

## **Rangeland Monitoring – Santa Cruz NRCD District**

Arizona Revegetation and Monitoring provides monitoring on 20 vegetative transects annually on ranches within the district. The focus is on National Forest grazing permits but private land is also monitored. The data gathered can be used by the Forest Service and cooperators to evaluate trends on key areas for livestock grazing. The data gathered can be used to defend renewal of grazing permits against actions of litigious environment groups which have a goal of removing livestock grazing from rangeland.

Per Bill Brake (SC NRCD Rancher & Cooperator): “Gathering this data has side benefits such as: assessing the impact on wild game management and how I can run the ranch better with practices such as brush control. Also, this data can be used to develop a cost-benefit analysis.”