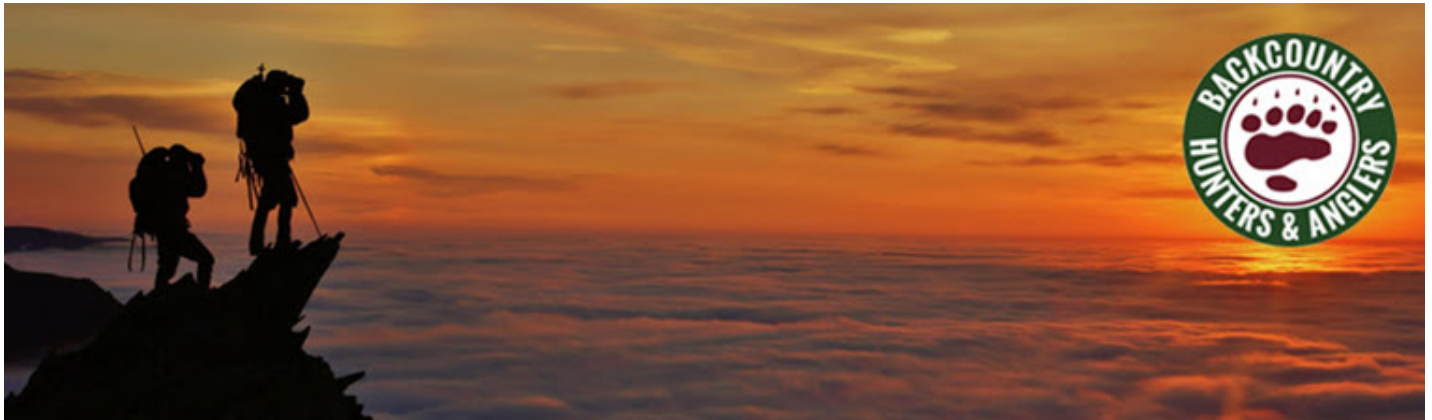

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Friend --

We hope everyone is staying healthy and safe to start out our summer. It is starting to heat up and thoughts have turned from spring bear and turkey to trout streams and mountain lakes. If you can't make it up to the stream of your dreams, take a look at fly fishing for carp in the valley for a quick morning trip to beat the heat. Hike to hunt has started up and we have group hikes lined up for July. Come on out, say hi, and help break in those new boots before the season! As I am writing this AZGFD is hitting cards for the fall draw. We hope you drew the tag you wanted and continue to enjoy our public lands with your family this summer.

Arizona News

Virtual Pint Nights

We have lined up Josh Kirchner (dialeadinhunter) for our next virtual pint night on July 24th. He will be discussing a multitude of topics including his book *Becoming a Backpack Hunter: A Beginner's Guide to Hunting the Backcountry*. It should be a great time and a great learning opportunity for everyone. The Zoom link and details haven't been finalized as of yet but if you want to attend email us at arizona@backcountryhunters.org if you are interested and we will get you the link as soon as it is available. We hope to see a bunch of you there!

Hike to Hunt

Hike to Hunt is in full swing and we already have had a couple of group hikes in June.

We have more upcoming in July as well! July 11th Justin Nelson our Arizona Chapter Chair will be leading a group hike at [Usery Mountain Park](#) at 5:30 AM. Bring your bow to knock some rust off of

your form and shoot a few arrows after the hike.

July 19th Board Member and R3 Coordinator Don Haven will be hosting a climb of Humphreys Peak at 9AM. [Meet at the Humphreys Peak Trail Parking](#) and enjoy some hopefully great weather.

Keep an eye on our calendar located [HERE](#) for hikes as they are added or full details of the hikes you plan on attending. Keep an eye on social media as well for updates if you prefer.

Check out this shot of some motivated public land owners that hiked the Abineau-Bear Jaw Loop with AZ Board Member Wolf Gumerman:



For the full scoop on the challenge and to sign up click the link [HERE](#).

Sonoran Desert National Monument OHV Signs

June 27th AZBHA in partnership with the BLM installed signs to promote responsible OHV use on the Sonoran Desert National Monument. AZBHA had previously installed some signs here and received feedback that the signs seemed to really help curb some of the off trail use that the BLM was trying to avoid. We were asked back to install more of these signs and of course we were more than happy to help. With the South Maricopa Mountains Wilderness and the North Maricopa Mountains Wilderness within the monument, education on responsible use is an important issue.



M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Wild and Scenic River Act

Do you love native Gila Trout? Do you want to see their native waters protected? Well they aren't just native to Arizona you know, they are native to New Mexico as well. Senate bill 3670 (M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Wild and Scenic River Act) will help protect the waters that they call home. Check out this great article written by our own Chapter Coordinator Katie DeLorenzo for the details.

Full article [HERE](#).

Arizona Collegiate Clubs

We are looking to expand our BHA Collegiate Clubs in Arizona. If you are a student, staff, or faculty at an Arizona college or university and are interested in starting a BHA Collegiate Chapter contact:

schumacher@backcountryhunters.org

National News

Senate Passes Great American Outdoors Act

"WASHINGTON – The U.S. Senate voted 73-25 today to pass the Great American Outdoors Act, bipartisan legislation being called a "once in a generation" opportunity to fund conservation and access in the United States.

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers commended senators for passage of the bill, which would fully dedicate funds to the Land and Water Conservation Fund at \$900 million annually and fund maintenance backlogs on public lands and waters at \$9.5 billion over five years, and urged members of [the House of Representatives to pass identical legislation](#)."

More work still needs to be done. We are nearing the finish line for this important legislation and the President has signaled he is willing to sign this legislation as is with no amendments. Call your representatives at (202) 224-3121 and let them know that you want them to cosponsor the bill and pass it with NO amendments. Let our elected officials know that you support this legislation and our public lands and waters. If you are looking for more information or context for this great piece

of bipartisan legislation check out BHA National Board of Directors member [Ben O'Brien's recent podcast with Land Tawney](#).

Read the full article [HERE](#).

BHA Asks Senate to Reject William Pendley as BLM Head

MISSOULA, Mont. – Backcountry Hunters & Anglers responded today to [the Trump administration's announcement](#) of its intention to nomination William Perry Pendley, a well-known advocate of the sale of public lands, as director of the Bureau of Land Management and urged Senate members to oppose Pendley's nomination.

BHA President and CEO Land Tawney pressed U.S. senators to show their support of American public lands and waters by opposing Pendley's nomination as head of the BLM.

"It's high time that the administration is moving forward to fill this critical leadership position, one that has remained vacant for over three years and one that we have repeatedly requested," said Tawney. "The importance of the role of the Bureau of Land Management, which oversees more public lands and waters than another other agency, cannot be overstated.

"William Perry Pendley has built a career on attempting to dismantle our public lands and waters and take down agencies like the BLM," continued Tawney. "His views and actions should repulse anyone who cares about our shared landscapes. We look forward to Mr. Pendley's resume receiving scrutiny and thorough vetting through the Senate confirmation process. And we look forward to our Senate leaders concluding that Mr. Pendley must not be given the keys to the BLM."

Read the full press release [HERE](#).

BHA Armed Forces Initiative

At BHA we recognize that members of the North American Armed Forces are a critical constituency when it comes to the defense of our wild public lands and waters. The men and women who have bravely served are to thank for the freedoms that allow North American sportsmen and women to enjoy our outdoor opportunities and traditions.

Service is and always has been core to BHA's mission, and the values that guide us are heavily influenced by military personnel. Mike Beagle, a former U.S. Army field artillery officer, started BHA around an Oregon campfire in 2004. David Petersen, a former U.S. Marine Corps helicopter pilot, founded our very first chapter in the state of Colorado that same year. These and other military members have helped BHA become the largest stronghold of public land advocates in the continent.

BHA's Armed Forces Initiative strives to ensure that veterans and active duty military personnel continue to take active roles as public land owners while providing a constructive outlet for current or transitioning service members to continue selfless service and enjoy the camaraderie of likeminded individuals.

See more about the initiative [HERE](#).

Wrap Up

In person events are slowly beginning to ramp up but are contingent on how events unfold and are still a bit precarious. We will be planning and executing them as often as we can responsibly. We look forward to seeing you as soon as we can do so safely. Stay happy, healthy, and take time to enjoy the great outdoors.

To stay up-to-date on what events may be planned in the future check out our calendar on our events page [HERE](#). As things are planned we will put them there so you can see what we have in the works and come join us. Some events may not have solid locations as of yet, but we are working to get things ironed out and get our members more notice of our events to help you plan to attend. Thanks for your support as always and hope to see you soon.

Don't forget to tag us in all of your outdoor adventures with the hashtag #AZBHA. Come check out what we are up to at: [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

If you are interested in volunteering with the AZ chapter of BHA click the link and let us know! Help us grow the organization and make our public lands better for those that come after us.

https://www.backcountryhunters.org/volunteer_opportunities

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