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**Presentation at KSB Speaker Series February 13 on
“Fauna of the Verde Valley”**

Join Keep Sedona Beautiful (“KSB”) for a presentation by Janie Agyagos, as part of KSB’s *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series on Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

Free to members, residents and visitors - all are welcome to join KSB at 5:30 p.m. at its historic Pushmataha Center on 360 Brewer Road. The evening will include complimentary appetizers donated by El Rincon Restaurante Mexicano and refreshments provided by KSB.

In a talk titled “Fauna of the Verde Valley,” Janie will entertain attendees with vast knowledge gained from her experience while working as District Wildlife Biologist for the Red Rock Ranger District of Coconino National Forest since 1994.

Agyagos will talk about the variety of special status mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, and invertebrate species found right here in Sedona and its surrounds. She will discuss various issues within our unique ecosystem as well as survival requirements. The Forest Service is required by law and policy to track these species and their habitat and to ensure that activities on Forest Service lands are mitigated to lessen or eliminate adverse effects.

Janie Agyagos currently works on the Red Rock Ranger District of the Coconino National Forest where she has served as district wildlife biologist since 1994. Janie’s main duties include inventorying and monitoring special status plant, fish and wildlife species; designing and implementing habitat improvement projects; managing area closures for the protection of rare fish, wildlife and plant species and/or their habitat; conducting project effect analyses and consultations; and coordinating with multiple agencies in the management of plant, fish, and wildlife species and their habitat. In 2010, Janie received the third Norman B. Herkenham Award for Native Plant Landscaping, which is presented by Keep Sedona Beautiful annually at its Native Plant Workshop held each spring.

*Please note: Should the U.S. government remain shut down by this date, KSB has arranged for the alternate speaker to be former KSB President, Mike Yarbrough, who also leads KSB’s efforts on Noise Abatement, to talk about the helicopter noise situation.

Keep Sedona Beautiful’s monthly *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series is typically held the second Wednesday of each month from September through May. It focuses on presenting a diversity of programs relevant to the unique environment of our region.

Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that, by acting through the stewardship of its members and volunteers, is committed to protecting and sustaining the unique scenic beauty and natural environment of the Greater Sedona Area. For more information about Keep Sedona Beautiful, please visit <http://www.keeppedonabeautiful.org/> or call 928.282.4938.