

# Quarterly Newsletter

Friends Of Petrified Forest National Park

## **PARK HIGHLIGHTS**

# The Natural Resource Department



The park's natural resource department has been hard at work discovering, protecting, and displaying natural and cultural resources for the public to enjoy. What resources are being protected here in Petrified Forest National Park? The park's vast and rich history, culture, diversity, and beauty are showcased through the variety of protected fossil records, evolving biology projects, and vital archeology records that are maintained. Through Friends of Petrified Forest National Park, we strive to encourage and continue the protection and development of these resources within the park.

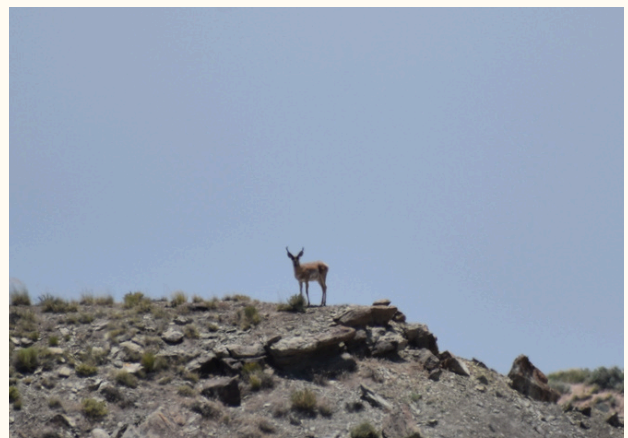


# Our Behind The Scenes Journey



We recognize that the recent news surrounding hiring freezes and layoffs at the National Park Service has sparked major concerns about the future of our beloved public lands. Now, more than ever, non-profit organizations like ours are essential in ensuring that our National Parks receive the resources they require. Your ongoing support has a real impact on the preservation of these precious landscapes. Although we may feel helpless in these times, it is important to recognize the power that we have to protect our lands as a non-profit, volunteer service-based organization. We are very grateful for all of the volunteers who donate their time and energy to this beautiful national park.

Friends Of Petrified Forest National Park prides itself on offering support to the park in a neutral and constant manner, and our supporters are the main reason we are able to do so. A large thank you goes out to all of the supporters that enable us to stand with our parks service employees through this difficult time.





# What Do We Stand For?

We are a very small non-profit group that supports the education and research Petrified Forest National Park does. How do we do this? By acquiring new equipment (like the microscope we purchased) for the park's scientists as they discover and interpret previously unknown species of ancient forms of life—discoveries of global significance. We have also funded park interns in the sciences and education departments. We are told by park staff that these interns do invaluable work in advancing the scientific and educational mission of the park, and often these interns go on to have meaningful careers within their own science and education disciplines.

### Our Mission:

To support Petrified Forest National Park as a natural and cultural resource for education, recreation, science and research; to help educate the public concerning ways to use and enjoy the Park while preserving its many wonders; and to promote science and research in the Park.

Would you like to support us and our cause, or directly contact us?

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