



Grant Status Report - October 2008

ADEQ Peterson Wash Rehabilitation Drew John tells me that we should be on schedule for completion by the new extension date, December 2009.

ADEQ Gila River Clean up Project - This project was developed to clean up an illegal dumpsite along the Gila River. Clean up is ongoing. We have received permission from ADEQ to add a soil berm to the riverbanks. The berms are intended to visually enhance areas where you can still see small portions of the cabled-together vehicles. We will finish the project this winter.

ADEQ Kaler Ranch II, and WPF Kaler Ranch II – Work is almost complete. However, we are going to keep the AWPf grant open for a year, so that we can complete one monitoring session one year after the completion of the grant, so that we can evaluate the success of the grant more clearly.

San Simon Legacy Database - This project involves scanning thousands of photos of the San Simon Valley and inserting into a queryable database that can be accessed by BLM personnel. The U of A personnel that work for Kristine Uhlman are working on the project. It will be complete by spring.

BLM Buzzard Roost and UDI Cleanup – We are moving forward. Work has begun on the project, and the contractor has indicated that it should cost less than originally anticipated.

The Gila River Restoration Project at Apache Grove – We are proceeding. The aerial survey needs to be completed first.

E-coli Reduction on the San Francisco River – The pre-application was well received by ADEQ, and we will soon have a meeting to determine what changes we need to make before submitting our final application. The application includes hiring a coordinator to organize meetings, and do the necessary research, writing an implementation plan, and implementing the projects in the plan. It will probably be a multi-year project, with other grants being recommended for subsequent years.

Graham and Greenlee Counties Mobile Home Recycling Research Project – Unfortunately, this grant was not approved for funding. Even though the grant is not due until January, I am already reviewing other similar projects that have been successful in other communities, so that I can determine how to structure our reapplication.

ADEQ Education Master Watershed Steward Program Grant – Bill Brandau, his staff and I have been working on this grant. So far, we have selected the instructors for the grant, developed the course syllabus, completed the coordination with Eastern Arizona Community College (as it will be offered through the college as a for-credit course) and are reviewing and rewriting the curriculum materials for the project. It's going to be a great project.

The Pinaleno Partnership Dzil Nchaa Si'An / Mt. Graham Youth Practicum Education Project Grant Steve Marlatt, the new Pinaleno Partnership coordinator, is working to see how we

can revise the project, to utilize this grant, as their program has changed. We are waiting for the partnership to decide if they want to move forward with the grant.

The Gila River Water Conservation Education Grant This is a water conservation grant. It has been awarded to be funded by the commissioners. It will match a grant that was awarded to the Graham County Cooperative Extension office. Our thanks to the Water Protection fund and the commissioners!

The Wildbunch Allotment Riparian Restoration Grant It is intended to build exclosures for three riparian areas in upper Greenlee County, and supply alternative water sources for the livestock permittees. It has been selected for funding by the Arizona Water Protection Fund commission. Our thanks to the Water Protection fund and the commissioners!

The Upper Eagle Creek Riparian Restoration at Filleman Crossing– This grant will repair a road crossing on Upper Eagle Creek in Greenlee County. The project will have long term and far reaching benefits to the Upper Eagle Creek riparian area. It has been selected for funding by the Arizona Water Protection Fund commission. Our thanks to the Water Protection fund and the commissioners!