

AZ Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation GRANT COMPLETION REPORT

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Project Title: South Legunita Grassland Restoration Project

Organization: Altar Valley Conservation Alliance

Event/Project Completion Date: July 1, 2021

Project Location (Include info such as event center, hunting unit, etc.): 36C in Region V

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Today's Date: 7/9/2021

AZSFWC Recognition:

AZSFWC Logo and Link to AZSFWC on organization's website? (attach screen print image) Yes No

License Plate Image w/link to MVD **on organization's website?** (attach screen print image) Yes No

AZSFWC Logo displayed at event? (attach photo(s)) Yes No

AZSFWC recognized in all marketing materials & post event articles? (attach all samples) Yes No

The project and AZSFWC's support are featured on the AVCA website and were featured in AVCA's Annual Report.

List any social media recognition of AZSFWC (include all screen print images)

Was there any media or press coverage? (attach copies if available) Yes No

List any other recognition?

Summarize Project Accomplishments :

The South Legunita Grassland Restoration Project is a 1,100-acre habitat restoration area of semi-desert grassland in the southern portion of the Altar Valley. Five phases of habitat restoration have been completed through mechanical clearing of mesquite. Mesquite overgrowth had decreased the extent and patch size of grassland habitat and outcompeted native grasses that provide food for grassland obligates. The project is located on the Santa Margarita Ranch, on private and Arizona State Trust Land that borders the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge. The project benefited wildlife, ranchers, non-profit partners actively engaged in collaborative conservation, hunters and recreationists who enjoy the healthy, open landscapes of the Altar Valley, and the neighboring Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge (BANWR). The project extended a corridor of treated areas from the BANWR onto private and State lands.

This funding from the AZSFWC completed Phase 4 of the South Legunita Grassland Restoration Project. A contractor grubbed out the mesquite trees with an excavator, and brush was then then piled. Trees and brush were left in the drainages as cover for mule deer and other wildlife, and thinning tapered as uplands transition to drainages. The AGFD Landowner Relations Program matched funding on Phase 4; their program's \$25,000 portion was paid in February 2021.

Since AVCA's **initial** application to AZSFWC funding program for Phase 4, the project received funding for Phase 5, which was also recently completed by the contractor. The funding for phase 5 came from the landowner (\$12,500) and the AGFD's **Habitat** Partnership Committee program. Previous investment and work in this project include:

- Archaeological Surveys on 1,300 acres: \$30,000 Santa Margarita
- Phase 1: \$35,000 AGFD HPC and \$23,000 Partners USFWS
- Phase 2: \$15,000 AGFD Landowner Relations Program (LRP)

- Phase 3: \$50,000 AGFD HPC and \$51,723 ADEQ

Additionally, in the spring of 2021, AGFD funded cultural resources clearances for another 1000 acres adjacent to the original 5 phases that will be part of future brush clearing phases. In February 2021, AVCA and a hydrology team related to the Altar Valley Watershed Working Group visited the site, and is working on a project that would engineer the tank located at the site to better hold water, and allow water from the spillway to flow onto the landscape and increase grass growth following clearing.

Measurable Results (Fill in all that are applicable):

Attendees (If project was an event, list total # of participants, excluding staff, visiting parents, etc): N/A

Visitors (If the project is an interpretive display, list total # of annual visitors): AVCA has had approximately 70 people out to visit this site. It is not an interpretive display, but the AVCA does hold tours of project sites throughout the Altar Valley, and this site has been used on several field trips to talk about brush management.

Brochures, Pamphlets, etc. (If the project is a brochure, publication, poster or video, list the total produced and distributed): N/A

Other (please explain): Phases 4 and 5 completed: *100 acres cleared via AZSFWC funding*, 100 acres cleared via LRP funding, 50 acres cleared via HPC funding, and 50 acres cleared via landowner funding.

Budget (specifically describe how AZSFWC funds were used; e.g. program promotion, type of equipment, materials and/or supplies, etc.) **ATTACH COPIES OF ALL RECEIPTS:**

| Budget Item | Planned | Actual |
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| Excavator Contractor Payment for 100 acres of mesquite clearing | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
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Project Cooperator(s) (please include any in-kind contributions):

| Cooperator (no abbreviations) | Amount Contributors \$ |
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| Altar Valley Conservation Alliance (staff time - coordination and field trips) | \$1000 |
| Santa Margarita Ranch (Phase 5 funding) | \$12,500 |
| AGFD Landowner Relations Program (Phase 4 funding) | \$25,000 |
| AGFD Habitat Partnership Committee (Phase 5 funding) | \$12,000 |
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***The cooperators noted above only reflect Phase 4 & 5 of the full project, which were completed in June 2021.

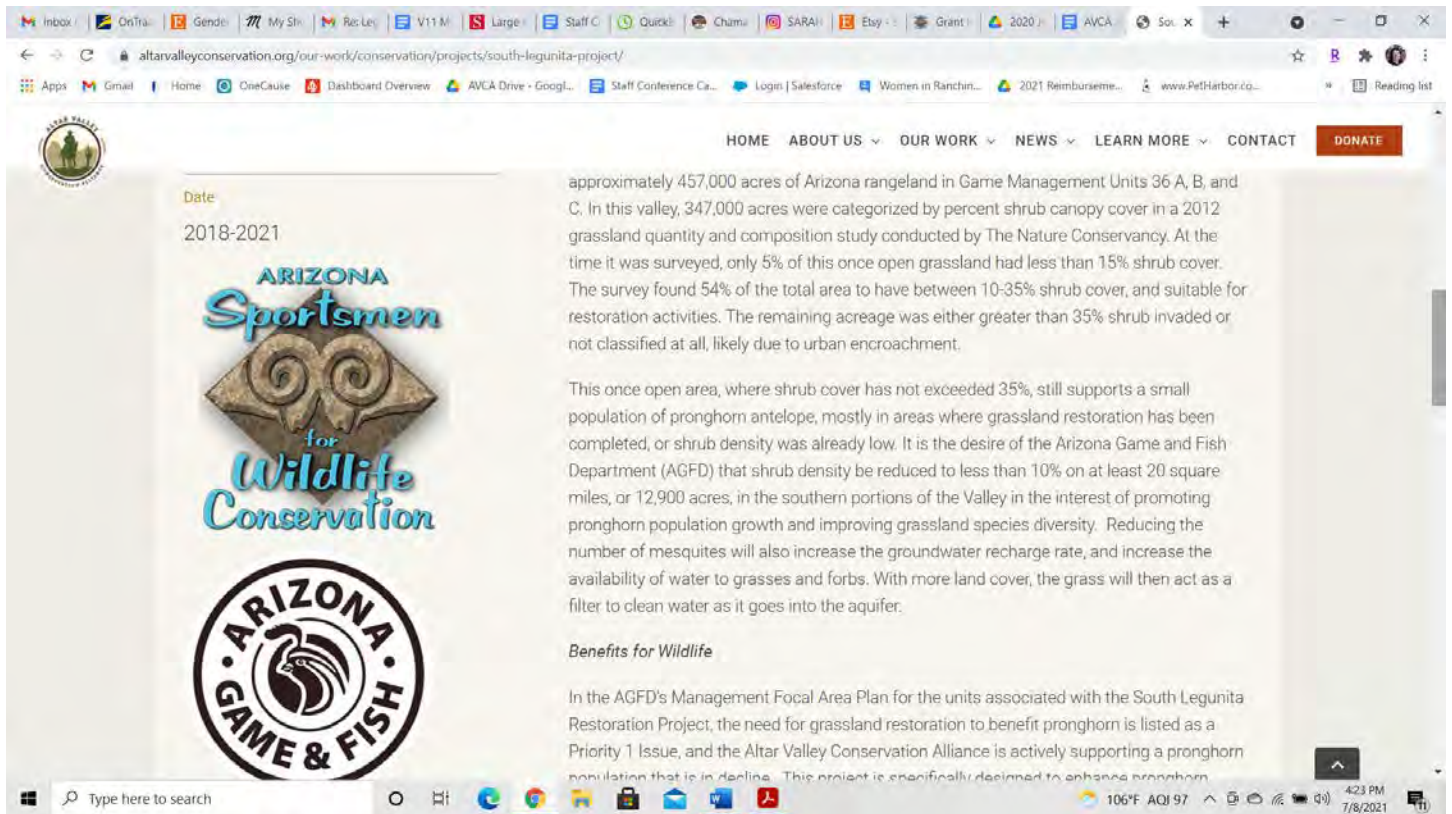
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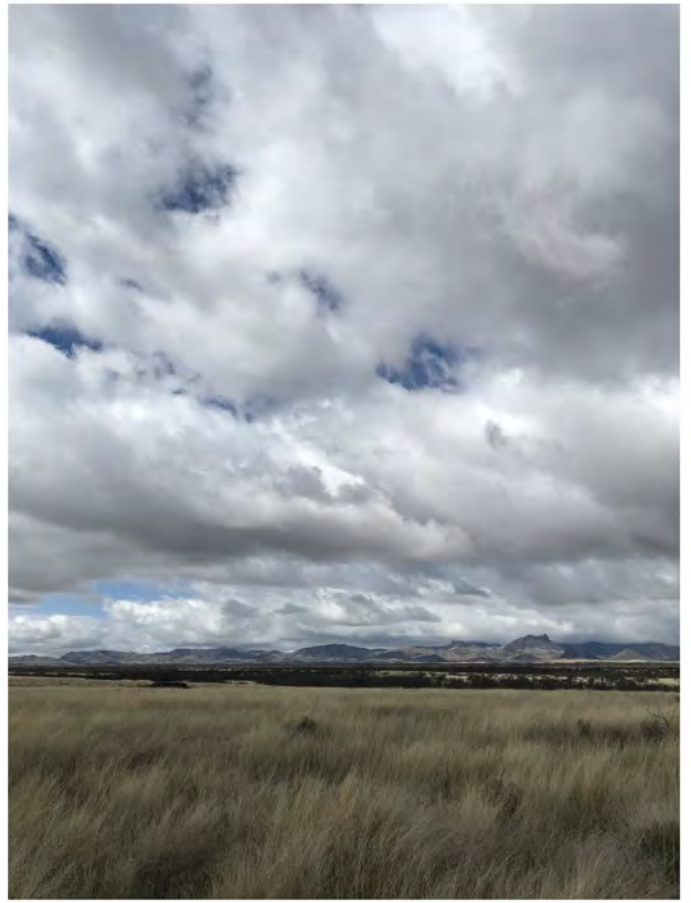
Visuals are critical to effectively communicating project accomplishments and are a requirement of AZSFWC project reporting

Following are a few photo guidelines:

- Submit photos (digital & prints are all welcome) in their original format. No photocopies please.
- Include information regarding photo credits.
- Email to info@azsfwc.org is our preferred method of receiving digital photos, but large files can submitted via CD/DVD/Flash Drive, or uploaded to an online dropbox.

Please return this completed form and supporting documentation and send along with photos to: AZ Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation Grant Program PO Box 75731 New River, AZ 85087 or e-mail to info@azsfwc.org. Phone: 602-361-6478.

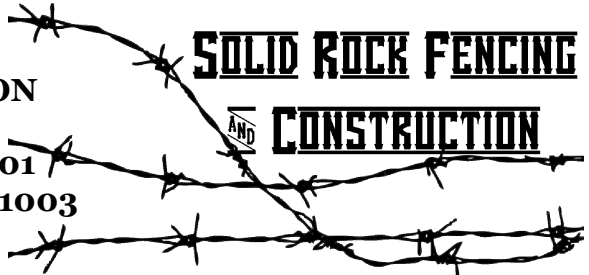












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Invoice

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| Date | Invoice # |
| 7/1/21 | 83 |

Bill To

Santa Margarita Ranch

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| Due Date | Project |
| 7/15/21 | |

| Description | Per Ft. / Item | Rate | Amount |
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| Los Encinos Mesquite Grubbing Phase 4 Excavator with thumb for brush and mesquite clearing | 100 | 250.00 | 25,000.00 |
| Los Encinos Mesquite Grubbing Phase 5 Excavator with thumb for brush and mesquite clearing Pushed brush into piles using Loader | 98 | 250.00 | 24,500.00 |

Thank you for your business

Total \$49,500.00

E-mail
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Payments/Credits \$0.00

Balance Due \$49,500.00