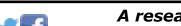


CSA Weekly Update

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Eastern Arizona Counties Organization: 2017 Field Trip



This week the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization (ECO) gathered county supervisors, state legislators and staff for a field trip across the eastern part of Arizona to focus on the issues of forest, watershed and grassland restoration; breaking the biomass bottleneck; digital restoration technologies; and restoration industries.

This three-day intensive event took participants to a variety of locations, including:

- Ponderosa Pine treatments and forest restoration
- Pinion Juniper treatments and grassland restoration
- NovoBioPower & NovoStar Sawmill

ECO is a coalition of six Arizona counties, including Apache, Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee and Navajo. ECO focuses on the areas of natural resources and public lands management issues in eastern Arizona.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) and the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family kicked off Domestic Violence Awareness Month by lighting the State Capitol dome purple—the signature color of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"As the state agency that houses a domestic violence program, we are honored to be a part of this ceremony," said DES Director Michael Trailor. "We applaud Governor Ducey for doing so much to raise awareness for domestic violence survivors and the programs that provide support."

The DES <u>Domestic Violence Program</u> is housed in the agency's Division of Aging and Adult Services and coordinates with shelters and community partners throughout the state to provide support services and funding. Free domestic violence training opportunities are available for advocates, law enforcement and prosecutors.

Please visit the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family's website for more information.

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security & the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family

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JLBC Tax Handbook Released

The 2017 Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) has released their Tax Handbook, which provides a description of each state tax and other revenue categories. The Handbook also includes a 20-year history of the collections and distributions for each revenue category, as well as summaries of all statutory revisions between the 2011 and 2017 legislative sessions.

A listing of statutory changes prior to the 2011 legislative session is available on the <u>JLBC website</u>. Appendix D provides the estimated dollar value of individual tax law changes enacted by the Legislature since FY 1989.

The Tax Handbook includes tables that provide the estimated impact of tax credits and exemptions to the Sales Tax, Individual Income Tax, Corporate Income Tax, and Insurance Premium Tax sections. These tables were prepared by the Office of Economic Research and Analysis at the Arizona Department of Revenue.

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EPA to Hold WOTUS Hearings

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of the Army will hold ten teleconferences to hear from stakeholders regarding recommendations to revise the definition of "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act (CWA).

The teleconferences will run throughout the fall on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

To learn more about the hearing schedule, including how to sign up for the teleconferences, please click here.

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