

Statewide Shooting Range Update
For the Arizona Game and Fish Commission
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Pinetop, AZ

3-Points Shooting Range

- **Homeland Security** - The Tucson Rifle Club has provided the border patrol the use of the black powder range to conduct qualifications and practice shoots Mondays through Fridays. The Department continues to review the possibility of entering into an agreement with the border patrol for use of the range and future development.
- **Lateral Berm Construction** – The Department has concluded the initial construction evaluation on the east lateral berm of the 500 meter range. Construction is scheduled to begin October.
- **Topographical Survey**-The Department will conclude receiving quotes for conducting an aerial/topographical survey on September 20th. A contractor will be selected to conduct this survey in late September. This survey will be used to determine contours and the necessary requirements for fill dirt in constructing berms.

7- Mile Range

- **Construction of Lateral Berms** – The Department has completed the construction of the lateral berm between the 200 yard public range and the pistol bays. The Department and the Mohave Sportsman’s Club are evaluating the possibility to continue construction on the pistol bay impact berm with the existing contractor.

Adair Shooting Range

- **Range Acquisition** – The Department met with the President of Adair Ranges Inc. to discuss the possibility of transferring Adair Range from Yuma County to the Department. A meeting is being scheduled by the President of Adair Ranges Inc., to include the Department, representatives of Yuma County and Commissioner Woodhouse to evaluate the benefit of transferring Adair Range from Yuma County to the Department. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for late September.

Ben Avery Shooting Facility

- **Master Plan** – The Department has reviewed the final draft conceptual design. An open house meeting will be scheduled in early October to provide user group and focus group participants the opportunity to view conceptual design. The Department will present the Final Draft Master Plan including the conceptual design to the Commission in October for their review and will ask for their approval at the December Commission Meeting.
- **Bench Rest** – The bench rest range is 85% complete and will be fully completed as new material is donated.

- **Archery Range Improvements-** The Department completed work realigning practice targets on the fixed distance range and FITA practice ranges to address safety issues. The Department is providing foam broadhead target butts on the fixed distance range to address safety issues related to using correct targets for their intended purpose. A fence has been completed on the youth archery range to address safety and security concerns.
- **Archery Camp** – The Department held Archery Youth Day Camps for 15 participants each Wednesday through the end of August.
- **Evening League Shooting** – The first annual summer banquet for the archery and smallbore leagues were held on August 14th for 85 participants.

Ben Avery Clay Target Center

- **Trap and Skeet Fields** – Native Mesquite and Palo Verde trees have been planted behind the trap and skeet line to provide shade.
- **Water Fountains** – Trenching and piping was completed on 15 Trap and Skeet line canopies to install electric water fountains. The water fountains will be installed by late September.
- **ADA Access** – Trap and Skeet Field 16 has been completely renovated to provide ADA access.
- **Business/Visitor Center** - The architectural remodeling plans are final and the Department will complete the bid process on September 15th and begin construction as soon as a contractor is selected.
- **RV Campground** - The Department will complete the bid process for the electrical component of this project on September 5th and schedule work to begin as soon as a contractor is selected. The required permit application for constructing the RV campground is being reviewed by the Maricopa County Environmental Services Division.
- **Registered Events** - The Department held two registered shooting events in August. A registered skeet shoot on August 19th with 14 shooters and a registered sporting clays event on August 18th with 73 shooters.

Cottonwood Shooting Range

- **Range Development** – The Department is currently working in an advisory capacity to assist the Yavapai County Supervisor and his staff with the shooting range development process. A meeting has been scheduled on September 17th by the Yavapai County Supervisor and the newly formed Central Arizona Sportsman’s Association to discuss the possibility of developing a shooting range in the Cottonwood area.

Northern Arizona Shooting Range

- **Proposed Action** – The Department submitted the Proposed Action for a land exchange to acquire the Willard Springs site to develop a shooting range to the Coconino National Forest (CNF) Supervisor on August 16th. The Department met with the CNF on August 23rd to further discuss any limiting factors associated with the Proposed Action and identified additional requirements that will be presented in an addendum by early September. The Department will be meeting with the Regional Forester in mid September during the annual coordination meeting where the Proposed Action will be discussed. Acceptance of the Proposed Action by the Forest Service will initiate the NEPA process in which the issues identified will be addressed.

Prescott Rifle Club - Granite Mountain Shooting Range

- **Range Relocation** - The Department has scheduled a meeting with the Prescott National Forest (PNF) and the Prescott Rifle Club for September 17th to begin the application process and the first steps in issuing a Special Use Permit to the Department for the development of a shooting range.

Rio Salado Sportsmen's Club - Usery Mountain Shooting Range

- **Land Transfer / Hold Harmless Issue** - The Department has submitted the Best Management Practices Program (BMPP) for lead exposure as requested by the ADOA for final approval.
- **Maintenance Facility** - The Habitat Branch is in the process of completing the EA checklist and approval of the notice to proceed on this facility.

Sierra Vista Range

- **Topographical Survey** - The Department will conclude receiving quotes for conducting an aerial/topographical survey on September 20th. A contractor will be selected to conduct this survey late September. This survey will be used to determine contours and the necessary requirements for fill dirt in constructing berms.
- **Berm Construction** – The Sierra Vista Sportsman's Club is in the process of acquiring material and dirt to re-construct impact and lateral berms on the main range and pistol bays.
- **Fencing of Range** – The Department has scheduled a meeting September 20th with the contractor to do a site evaluation on the construction of the new fence on the south side of the range.

Tri-State Shooting Range

- **Site Location** - The Department continues to monitor the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation process. The National Historic Preservation Act - Section 106 process is nearing an end and a decision will be issued afterward by the BLM.

White Mountain Trap and Skeet Club

- **Road Improvements** - The Department has received a bid from the contractor to fix a portion of the road leading to the trap and skeet club. An agreement to complete the project is being developed and work is scheduled to begin in late September.

Wickenburg Sportsman's Association

- **Range Relocation** - The Department met with the Wickenburg Sportsman's Association (WSA) and is currently working on drafting an agreement that will outline the roles and responsibilities of the WSA and the Department in the development of an R&PP application to develop a shooting range near Wickenburg. WSA continues to have dialogue with other area clubs from Surprise and Peoria to develop a partnership in this endeavor.