varied water sources

Ownership of water source: federal/state

Distance in miles from project: varies

6) **Is the target wildlife species a result of transplant efforts?** YES NO

7) **Please list any special land management status for the project site (i.e. Wilderness, National Park, National Monument). If private land, list landowner.**

8) **Please provide the following information about access to the proposed site:**

Type of access (mark one): 2x4 vehicles 4x4 only foot only**

**If foot access only: Distance in miles: _____ Approximate hiking time: _____

-- Does access to this site require crossing private or tribal lands? YES NO

-- Please describe any restrictions to public access:

9) **Please list below (or on a separate sheet) the material type and dimensions of each component proposed to be added, modified, or repaired.**

This will vary, but in general for our 2015 projects this will include supplies such as pipe, fencing materials, float valves, and items to repair storage tanks and drinkers.

10) **Was a site visit completed?** Yes No

If Yes, please list personnel that attended and date.

All projects are reviewed by the land management agency wildlife biologist and local wildlife manager, but all are simply maintenance of existing facilities, some completely non-functional.