



Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area  
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### 10 year major accomplishments at the SCRCA

#### ADMINISTRATIVE:

Develop and maintain respectful and productive relationships with Town officials, local citizenry, concessionaires, other governmental agencies, and regional media.

Establish a climate of trust and responsiveness to the needs and desires of the local citizenry.

Supervise & participate in the development of the URS Master Plan.

Develop and adhere to a reasonable budget, including eventual reductions of funding to the park maintenance and sheriff line items.

Recruit, train and develop park staff.

Recruit, train and supervise volunteer educational docents.

Refute efforts to gain private property access through the conservation area.

Supervise installation/construction of field office / shade structure / portable restrooms.

Develop manual & digital files documenting most aspects of the parks administrative agreements and budgets.

#### RESOURCE MNGMT:

Trash cleanup throughout the property.

Production of a 40 page biological inventory & assessment that covers not only Spur-X, but also Black Mtn. & the adjacent forest.

Development of subject specific folders containing databases, text, and .jpg files in excess of 80 GB, that document natural resource occurrence / distribution and abundance so that we have a known baseline from which to assess future conditions.

Design and coordinate revegetation (hydroseeding) projects at SCRCA & the CCRA.

Design, coordinate and implement various invasive weed control activities.

Design and coordinate the solar oasis; endangered fish, and associated sub-projects.

Identify the issue of diverted water at 7-springs, and our need to establish our water-rights.

Co-authored a professional paper, regarding the burn restoration effort & results at the CCRA. Speaker of various topics at several professional symposia.

#### RECREATION:

Trail development: Metate / Regional / Dragonfly.

Advocate for public access to Black mtn summit parkland.

Lead ~ 1250 + educational public hikes.

#### PENDING CHALLENGES:

Continue efforts to control and, or eradicate invasive weed sps.

Continue efforts to stop illegal water diversion at 7 springs.

Continue efforts to recruit, train and supervise volunteers including a "Friends of Spur Cross" group.

Continue efforts to acquire minimal capitol development; winter host site / chip seal & stripe the parking lot & install proper restrooms. Consider the value to acquiring the "jewel" from the land trust & consider placing admin/trailheads there rather than at the phx mine site.

Continue efforts to stop commercial activities anywhere except the SX trail north into the forest.

Continue efforts to have AZG&F commit to repatriate bighorn sheep to the Cave Creek Canyon/New River mesa area.

Continue efforts to have the USFS manage the adjacent areas to spur-x in a similar non-degrading fashion; no cattle, & fully planned fire suppression strategy.

Attempt to diversify the funding base for the park.

Consider a deep recession strategy; temporary consolidation w/ CCRA; 1 Supervisor with a ranger + winter hosts at spur-x.