

Prescott Creekside E-News

January 2018

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Hello Friend,

What a blessing the snow and rain were earlier this week. Nearly four months of no precipitation makes us all appreciate it that much more when it arrives. The cracked rain gauge at the Prescott Creeks office registered .67" which matches neighboring rain gauges reporting to Weather Underground.

It's been one month since the Prescott Creeks office caught fire and we are getting back on our feet. A [Fire Recovery Needs List](#) is available on the Prescott Creeks website that provides insights into all the material items needed to re-establish an office from which to advance the Prescott Creeks mission. In kind donations are being accepted. As we wait to hear what the owner's plans are for rebuilding, we've moved off the GMC tailgate and are operating out of another cabin just across the parking lot from our previous location. Ideally we'd like to stay next to the Watson Woods Riparian Preserve if at all possible. We will keep you posted on www.PrescottCreeks.org, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as details are available.



A symbolic victory after the fire

While not pretty to look at, wine maker Eric Glomski of Page Springs Cellars declared this wine more than fit to drink. Look for it at the upcoming Prescott Creeks Fire Recovery Event (to be scheduled).

Mysterious Streamflow

After decent monsoon rains, this past fall and early winter brought essentially no measurable precipitation, a serious concern for the environment, but this dry



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Upcoming Events

[C.R.E.W. Volunteer Events](#)

Thursday, January 18th

Thursday, February 1st

[Jay's Bird Barn - Bird Walks](#)

Saturday, January 16th

Thursday, January 18th

Friday, January 26th

Wednesday, January 31st

[City of Prescott WaterSmart Series](#)

Wednesday, January 17th

Wednesday, February 21st

[Natural History Institute - Book Club](#)

Friday, January 19th

[Prescott Audubon Society - "Window on Nature"](#)

Thursday, January 25th

[Natural History Institute Speaker Series](#)

Thursday, February 1st

Businesses Supporter Spotlight



This month we'd like to give a shout out to two fantastic tech firms and their staff for helping Prescott Creeks recover from our office fire in December. The Prescott Creeks file

period revealed an unexpected phenomenon in Prescott's creeks. As November and December continued to bring persistent sun and blue skies, Prescott Creeks started receiving calls and emails asking why water had begun appearing in the creeks. It turns out that many of the riparian trees and shrubs are capable of tapping into shallow groundwater. When they become dormant for winter, they release their draw on the water table and groundwater rises. Where the water table is already high, such as in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, some of this groundwater seeps out into low-lying areas.

The impact on groundwater levels by plant dormancy occurs every year. Normally, the Southwest receives rain through the fall and winter, which can increase streamflow and mask the change in surface water levels due to the rising water table.

For a more thorough explanation of this phenomenon, see the [full article on our website](#).



Thank You

Prescott Creeks would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to all who responded to our end of the year fundraising campaign. Significant community support protects and restores beleaguered local riparian systems and improves water quality. It also extends grant funds for on-the-ground projects - like an upcoming revegetation project to occur in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. We could use your help planting cottonwoods and willows! Please contact us at Volunteers@PrescottCreeks.org for more info and field schedules. Thank you again for contributing your time, talent, and treasure to Prescott's creeks.



server was rushed to Phoenix immediately after the fire for assessment and data recovery efforts with [Data Doctors](#). Ken Colburn and Nick VanCampen kept us abreast of the process that led to successful recovery of all our electronic data. Locally, John Staltari of [HighGround IT](#) worked with Prescott Creeks to recover data from our backup drives and to configure new systems, to keep the work of Prescott Creeks moving forward. Once Data Doctors recovered our server files, John got us up and running in no time with new equipment.

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Hello Friend,

Winter this year seems to be elusive at best. Nighttime lows remind us of the calendar date, but short sleeves and no coat during the day are a mixed blessing for us here in Prescott, Arizona. More striking than the temperature is the lack of precipitation. No flow in many of our local creeks has them looking like nothing more than ditches. Nonetheless, it is that time of year when good stuff begins to happen in the watershed whether there is surface water or not. Shrub willow buds are bursting and migrant birds are returning and beginning nesting. Much of it is occurring a bit earlier than most years and a February storm, like this one forecast for this weekend, would be nice to add some moisture to the mix. We'll watch and wait with everyone else.



[Fire Recovery Fundraiser](#)



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Upcoming Events

[Fire Recovery Fundraiser](#)

Friday, February 16th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

[CWAG Speaker - Granite Dells: a Threatened Resource](#)

Saturday, February 9th 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

[C.R.E.W. Volunteer Event](#)

Thursday, February 15th 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

[Natural History Institute Speaker - Bob Ellis](#)

Thursday, February 15th 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

[Natural History Book Club](#)

Friday, February 16th 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

[Jay's Bird Barn - Bird Walks](#)

Friday, February 16th 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Friday, February 23rd All Day

[Prescott Audubon Society - Window on Nature](#)

Thursday, February 28th 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

[C.R.E.W. Volunteer Event](#)

Thursday, February 22nd 7:00 PM

[C.R.E.W. Volunteer Event](#)

Thursday, March 1st 9 AM - 12:00 Noon

[Natural History Institute 3-day Workshop:](#)

[Drawing from the Collections](#)

Friday, March 2nd 4 PM - 6 PM

Saturday, March 3rd 9 AM - 4 PM

Sunday, March 4th 9 AM - 12 Noon

[CWAG Discussion - Big Chino Pumped Storage](#)

Saturday, March 10th 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Businesses Supporter Spotlight

February 16, 2018 | 5 - 7 PM
SpringHill Suites by Marriott
200 E. Sheldon St. Prescott



Please join Prescott Creeks at the Springhill Suites on Friday February 16th, from 5 - 7 pm to celebrate creeks and learn about Prescott Creeks' forward progress recovering from the catastrophic fire that occurred in early December 2017. Wine from Page Springs Cellars will be served alongside nosh to fill your belly. A Recovery Needs List will be available with opportunities to make doantion pledges and silent auction items will be on hand - including a limited number of Page Springs Cellars wines that survived the fire.

This is event is possible thanks to our sponsors at [Ponderosa Hotel Management Services](#) and [SpringHill Suites by Marriott](#).

Granite Creek Cleanup - Save the Date

APRIL 21ST, 2018

Over 500 friends and neighbors will come together to clean up our creeks, lakes, and trails, and to celebrate our community's waterways and natural places. Won't you join them?



[Pre-registration is now for the Cleanup](#). Registering in advance allows you to select your desired location and tasks, and it helps us plan a successful day out for everyone.

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Prescott Creeks has enjoyed the support of [Ponderosa Hotel Management Services](#) and [SpringHill Suites by Marriott](#) since 2010. They are acting as sponsor and host of the upcoming Fire Recovery Fundraiser for Prescott Creeks on February 16th. Located downtown on Sheldon St., a stone's throw from Granite Creek Park, SpringHill Suites offers spacious suites in walking distance to Prescott's restaurants and historic Whiskey Row. Providing free breakfast, conference space, an indoor pool, and other essential amenities, SpringHill Suites is a premium hotel in the heart of Prescott. Please join us on February 16th and let them know you support Prescott Creeks too.

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April 2018

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Hello Friend,

Granite Creek Cleanup is two weeks away! Sticking with tradition, Prescott Creeks is hosting the Granite Creek Cleanup on Saturday, April 21st, from 9 AM - Noon. Annually since the 1980s, Prescott community members gather at Granite Creek Park, combining their effort to remove trash from our creeks. Eleven years of Prescott Creeks leadership for this event have resulted in 46 tons of trash being removed by over 5000 volunteers. *Good job!*

Please join us at the Cleanup this year. If you know you are coming, please pre-register at www.PrescottCreeks.org/Cleanup. Registering in advance allows you to select your desired location and tasks, and it helps us plan a successful day out for everyone. When you submit the pre-registration form, you should receive a confirmation email. If you registered online and did not receive a confirmation email, please contact us by emailing Cleanup@PrescottCreeks.org. Note the Cleanup activities at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve this year. Targeted trash collection and trail work have been added as important stewardship opportunities.

Check out the 2018 Cleanup Sponsor group listed in the column to the right.



New Riparian Habitat in the Preserve



Upcoming Events

[Granite Creek Cleanup](#)

Saturday, April 21st 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

[Jay's Bird Barn - Bird Walks](#)

Thursday, April 12th 7:00 - 11:00 AM

Wednesday, April 18th 7:00 - 11:00 AM

Friday, May 4th 7:00 - 11:00 AM

[AZ Native Plant Society Meeting](#)

Thursday, April 12th 6:30 PM

[CWAG Water Harvesting Workshop](#)

Saturday, April 14th 10:00 AM - 12 Noon

[Rainwater Harvesting Presentation](#)

Saturday, April 14th 3:00 - 4:30 PM

[Native Plant Society Volunteer Opportunity](#)

Sunday, April 15th 8:00 AM

[WaterSmart: Drop by Drop](#)

Wednesday, April 18th 12:00 - 1:00 PM

[C.R.E.W. Volunteer Event](#)

Thursday, April 19th 8:00 - 11:00 AM

[PAS - "Window on Nature" Presentation](#)

Thursday, April 19th 7:30 - 8:30 PM

[Verde Valley Birding & Nature Festival](#)

Thursday, April 26th - Sunday, April 29th

[Native Plant Society Volunteer Opportunity](#)

Wednesday, May 2nd 7:30 AM

[C.R.E.W. Volunteer Event](#)

Thursday, May 3rd 8:00 - 11:00 AM

Cleanup Sponsorship Group

We'd like to welcome our new and returning sponsors for the 2018 Cleanup. Please take every

During this past winter, Prescott Creeks took the opportunity provided by the dormancy of Cottonwood trees and Willow shrubs to harvest pole cuttings for revegetation in the Preserve. Cottonwoods and Willows are members of the Willow Family, (Salicaceae) of which all members have an amazing ability to reproduce asexually. In the wild they grow along waterways, where are subjected to periodic floods. The force of flooding can break off branches, which can get washed downstream and buried in the sand. With continued access to water, these branches will sprout roots and grow into full-size trees and shrubs. We humans can take advantage of this natural ability to clone Willow Family plants with relatively little effort and no high-tech equipment. All that is needed to clone Cottonwoods and Willows are cuttings of healthy branches, which can be soaked in the creek and then planted. From late December to early February, Prescott Creeks harvested over 500 cuttings. This could not have been achieved without the many hours of assistance provided by Yavapai County Adult Probation Restitution Work Crews and several community volunteers. In late March, every single one of these pole cuttings was planted.



Cottonwoods and Willows are known as *phreatophytes*, which means they must be planted deep enough that they are in contact with groundwater. As it turns out, Prescott Creeks has several groundwater monitoring wells within Watson Woods that told us we needed to go at least 9 feet deep to hit water. Achieving this depth required the use of a backhoe and an experienced operator to dig deep pits without causing unnecessary disturbance. Sincere thanks go to Mike Young and Bill Sullivan from Fann Environmental, and to our outstanding volunteers Dave Frechette, Jim Gomon, and Richard Balland for helping us plant this riparian vegetation. Planting pits ranged in depth from 6 feet deep in low-lying areas to over 12 feet deep at the higher elevation locations.

For more information, read the full article [here](#).



opportunity to thank them for making this event possible. It wouldn't happen without their support.

PRIMARY SPONSOR: Arizona Eco Development; **MAJOR SPONSORS:** City of Prescott, Country Bank-Mohave State Bank, Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist, MadShirtz, Prescott College, Unisource Energy Services, Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe; **STEWARDSHIP SPONSORS:** Cathy Trent Sate Farm, Fann Contracting, Fann Environmental, Jay's Bird Barn, Lamb Chevrolet-Nissan, Manzanita Outfitters, Nichols Auto Fab, Nicks Feed Your Face, Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy, Over the Hill Gang, Prescott Car Care, Ruger, Run-a-Muk, SC Audit & Accounting Solutions, Sierra Club - Yavapai Group Grand Canyon Chapter, SW Property Sales & Leasing, True Value, Yavapai College Honors Program, Yavapai Trails Association **SUPPORTING SPONSORS:** Costco, Great Expectations Business Services, Lora Lopas, West USA Realty of Prescott, Prescott Audubon Society, Safeway, Target, The Children's Garden

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May 2018

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Hello Friend,

This first week of May it feels as if we're saying goodbye to winter and hello to Spring. Look around and you'll find many plants in bloom - like the native chokecherry pictured below. And the birds are going about their nest-building business for the year. Just yesterday I spent time observing an American Robin working on a nest near downtown in an alley that follows a highly urbanized unnamed wash. The change of seasons is always sure to impress in at least subtle ways if one takes the time to patiently observe it.



The spring storm earlier this week broke our dry streak ever so slightly. Rain gauge readings from around the area have been reported anywhere from .25" to .50" for the event. While this was a welcome and needed respite, conditions are still extremely dry in Central Arizona and beyond. In fact it is so dry that local officials advanced fire restrictions enacted only two weeks ago from Stage 1 to Stage 2 effective today, May 4th. More information about what this means and how to stay safe can be found on the [Prescott Creeks website](#). This is particularly important in places like Watson Woods Riparian Preserve where several wildfires have occurred-most notably [the 1997 Watson Woods Fire](#).



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Upcoming Events

[Natural History Institute Presentation](#)

Monday, May 7th 7 - 8:30 PM

[AZ Native Plant Society Meeting](#)

Thursday, May 10th 6:30 - 8 PM

[Jay's Bird Barn Bird Walks](#)

Saturday, May 12th 7 - 11 AM

Thursday, May 24th 7 - 11 AM

[WaterSmart Drop by Drop Presentation](#)

Wednesday, May 16th 12 Noon - 1 PM

[CREW Volunteer Event](#)

Thursday, May 17th 8 AM - 11 AM

[Native Plant Society Volunteer Opportunity](#)

Saturday, May 19th 8 AM

[CREW Volunteer Event](#)

Thursday, June 7th 8 AM - 11 AM

New & Renewing Businesses



Prescott Creeks would like to acknowledge our new and renewing business members that signed on last month. Thank you for your generous support! These members stepped up as top-level sponsors for the Granite Creek Cleanup and are ongoing supporters of the Prescott Creeks mission to achieve healthy watersheds

STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

2018 Cleanup - Wrap Up

On April 21st, 400 [community members gathered](#) at Granite Creek Park and Watson Woods Riparian Preserve to collect trash and debris and to repair trails. The result is 1.24 tons of trash and approximately 20 tires removed from the creeks, and four sections of trail were improved. The twelve year total is 47.3 tons of trash and debris removed from the creeks. The estimated value of all this work from volunteers is almost \$220,000 . That makes a big difference and none of it would be possible without dedicated volunteers and community sponsors. Thank you.



Mark your calendar and join us for the [2019 Granite Creek Cleanup on April 20th, 2019](#).

Public Bathrooms for Water Quality

Starting from an invitation to speak to a group of homeless residents in Prescott, Prescott Creeks, the Coalition for Compassion and Justice, and the City of Prescott have come together in partnership to build a publicly accessible bathroom along Miller Creek (like the one pictured below). Major funding for the project comes from the AZ Dept. of Environmental Quality's Water Quality Improvement Grant Program. Watch for additional details coming soon. You can [learn more at the Prescott Creeks website](#) about how this project and partnership came together.

and clean waters. Without their support Prescott Creeks could not rally the community to make such a positive improvement to Prescott's streams. Please join us in acknowledging the following new and renewed members:

- [Arizona Eco Development, LLC](#)
- [City of Prescott](#)
- [Country Bank-Mohave State Bank](#)
- [Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation](#)
- [Unisource Energy Services](#)
- [Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe](#)

Businesses and organizations can show their commitment to local waters by joining Prescott Creeks as a Business Member. [Learn how you can join](#).

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Hello Friend,

Welcome to June. It is undeniable: 2018 has been dry and warm! Fire season started early. Fire restrictions were first imposed mid-April, and vast swaths of public land were closed in May to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfire. According to the National Phenology Network, [spring came early](#) in much of Arizona, though there was limited green-up in cool-season grasses and wildflowers throughout central Arizona. We've seen the effects of this lack of precipitation in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve and upstream throughout the Granite Creek Watershed.



Normally green and wet cattails looking crispy in Granite Creek.

While it's hard to complain about the persistence of sunny days, our landscapes are parched and the drought effects everything that lives off the land. From the monitoring efforts of an amazing group of volunteers, American Kestrels have served Prescott Creeks as an indicator of the stress imposed on local wildlife. From volunteer observations, we know that there are two or three pairs of kestrels living in the Preserve, but eggs have not been laid in any of the three [nest boxes in the Preserve](#). Last year around this time, there were fifteen eggs total in these boxes. Dave Frechette, the Prescott Audubon Society volunteer spearheading this project, has suggested that this may be due to the sparse population of grasshoppers, a critical food source for



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Upcoming Events

[CREW Volunteer Events](#)

Thursday, June 7th 8:00 - 11:00 AM

Thursday, June 21st 8:00 - 11:00 AM

[Jay's Bird Barn - Bird Walks](#)

Thursday, June 7th 7:00 - 11:00 AM

Saturday, June 16th 7:00 - 11:00 AM

Wednesday, June 20th 7:00 - 11:00 AM

Thursday, June 28th 7:00 - 11:00 AM

[Prescott Audubon Society - Bird Walk](#)

Saturday, June 9th 7:30 - 9:30 AM

[Highland's Center: Insights to the Outdoors](#)

Saturday, June 9th 9:00 AM - 12 Noon

[Highland's Center: Shakespeare in the Pines](#)

Friday, June 15th & 23rd 6:00 PM

Saturday, June 16th & 22nd 6:00 PM

[Tilted Earth Festival: Schuerman Dinner](#)

Friday, June 22nd 7:00 - 10:00 PM

[Tilted Earth Festival](#)

Saturday, June 23rd 5:30 PM - 12:00 Midnight

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our little falcons. From what we have seen, it seems likely that the birds are aware they do not have the resources to raise young in these conditions and may even be challenged to find enough food for themselves.

Prescott Creeks and local birders have also been seeing [Common Black Hawks](#), which have nested in Watson Woods Preserve for the past several years. However, like the kestrels, we have not yet seen any nesting activity. Black hawks are an obligate riparian species, requiring mature gallery forests to nest and sourcing much of their prey from streams. Granite Creek dried earlier than normal, and it is likely that the black hawks are having trouble finding sufficient food to risk trying to rear young. The adult birds' diligence will help keep them alive until monsoons, when well-earned rains will bring new growth and a fresh supply of food. If they make it that far, they will have another chance at raising a clutch of chicks next year.



Kestrels "changing guard" in 2017

[Tilted Earth Festival](#)

Prescott Creeks is again honored to be a part of the [Tilted Earth Festival](#). Prescott Creeks and Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters, along with a new beneficiary, Friends of the Verde River, are joining forces again in 2018 to host a [silent auction](#) at the Tilted Earth Festival. The festival and auction will be held on June 22nd and 23rd at [Page Springs Cellars](#) in Cornville, AZ. Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000 to support Kids and the Environment in Yavapai County. We are currently seeking donations for the Tilted Earth Silent Auction; if you would like to make a donation, please contact Donations@TiltedEarthFestival.com or download a [Donation Packet](#).



PAGE SPRINGS CELLARS

TRUST YOUR PALATE

[Page Springs Cellars](#) states a goal to create delicious wines that express the unique character of the landscape. Eric Glomski, Page Springs Cellars Owner and Director of Winegrowing, has a deep connection with creeks. In addition to the Page Springs Cellars estate vineyard being on the banks of Oak Creek, Eric explored nearly all of the creeks on the Prescott National Forest as an ecologist and later served as the President of the Prescott Creeks Board of Directors for several years in the mid 1990's. Since 2004, Page Springs Cellars has been a stalwart supporter of Prescott Creeks.

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Water Quality Monitoring:
Gone to the Dogs



A few volunteer slots are open for the [Festival](#) and for the [Silent Auction](#). Please click the links above to volunteer.



Golden retriever Kenna, and her handler Laura Symonds, of Environmental Canine Services, LLC, take a break from water quality monitoring on Miller Creek. ADEQ, the UofA, Prescott Creeks, and the Butte Creek Restoration Council teamed up to investigate potential pollutant sources with the help of Kenna's trained nose. [Read more here...](#)



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Hello Friend,

It is July 6th and it is finally raining. That wet smell is wonderful and the breeze is providing respite from the 100 degree Fahrenheit temperatures we saw in Prescott today. Our fingers are crossed that the summer monsoon, should it build and provide substantial moisture, will benefit the belabored cottonwoods which are dropping their leaves as if it were fall. Grab your umbrella - or not - and go play in the rain.



Jay's Bird Barn & Vortex Optics Help Out

Thank you! Vortex Optics, Jay's Bird Barn, and their customers joined efforts to support Prescott Creeks with cash and product donations! Having lost our binoculars, spotting scopes, tripods and nearly everything else in the December 2017 fire that destroyed our office, these donations will make a big difference in moving forward with habitat improvements, vegetation and wildlife monitoring, and working toward long-term protection for Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. Read the full [press release](#) here.



Upcoming Events

[Highlands Center Guided Gardens Walk](#)

July 13th 10:30 - 11:30 AM

[NHI Art and Science Open House](#)

July 13th 4:00 - 7:00 PM

[Star Talk with John Mangimeli](#)

July 13th 8:30 - 9:30 PM

[Prescott Audubon Society Bird Walk](#)

July 14th 7:30 - 9:30 AM

[Monsoon Madness Plant Sale](#)

July 14th 7:30 - 12:30 PM

[Natural History Book Club](#)

July 20th 9:00 - 10:30 AM

August 17th 9:00 - 10:30 AM

[Arizona Botany Meeting](#)

July 28th - 29th, all day

[Highlands Center Naturalist Walks](#)

July 7th 8:30 - 10:00 AM

July 9th 8:30 - 10:00 AM

July 21st 8:30 - 10:00 AM

July 28th 8:30 - 10:00 AM

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Visit the [Prescott Creeks website](#) to learn more about how you help us rebuild after the fire. Many items on the [wishlist](#) are still needed.

Prescott Creeks Staff Update

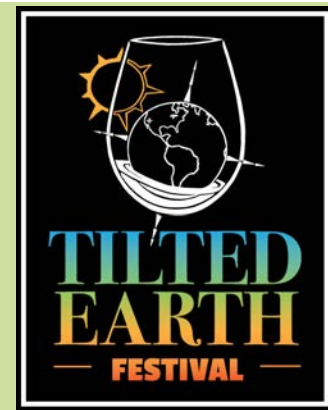
It is with sadness that we announce today, July 6th, 2018, as the last day for our Conservation Projects Manager, Oren Thomas. He's been a tremendous asset to Prescott Creeks for over a year now and his enthusiasm, expertise, and industriousness will be sorely missed. Oren is leaving fill the new Stormwater Specialist position with the City of Prescott. His role with the City will focus on reduction of pollution inputs to local creeks, and will assist the City with compliance with their stormwater permits. "In this role my work will continue to be in line with the mission of Prescott Creeks," Oren said. "I look forward to partnering with Prescott Creeks on projects in the future." We'll also look forward to seeing Oren out along the creeks.

Tilted Earth Festival Silent Auction - Success & Items Still Available!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Tilted Earth Silent Auction. With the help of over 70 donors and almost 80 bidders, \$20,000 was raised to support kids and the environment in Yavapai County. With 100% of the proceeds going to [Prescott Creeks](#), [Friends of the Verde River](#), and [Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters](#), your auction contributions go to making our communities a better place to live, work, and play for all.

Special thanks go to [Page Springs Cellars](#) for leading the way with the Tilted Earth Festival, and to you and to all of the participants who made the fundraising effort a possibility. Please consider supporting all the local businesses listed to the right.

Auction items are still available at discounted prices. Check out the [Tilted Earth Extended Auction!](#)



Prescott Creeks would like to thank everyone who donated items to the Tilted Earth Silent Auction! We had an excellent time raising money for kids and the environment. We could not have done it without you.

[10-12 Lounge](#)
[3 Kings Kasbar](#)
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Hello Friend,

After a prolonged period of nearly no precipitation, July brought the summer monsoons that we've come to expect. Coming out of the driest winter and spring on record, the monsoon has been blessing. Both rainfall and streamflow varied during the month of July with no flows at the beginning of the month and a high flow of almost 2,700 cubic feet per second measured at the [USGS gauge at the Yavape Connector](#). That's enough flow to get out of the banks of Granite Creek in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. Cottonwoods and willows along with wildlife of all types and sizes are taking advantage of this moisture and it's great to see!



Preserve Entrance at the Peavine Trail

Sometimes the summer monsoon comes so fast and with so much volume that it can cause trouble. That is exactly what happened on Wednesday, July 18th at about 3pm when the Sundog Waste Water Treatment Plant recorded 3.1 inches of rain in about an hour and a half. The drainage that Prescott Lakes Parkway traverses to the east of the Preserve sent an unprecedented amount of water downstream. Unofficially classified as a 200-year event, stormwater infrastructure adjacent to the Preserve and Peavine Trail was [inundated and ultimately failed](#). A bridge on the old railway was washed out and the railbed was eroded away until it was the same level as the floodplain floor in the Preserve.



Welcome Denise Incao



Please help us welcome Denise Incao to the Prescott Creeks Board of Directors. Denise is an accomplished artist and educator who has worked with Prescott Creeks at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. Through her affiliations with both Prescott and Yavapai Colleges, Denise pioneered curriculum development for an Art in Nature workshop series that helps participants learn about the natural resources the Preserve seeks to protect.

Businesses Supporter Spotlight



Prescott Creeks and the City are coordinating on best strategies to restore the area. Top priorities for the City are reopening the Peavine Trail (a temporary bypass is open) and corrective measures for the stormwater detention basin. Detailed consideration is being given to restoration of wetlands in the Preserve that were filled in with sediment from the trail erosion.

Granite Creek Downtown

Creation of a trail along Granite Creek was the project around which Prescott Creeks Preservation Association formed 28 years ago. Locals now know the trail as part of the Prescott Greenways Trail System. It's 2.5 miles encompass reaches of Granite and Miller Creeks. The trail has been upgraded from an originally simple footpath to a multi-use trail for recreation and transportation.



A recent [Daily Courier article](#) about the trail began with the words "foreboding, seedy, inhospitable." Like many community assets, this creek trail has seen ups and downs with available funding for promotion, expansion, and maintenance. The article goes on to state that a



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new effort is under way to change those negative perceptions. While the City of Prescott is at the helm, businesses along the creek, private citizens, and several not-for-profit organizations - including Prescott Creeks - are all collaborating to "revitalize" the corridor. We'll keep you posted as the project takes more shape.



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Hello Friend,

Prescott Creeks is excited to join with the South Yuba River Citizen's League to bring the [Wild & Scenic Film Festival](#) back to central Arizona in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the [Wild & Scenic Rivers Act of 1968](#). Arizona has approximately 90,373 miles of river, of which 57.3 miles are designated as wild & scenic—less than 1/10th of 1% of the state's river miles. Sections of the Verde River and Fossil Creek are the only two Wild & Scenic designations in Arizona.

October 25th & 27th, 2018



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**Wild & Scenic Film Festival,
Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the
Wild & Scenic Rivers Act of 1968.**

[Prescott Creeks](#), in partnership with [Friends of the Verde River](#) and [Citizen's Water Advocacy Group](#) is presenting two Wild & Scenic Film dates, Thursday, October 25th at the Elks Theatre in Prescott and Saturday, October 27th at the Cliff Castle Hotel in Camp Verde. Each venue will offer two different screenings, 3:30pm and 6:30pm. Each screening will present approximately 75 minutes of short films focusing on water, rivers, and wildlife. Whether depicting the struggle for environmental justice or an educational tale about an endangered species, the films expose people to forward-thinking ideas and global awareness. The film



Verde River Day



9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
SATURDAY, SEPT 29, 2018
Dead Horse Ranch State Park
Come One-Come All to
celebrate the river.

Verde River Day promotes preservation and care of the environment by showcasing informative exhibits on the Verde's unique riparian habitat.

Climbing wall, organized canoe and kayak rides, sand castle building, music, food, and nature-based exhibits.

See the live birds and

series is sponsored by **The Nature Conservancy, Walton Family Foundation, and Arizona Public Service.**

Preview one of the films, "River Connections"



Rivers connect and sustain us. People need water, wildlife, peace and quiet for our minds - our souls - our children. This film follows river stewards on three rivers and highlights the inspiration, complexities and joy behind communities coming together to protect rivers.

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The South Yuba River Citizens League started the Wild & Scenic Film Festival in January 2003 to promote community building within the Yuba Watershed as well as a way to explore environmental issues through an exciting and influential medium.

The tour allows SYRCL to share their success with other environmental groups nationwide. By showing the Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival to diverse audiences across the country, individuals are inspired to take action.

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reptiles. We will also have guided Bird Walks throughout the day.

For more information about Verde River Day:

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Hello Friend,

Do you have your Wild & Scenic Film Festival tickets yet?
You can save a few dollars by [purchasing tickets online](#)
sales for today's showings until 3:00 p.m.

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Different films at 3:30 and 6:30 showings.



The Elwha Undammed: What's a River For?

The Elwha River in Port Angeles, Washington is the stage for the largest dam removal in American history. A century ago, a businessman dammed the waters of the Klallam people where 100-pound salmon cast their shadows. Behind the dynamite and bulldozers that erased Thomas Aldwell's dream is a saga of competing ideas about the purpose and meaning of a river.



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Click on the image above for a preview of this film.

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