

Emmy Awards (National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences)

- ▶ “Arizona Wildlife Views – Show 10” in the Environment Program category
- ▶ “Later Alligator” in the Public Affairs Segment category.

Outdoor Writers Association of America Awards

- ▶ Conservation/Environment category – First Place “The Brink of Recovery”
- ▶ Conservation/Environment category – Second Place “143 Days”
- ▶ Conservation/Environment category – Third Place “Lake Powell”
- ▶ Natural History category – First Place “Four Deserts”
- ▶ Natural History category – Second Place “The Brink of Recovery”
- ▶ Outdoor Ethics category – First Place “Volunteers”
- ▶ Shooting Sports category – First Place “CHAMP Program”
- ▶ Shooting Sports category – Second Place “Girls Got Guns”

International Wildlife Film Festival

- ▶ Government Agency category – Finalist “The Brink of Recovery”

Two educational video programs were created and released by the Department in FY2007: *Non-Lead Ammunition Program* and *Espee Ranch Conservation Easement*. The non-lead ammunition program is a DVD that was mailed to every hunter who drew a mule deer tag on the Kaibab Plateau to educate them about the Department’s free non-lead ammunition program and the dangers of lead poisoning among California condors. The Espee ranch video details the opportunity to create a conservation easement on 90,000 acres of grassland in northern Arizona. The Audio-Visual Department also created five videos for the Wildlife for Tomorrow Banquet which profiled this year’s inductees into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame.

Access Subprogram

OVERVIEW:

One job makes up the subprogram:

1. Heritage Public Access

Project information: Administrative work was conducted at the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Development Branch, 2221 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85023-4399; the Department’s Regional Offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, and Mesa; and other statewide locations, as necessary. Fieldwork was conducted statewide.

JOBS (Summary of Activities):

Landowner Relations Program

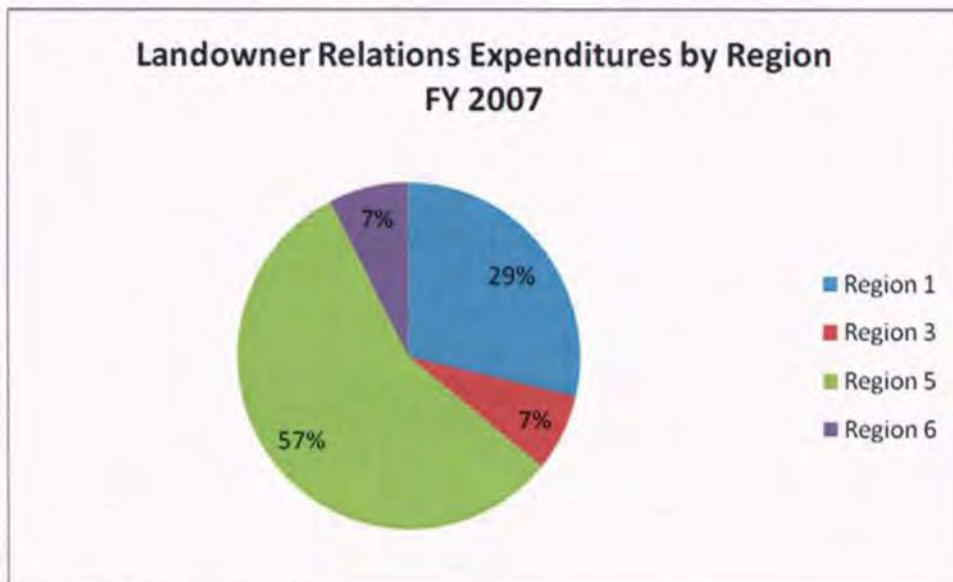
Objectives:

To administer the Heritage funded Public Access Program by which the Department can collaboratively enhance opportunities for the public to enjoy wildlife by identifying lands and waters that are closed to the public or that do not have sufficient access and work with all interested

parties to meet recreation and other access needs. To administer statewide the Heritage funded Public Access Program by which the Department can work collaboratively with private landowners and land management agencies to enhance opportunities for the public to enjoy wildlife through maintaining, enhancing and restoring public access on lands in Arizona.

Summary of Activities:

The Heritage Access project (Heritage Access Grant-In-Aid, Landowner Respect Program, and the Adopt-A-Ranch program) was administered through the Department's Landowner Relations Program. The Project focused on establishing working relationships between landowner/lessees, recreational user groups, land management agencies, and the Department. A cost benefit analysis is completed for each Access project. The Department uses the best available data to determine the amount of recreational usage an area will receive (based on the number big and small game hunters, etc.). Dollar figures are then generated by the US Fish & wildlife Service 2001 national report for average expenditures per outing and generate a dollar value to the state in order to show the benefit to the State.



Featured Access Projects:

🦅 **HOPI 3 Canyon Ranches:** This project entailed working with the Hopi Tribe and NRCS to improve grassland and water distribution on three ranches. The Department provided \$40,000 towards this project in exchange for two years of hunter access to the ranches. This funding was matched by \$450,000 of NRCS funding and landowner efforts.

🦅 **Pima County Ranches:** Worked with Pima County to provide funding for several water distribution and riparian and grassland restoration projects on three ranches purchased by the county for conservation purposes. The Department provided \$80,000 towards this project in exchange for 20 years of hunter access to the ranches.

🦅 **Verde River Access:** This project entailed working with Arizona State Parks to secure a new boating access to the Verde River near Cottonwood, Arizona. The Department contributed

\$10,000 towards establishing a permanent access to the river and the construction of a parking lot for the users.

▶ **Porter Access Project:** Worked with the rancher and NRCS to provide funding for a grassland restoration and some wildlife waters on the ranch. The Department provided \$20,000 towards this project in exchange for three years of hunter access to the ranches. This funding was matched by \$180,000 of NRCS funding and landowner efforts.

▶ **Lackner Brothers Ranch Project:** This project entailed working with the landowner to install a solar pump and keep water in several drinkers on a year round basis for wildlife. The Department provided \$15,000 towards this project in exchange for two years of hunter access through the ranch to US Forest Service lands beyond the ranch.

▶ **T Link Ranch Project:** This project acquired a perpetual easement across the private portion of T Link Ranch for \$45,000. This payment will be used by the landowner to do a project with the US Forest service that will improve the ranch through prescribed burns and improving water availability for livestock and wildlife.

▶ **Arizona Hunters Who Care:** This group participates in the Adopt-A-Ranch program, and conducts biannual cleanups of litter left by undocumented aliens on multiple ranches in southern Arizona. During this spring's project, the group was able to organize 177 volunteers for the cleanup. The project was so successful that there was a story about the litter problem and the volunteer's efforts on the Tucson news.

Administrative and Support Services

OVERVIEW:

One job makes up the subprogram:

1. Heritage Program Administration

Project Information: Administrative work and support services were conducted at the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Development Branch, 2221 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85023-4399; the Department's Regional Offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, and Mesa; and other statewide locations, as necessary.

JOBS (Summary of Activities):

Heritage Program Administration

Objective: To ensure annually the program, planning, granting, budget and audit accountability for the Heritage fund to the level at which the job is being conducted, including coordination and annual reporting to the Legislature.

Administrative related activities are used to support the department's management activities relative to Heritage funded jobs.