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Cows at Horseshoe Draw — Photo by John Ladd

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Summer, 2019 Newsletter

Chairman's Corner

Greetings!

As I'm writing this *Chairman's Corner*, it's sprinkling! Hopefully this is a preview of coming attractions.

The District has mailed the survey out and we have had several responses already. We are planning workshops to address people's conservation concerns. If you have responded, thank you. If you haven't done so, please do.

I will be attending Arizona Association of Conservation Districts' (AACD's) Summer Convention, July 9, 10, and 11. This year, the Chief of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a guest speaker. His attendance might be a first for Arizona and is a golden opportunity for the districts to voice their concerns for future programs.

Rest assured the Hereford NRCD is out in front of your conservation concerns. If you have an issue we haven't addressed, let us know and we will get on it.

Here's to a good rainy season,

John



**Working Together to Enhance
Our Natural Resources**

Board Welcomes Mike Hayhurst



Mike Hayhurst at the Cochise County Complex,
Sierra Vista, AZ

The Hereford NRCD Board of Supervisors is pleased to welcome Mike Hayhurst as an addition to the Board. Pat Call was forced to resign when he became the Sierra Vista Justice of the Peace. Mike was appointed the new Supervisor and has been confirmed by the Arizona State Land Department. Mike had been an HNRCD Board Advisor for many years.

Mike and Jeannie Hayhurst purchased the Brookline Ranch in 1988. When it was purchased it was extremely overgrazed and all the improvements were in a state of complete disrepair. They started with a herd of less than 20 cows and have built the ranch to a 100 head cow/calf operation. They've worked with the NRCS to develop deferred grazing plans, pasture rotation, improved waters, internal fencing, and brush control to make the ranch very productive.

Mike and Jeannie are committed conservationists who also believe American agricultural production is necessary for our national security. They have been particularly successful with the use of SPIKE in the eradication of brush. Their commitment to range restoration led to them being selected the 2006 Range Managers of the Year by the Society for Range Management.

Mike, a chemist by education and a long time school teacher and high school football coach, has served on the Hereford NRCD Board and has been their representative on the Upper San Pedro Partnership. Mike is a native Arizonan and comes from an Arizona territorial ranching family.

AZ Game & Fish Department Videos

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) produced a series of videos featuring rancher and farmer perspectives on hunting, land management, wildlife conservation, and issues regarding impacts from recreational uses on private, state, and federal lands.

Hereford NRCD's John Land and Whitewater Draw NRCD's Fred Davis were featured in one of the videos. Here is the link to their video: <https://youtu.be/JghWntA4ic8> AZGFD said the intent of the videos is to highlight how the efforts of ranchers and farmers benefit wildlife through improvements made to private, state, and federal lands and to spread the message of how respect and proper etiquette helps keep public access open.

AZGFD plans to promote these videos by making them available to interested parties to show, use, and share through You Tube, Facebook, showing the videos as part of their Hunter Education Course, and referencing the video links in Department hunting and fishing regulations pamphlets.

AZGFD recognized John Ladd and Fred Davis with leather bound certificates for their *outstanding contributions in support of our hunting heritage*. The Ladd and Davis ranchers have worked continuously on grassland restoration, water availability, and distribution of water on their outfits, benefiting all wildlife as well as their livestock.

The HNRCD would like to thank Brad Fulk—Game Warden Supervisor, Region 5, AZGFD for his tireless work and all that he contributes, not only to AZGFD but to the community at large.



John Ladd (R) & Fred Davis (M) receiving honors .

Hereford District Launches Mass Mailing Project

Hoping to educate more people as to just what the HNRCD is and what kinds of resource conservation areas can be addressed by individuals the HNRCD randomly mailed over 3,400 postcards to owners of small acreages within the District. The postcards feature a computer link to an online survey regarding conservation issues and targeted 4-40 acre land owners. On smaller parcels the owners tend to be non-producing; in other words, don't farm or raise livestock on their land to make their living. That doesn't mean there are no natural resource conservation issues or that there is no informational help available.

The HNRCD is collecting data from the survey results and will use the data to put on free workshops in the areas of greatest concern.

If you did not receive a post card but would like to participate in the three to four minute survey just go to the link on the post card.

Habitat Committee Partnership Workshop

If you are looking for money to fund wildlife habitat projects then this free workshop may be for you. Attend and learn about the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) Habitat Partnership Committee (HPC). Hear from AZGFD staff and other personnel involved on where the money comes from, what types of projects are funded, and the history of the program.

This workshop will also go into what reviewers are looking for and how to submit the best quality proposal. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the workshop, as well as time to get project specific questions answered.

Seats will be capped at 40 people—registration is required. To register follow this link: <https://sites.google.com/view/hpc-workshop/home>

A webinar option is also currently being planned.

This workshop is put on by AZGFD and Quail Forever staff.

If any issues arise with registration, please email sgadaria@pheasantsforever.org or kklima@azgfd.gov.

HEREFORDNRCD
Making a difference since 1944

MISSION STATEMENT:
Working together to enhance our natural resources

VISION STATEMENT:
To provide assistance to achieve conservation of natural resources by promoting policies and practices that are economically feasible and environmentally responsible

**The HNRCD wants to know what we can do to make your property a better place.**

WE SUPPORT

- Erosion Control
- Invasive Plant Species Control
- Gardening & Small Farming Education
- Livestock Raising
- Water Saving
- Hoop Houses
- And so much more...

How can we help you?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CYCNV6Y>

HPC Workshop Details

July 10, 2019
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
1064 E. Lowell Street
Tucson, AZ 85719
University of Arizona
Environment & Natural Resources Bldg. 2
Room S 212
Park on campus, 6th St. Parking Garage for free

Arizona Association of Conservation Districts Summer Conference

The AACD Summer Conference is July 9-11, 2019 in Flagstaff, AZ. Speakers include: AZ Legislators—Honorable Gail Griffin and Timothy Dunn, Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Matthew Lohr, Arizona Natural Resource Commissioner Lisa Atkins, Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist Keisha Tatem, Bureau of Land Management State Director Ray Suazo, Arizona Department of Agriculture Director Mark Killian, Arizona Assistant Attorney General Paul Katz, National Association of Conservation Districts Western Issues Specialist Jeff Burwell and Arizona NRCD Program Manager Jackie Thomas.

Dusty Keeps Shining!

Congratulations to Dusty Glidewell (L) on her latest accomplishment as a Rangeland Management Specialist at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Douglas Field Office. Dusty grew up on ranches in AZ and NM, graduated high school in Animas, NM, and earned a B.S. in Animal Science from NM State University in 2008. She worked at the NRCS Douglas Field Office for 10 years as a Natural Resource Specialist. With her B.S. in Natural Resources in 2018 she became the Range Con she is today!



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BOARD MEETINGS
Third Wednesday of every month
9:30 AM
Sierra Vista Cochise County
Complex Conference Room
Hwy 92 and Foothills Drive, Sierra Vista

Note: Date, location and time is subject to change.
 We invite District Cooperators and the general public's attendance and participation.

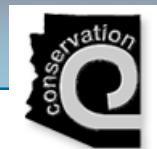
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