PHEASANTS FOREVER

***The Habitat Organization***

**Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever, and Arizona**

**Game & Fish Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist Partnership**

Quarterly Progress Report – 2018 Q2

**James Eddy (J.D.) – Pinetop – AZGFD Region 1**

* **Made 14 New Landowner Contacts and 35 follow-up/previously worked with contacts**
* Multiple phone calls required with many landowners for the Elk Stewardship program 2018.
* Other new landowners either meet at meetings listed below or called into the office.
* Asked to call many of our cooperators to pass the message from the commission about our gratitude for keeping water on the landscape during fire restrictions and ask about how current water needs are being met.
* **Conducted 17 Site Visits**
* Meet with Jessie White to look at his solar well conversion on ASLD land.
* Meet with Carol Shaft and son in law Joseph to discuss a future solar well conversion on their allotment.
  + Meet with ASLD and BLM regarding juniper removal on 2 sections of Rodney Porters Allotment.
  + Meet with USFS regarding 5 proposed solar well conversions with a PAC grant and LRP involvement on the Railroad Allotment.
  + Assisted with Adopt a Ranch project with RMES at O’Haco Ranch
* Visited DJ Brimhalls cattle operation to discuss Elk Stewardship
* Visited Robbie Loudon to discuss possible access agreements as well as elk stewardship program.
* Visited Love Lake ranch to discuss a possible water project.
* Met at Timberline Ranch to discuss final details for Dobson elk stewardship agreement
* Meet with Bob Baird to discuss future involvement in juniper removal, riparian habitat projects and elk stewardship on the Elk Meadows subdivision in Nutrioso.
* Met with Lynn Ellsworth for technical advisement on his 500 acres with elk issues.
* Final documentation for 2-2 Cattle company pipeline and storage project.
* Met with Sindy DeSpain to discuss a new potential solar well conversion, latest potential project was completed last month without requiring any funding for archeological surveys from LRP.
* Visited a potential project site with The Nature Conservancy.  Easement near Sierra Blanca Lake.
* Met with Nelson Shirley for Spur Lake Cattle company potential pipeline project and wetland restoration with Tim Grosch from Partners for Fish and Wildlife program.
* Visited the Alpine Country club to assist Dennis Moyers with elk stewardship program.
* Visited Jake Issacsons potential solar well conversion on ASLD.
* **Finalized remaining Elk Stewardship and Habitat project details for end of fiscal year funding.**
* Navajo county NRCD board meeting
* Arizona Conservation meeting with Apache and Navajo counties, NRCS, USFS, and ASLD.
* Attended AZGFD EEC meeting in Phoenix (overlapped with Apache county NRCD board).
* Completed ATV training through AZGFD with NRCS staff  (organized this training for NRCS benefit within region).
* Completed helicopter training in Phoenix.
* Attended the Western Regional Meeting for Pheasants Forever/ Quail Forever.  Gave a 5 minute state update on what PF/QF/AZGFD LRP program has been doing over the last year in Arizona.
* All NRCD meeting were moved to overlap with PF/QF regional meeting so I was unable to attend that month.
* Assisted with Reeves Foundation fishing trip in the region at Nelson’s reservoir.
* Assisted with the Morenci big horn sheep capture/ mitigation effort.
* Assisted with 10 year Lyman lake fish shocking survey.
* Met with Don and Kyle to introduce Don to the region staff and activities of the area.
* Assisted Diane with summer fishing day at Fools Hollow for Showlow summer campers.
* Assisted with secretive marsh bird surveys and Jacques Marsh and Pintail Marsh with Dave.
* Attended the Navajo county NRCD board meeting where two new contacts were made.
* Assisted with bighorn sheep surveys on the Black River.  Walked two routes.
* Attended the Apache county NRCD board meeting, water projects discussed with Mr. Lann and Mr. Geisler.
* Sprayed cattail and bull rush at redhead marsh and seeded the burned and clear areas of the marsh to assist habitat branch and terrestrial branch goals.
* Assisted habitat and terrestrial branches with seeding Jacques Marsh for migrating birds.

**Sarah Gandaría – Tucson – AZGFD Region 5**

* **Started full-time with Region 5 on June 11th** 
  + **Made 6 New Landowner Contacts and 38 follow-up/previously worked with contacts**
  + Coordinated with landowners who got HPC monies awarded for projects
  + Referral from NRCS about Rancho Sin Agua
  + Reached out to several ranchers who expressed interest in programs
  + Met with Jason Schickedanz to discuss the LRP Program and possible agreement with well
  + Coordinated with State/Federal Agencies on Projects
  + Received invoices in for 3 completed cultural clearance habitat agreements
  + Received Invoice for Chris Dalley Solar Conversion Project
  + **Conducted 12 Site Visits/ Field Check-Ups**
  + Went out to San Rafael Ranch to look at potential water project with LRP
  + Met with Patina Thompson on her ranch to look at potential HPC water project
  + Assisted the Adopt-A-Ranch Program with laying out Bentonite on an HPC funded water project
  + Visited Chris Dalley's Ranch and got photos of completed project
  + Visited Santa Margarita Ranch to flag drainages and talk to contractor about HPC Brush Management
  + Visited Frank Hayes Ranch Property to talk about his SWFL project and other water projects
  + Visited Keith Ranch to talk about interest in AGFD programs, good candidate for access
  + Checked on my wildlife cameras at Date Creek Ranch and had to pull them as they were not working
  + Visited Santa Margarita Ranch to look at how the brush clearing is coming along
  + Visited Square M Ranch near Kirkland, AZ to look at solar well conversion project with rancher Justin Carter.
  + Visited Lucky Hills Ranch with Mary Ann Black to check on completed HPC project for spike aerial treatment and discussed future spike treatment projects
  + Visited Redrock Ranch near Patagonia, AZ to meet with Chris Peterson on solar well conversion project
* Completed 1 Habitat Improvement Agreement for Grassland Restoration with USFWS Partners Program
* Attended Tucson Field Office Local Working Group Meeting for NRCS
* Attended Tamarisk Beetle & Riparian Restoration Workshop in Benson, AZ
* Attended Altar Valley Brush Management Workshop with Rana
* Attended Aviation Special Use Training so I can aide in Wildlife Surveys in Aircrafts
* Attended Western Regional Pheasants Forever Team Meeting
* Attended Altar Valley Annual Community Meeting
* Attended Border Safety Training
  + Attended HPC Writing Workshop in Phoenix, AZ
  + Organized a meeting with Southern Arizona Quail Forever Chapter, AZGFD, and Pima County Natural Resources
  + Attended Southeastern Arizona HPC Meeting in Sierra Vista, AZ
  + Met with Don Larson from HQ and showed him around the region
  + Attended NRCS Climate and Cows Workshop in Tucson, AZ
  + Attended Willcox-San Simon NRCD Meeting
  + Discussed the AZGFD LRP Program
  + Assisted with Bighorn Sheep Capture at Copper Mine in Morenci, AZ

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