AWF Newsletter
September 2013

AWF MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, September 12, 2013 | 7:30 pm
Domingo Baca Center *(note different location for this month's meeting!)*

Guest Speaker: Kurt Menke

Topic: Conservation GIS in the Southwest: Adventures of a Solo GIS Consultant

Our speaker for the September 12, 2013 AWF meeting will be Kurt Menke, a certified GIS Professional (GISP) with 16 years of experience. He received a Master's degree (MA) in Geography from the University of New Mexico and founded Bird's Eye View in 2000 to apply his expertise with mapping technology on the world's mounting ecological and social problems. Towards this end, he focuses largely on natural and cultural resources. Kurt has extensive experience modeling potential wildlife habitat and habitat connectivity. He is the Chair of the Tijeras Canyon Safe Passage Coalition and President of the Grand Canyon Wildlands Council.

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SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECT:
Limestone Canyon, September 13-15, 2013

THE PROJECT: For our September project, we are retuning to a favorite site of many AWF volunteers, Limestone Canyon in the San Mateo Mountains The Forest Service has expanded the area that we are allowed to work in and we look forward to holding restoration projects here for years to come.

Our work this time around will focus on building rock structures to help retain water in the riparian area and restore several wet meadows. AWF has been working in this area since 2007 and our efforts have had a very positive impact on the stream system. Last year we were pleased to discover that narrowleaf cottonwoods had germinated in the canyon for the first time in many years.

LOCATION: Limestone Canyon is located San Mateo Mountains southwest of Socorro, New Mexico. It is about a two and a half hour drive from Albuquerque.

GEAR: Bring everything you need for a weekend of camping. For the work, don't forget gloves, hat, long sleeves, long pants, sturdy boots, and sunscreen. Warm clothes for the evenings and plenty of water are essential. Plan for unpredictable New Mexico weather, including sun, rain, and wind. Nights in Limestone Canyon at this time of year often drop down into the 30's.

FOOD: AWF will provide breakfast burritos on Saturday morning and bison or veggie burgers on Saturday evening. Please bring something to share for the Saturday potluck dinner, along with your own lunches, Friday dinner, and Sunday breakfast. AWF will provide snacks and water (please bring your own mug or water bottle).

TO SIGN UP:
Contact Scial at rioscial@gmail.com
Directions and details will be sent to you after you sign up

Thanks to our volunteers!

Participants in AWF's August Volunteer Service Project:

Dolores Barbero
Sam Beard
Braden Belliveau
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Rachel Boothby
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Phil Carter
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RECAP OF AUGUST SERVICE PROJECT

Valles Caldera - August 16-18, 2013

In August, AWF volunteers returned to the Valles Caldera and partnered with Los Amigos de Valles Caldera to complete the willow planting and fence exclosures we started in July and to build a number of rock structures (including several sizeable Zuni bowls, rock rundowns, and a filter dam) to help prevent erosion and hold more water in the landscape.

The area where we built most of the rock structures was at the convergence of two major drainages. When a road was constructed through the area many years ago, water was diverted into a ditch, drying out the meadows and increasing the sediment and temperature of San Antonio Creek, a major tributary to the Jemez River. Now that restoration experts are diverting the water back onto these meadows, our rock structures will help slow the flow of run-off and improve fish habitat in the San Antonio.

See many more photos of this and other AWF volunteer service projects at: abq.nmwildlife.org

2013 AWF Project Schedule

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

✔ MARCH 23	Local day project in the Albuquerque Open Space
✔ APRIL 19 to 21	Cebolla Canyon, SE of Grants, NM
✔ MAY 17 to 19	Zuni Mountains
✔ JUNE 15 & JUNE 29	Glorieta Mesa
✔ JULY 19 to 21	Valles Caldera
✔ AUGUST 16 to 18	Valles Caldera
SEPTEMBER 13 to 15	Limestone Canyon in the San Mateo Mountains
OCTOBER 19	Local day project with the Sandia Ranger District

UPCOMING WILDLIFE EVENTS

Discover Andean Condors and Huémul Deer

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2013, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
PAJARITO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER (PEEC)
Los Alamos, NM

Spend an evening with Chilean Patagonian naturalists Gladys Garay and Oscar Guineo, as they present the findings from their wildlife studies on two fascinating animals: the Andean Condor and Huémul Deer.

More information: http://www.pajaritoeec.org/

Tarantulas!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013, 3:00 p.m.
CERRILLOS HILLS STATE PARK
Cerrillos, NM

Spiders the size of doughnuts. Where are they going? What are they doing? Come find out on this creepy jaunt through the hills. Meet at the park entrance, 1/2 mile north of Cerrillos village on County Rd 59. Cost is $5 per vehicle, exact change cash or check.

More information: http://www.cerrilloshills.org/events/tarantulas

Valles Caldera 2013 Forage Utilization Study

SEPTEMBER 23-27, 2013 (volunteers needed for any day that week)
VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL MONUMENT

Contact Conor Flynn, Vegetation Ecologist at the Valles Caldera National Preserve for more information on the project and how to volunteer.
Email: cflynn@vallescaldera.gov

Have something you'd like to see listed here? Please send it in for next month!

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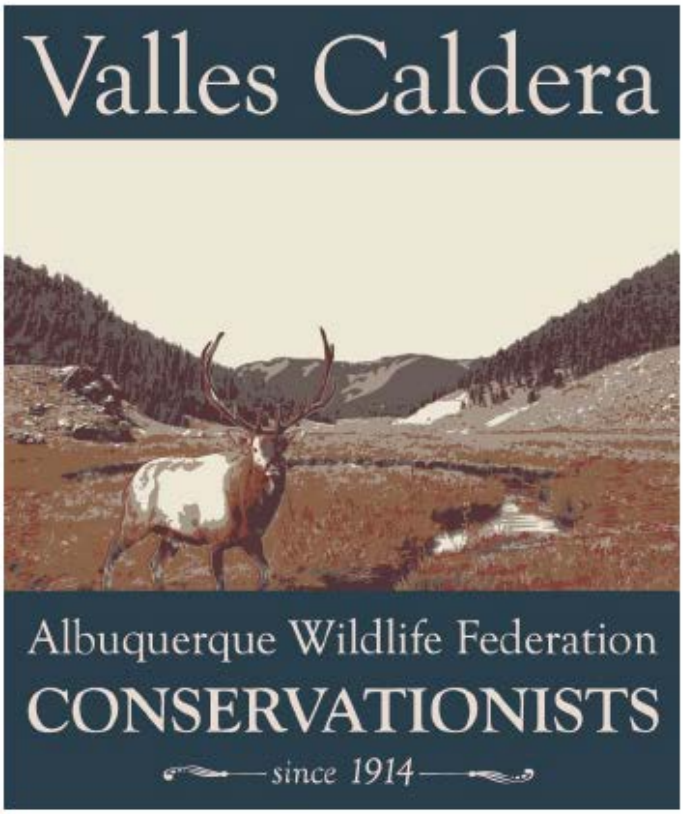
JOIN AWF!

Become a part of this unique all-volunteer organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of New Mexico's wildlife and habitat!

If you enjoy attending AWF's monthly meetings or weekend service projects, we hope you'll help us make them possible by becoming a member! And if you're already a member, please consider buying an AWF-exclusive Valles Caldera T-shirt for yourself or as a gift for a friend or family member.



AWF's Valles Caldera T-shirt was designed by Stephen Bohannon, the graphic artist and AWF board member who designed our popular Valle Vidal shirt a few years ago. It is printed on an organic cotton shirt and available in sizes S, M, L, & XL.

Price: $25 Shipping: $5

To order, mail in the form below or email your order to: abqwildlifefederation@gmail.com

AWF Membership Application

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❒ Yes, I'd like to join AWF! ❒ This is a gift membership from: _____

name(s): _____

address: _____

city, state, zip: _____

phone: _____ email: _____

❒ Student (under 18) ___ $10
❒ Individual _____ $25
❒ Family _____ $35
❒ Sustaining _____ $50-99
❒ Patron _____ $100
❒ Lifetime _____ $500 (*one-time payment*)

Dues: $_____

Extra Contribution: $_____

T-shirt & Shipping: $_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $_____