



Winter 2010 Newsletter

## Fall 2009 Crown King Field Tour

October 16 in the beautiful Prescott National Forest was a great day for over 25 participants at the Arizona SWCS Fall Field Tour. We gathered to learn about land reclamation. Several types to be exact...gas pipeline, mined land and burned areas.

First, we traveled to a site on the Transwestern natural gas pipeline expansion project. Doug MacPhee, Restoration Specialist, discussed the pipeline specifications, planning efforts, and implementation of conservation practices. It was a pleasure to see a project that went so well and QUICKLY while integrating the use of basic and state of the art conservation practices.

Second, we made a short drive to Turkey Creek. There, Anne Fischer, Forest Service Hazardous Materials Coordinator, lead a lunch time, creek side discussion on the history of local mining, its current impact to the resources, and the implementation of conservation practices.

Our last two stops were located at the tip top of the Bradshaw Mountains near the village of Crown King. Max Wahlberg, Ecologist with the Forest Service, opened our eyes to the world of fire suppression organization and tactics along with the reclamation at the Lane2 Burned Area Emergency Response. We learned about how wildfire suppression efforts are implemented and how fire teams are organized. It was remarkable to hear how the Forest Service integrates technology with field verification and implements treatments in such a short time frame. The last stop was on the south side of the mountain at a reclamation site. Here, David Moore, Soil Scientist, with the US Forest Service, showed us the difference between treated and untreated sites. It was fascinating to see how quickly the forest responds to treatment.

The night was completed with an unbelievable tailgate style dinner in the pines of the Bradshaw Mountains. The chefs, Anthony and Kris Chavez, put on an unbelievable spread of homemade fajitas, with ALL the fixins'. To finish the night, there was a campfire with lots of fireside chatting...both business and pleasure. A fun time was had by all.



Eating lunch at Turkey Creek. Listening to Anne Fischer inform us about the Turkey Creek Mine reclamation.



Above and below: On site exploring of the reclamation after the Lane2 fire.



Thanks to everyone who helped plan and participated in this event. Let's do it again!

## WINTER BUSINESS MEETING

February 22, 2010                      9:30 AM – 2:30 PM  
Arizona Game and Fish Department  
5000 W. Carefree Hwy, Phoenix, 85086

### Agenda Items:

Planning for 2010 and beyond  
Ben Avery Scholarship  
Chapter Awards  
National Meeting Information  
Fundraisers  
Summer Tour Planning