

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The 2018 Chiricahua Leopard Frog Certification Workshop (sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, University of Arizona, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service) will be held on June 6 and 7, 2018 at the University of Arizona (Tucson), and at the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area (~50 miles southeast of Tucson). This 2-day workshop will certify participants to obtain federal and state permits from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Arizona Game and Fish Department to survey for the federally threatened Chiricahua leopard frog and will cover additional relevant topics including:

- Basic biology of the Chiricahua leopard frog
- Identification of all Arizona leopard frogs
- Threats to Chiricahua leopard frogs
- Survey technique and protocol
- Evaluation of projects that may affect Chiricahua leopard frogs
- Chiricahua leopard frog Recovery Plan
- Arizona's gartersnakes

We require that you retake the certification workshop to obtain permits if it has been 4 years or more since you last attended the workshop *and* you have not been actively involved in Chiricahua leopard frog surveys since that time. If it has been more than 4 years since you have attended the workshop *but* you continually survey for leopard frogs, you *do not* have to retake the certification workshop. There is no cost to attend the workshop.

Interested individuals should respond to Audrey Owens at aowens@azfd.gov no later than Monday, April 9, 2018. If you respond on behalf of individuals in your organization (or those soon to be hired), please provide the names and email addresses of the individuals and/or number of spaces you would like to reserve for them. Space is limited and enrollment is on a first come first served basis. Once the workshop is full, we may have to prioritize attendance based on justification provided to Audrey.

Further details such as the workshop agenda, driving directions, camping, and lodging information will be provided to those that are enrolled by the end of April.