

Hello Friend,

As July arrives many Prescottonians are often getting a bit twitchy with the heat and lack of precipitation. This year was no exception. In addition to being cooped up at home, almost no measurable precipitation had fallen in Prescott since the end of March. Until... July 3rd when one location just south Prescott reported 1.18 inches of rain. Our rain gauge at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve only showed 0.10 inches ☹️. We're hoping for additional moisture this monsoon season to wet the ground, restore some summer flows to local creeks, and reduce the fire danger that still has us under the Stage II Fire Restrictions.



Invasive Plants Fieldwork

With the onset of COVID-19 restrictions in March, much of the Prescott Creeks fieldwork came to a halt. Volunteer John Mangimeli continued working independently at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve and focused on manual removal of invasive plants. Thanks for all your efforts John! We reported in the [December 2017 Prescott Creekside E-News](#) about our work treating larger Siberian elms (*Ulmus pumila*). Treatments intended to kill the entire tree – both above and below ground – are showing results. Many of the trees that were treated (primarily by Prescott Creeks volunteer Jimmy "Beaver" Gomon) in 2017 and 2018 have died and now become "hazard trees" along Preserve trails. We're fortunate to have two crews from the [Arizona Conservation Corps](#) working in the Preserve until July 15th. While they will be treating more than half of the species on our [High Priority Noxious Weed List](#), they'll focus on removal of Siberian elms. Not only will this be important for trail-user safety, it will reduce fuel loading as related to wildfire and make way for native species.

Chainsaw work will result in intermittent and temporary closure of Preserve trails. Please observe the closure signs for safety of the Conservation Crew members and yourself.



#PurdyVerde

Much like the [Virtual Granite Creek Cleanup](#) hosted by Prescott Creeks in May, our downstream colleagues – [Friends of the Verde River](#) and the [Oak Creek Watershed Council](#) – are hosting a [Virtual Trash Pick-Up Challenge](#) for the Verde River. There are four days left in the campaign which runs from July 5th – 12th. Choose from over 10 hikeable and boatable [locations](#).

Won't you lend a hand to make the Verde River Watershed a better place for all?



Granite Creek Cleanup

September 19th, 2020



A Year of Milestones

2020 marks two important milestones for Prescott Creeks. Founded in 1990, Prescott Creeks is celebrating its 30th year of working in the community to achieve healthy watersheds and clean waters in central Arizona. In addition to a 30th anniversary, we are recognizing 25 years managing and restoring Watson Woods Riparian Preserve.



Looking back and taking stock of accomplishments is a key piece of recognizing these milestones. It has been community support from people like you and many, many partners who made it all possible. Those first two and a half decades have us looking to the future. Prescott Creeks and the City are currently in the process of renewing our 25-year lease to manage Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, exploring the feasibility of expanding the boundaries of the Preserve, and collaborating with the [City of Prescott](#), the [Central Arizona Land Trust](#), [Culp & Kelly, LLP](#), and the [US Army Corps of Engineers](#) to establish permanent protection for the Preserve through a Conservation Easement.

Watch for upcoming information about the first 30 years *and* our plans for the next 30 years of caring for creeks in central Arizona.

Prescott Creeks is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to achieve healthy watersheds and clean waters in central Arizona for the benefit of people and wildlife through protection, restoration, education, and advocacy.

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9 AM – Noon

Granite Creek Park

(with appropriate adjustments for a COVID-19 world).

Find additional information at the [Prescott Creeks website](#).

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