



ARIZONA

STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Arizona State Parks Board

December 12, 2024

Dale Larsen – Chair

John Sefton – Vice Chair,

Jeffrey Buchanan, Sarah King, Terri Palmberg

AGENDA – A

Call to Order

AGENDA – B

Pledge of Allegiance

Member Roll Call

Dale Larsen (Chair)

John Sefton (Vice-Chair)

Jeffrey Buchanan

Sarah King

Terri Palmberg

Mission Statement

“As Board members we are gathered today to be the stewards and voice of the Arizona State Parks and its Mission Statement to manage and conserve Arizona’s natural, cultural and recreation resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners.”

AGENDA – D1

Approval of Minutes

The Board will review and may consider action to approve the meeting minutes from October 17, 2024 and November 14, 2024

AGENDA – D1

Motion:

I move to approve the the meeting minutes from October 17, 2024 and November 14, 2024 as presented.

AGENDA – D2

Consideration of Consent Agenda Items 2(a) through 2(h).

AGENDA – D2

Motion:

*I move to approve the consent agenda
Items 2(a) through 2(h) as presented.*

AGENDA – D2a

2025 OHV Competitive Motorized Grant Applications

Arizona State Parks Board Will Consider and May Take Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny funding for the submitted 2025 Competitive Motorized Grant Applications.

Presented By: Matthew Eberhart (State OHV Coordinator)

2025 Competitive Motorized Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Project Request	Staff/OHVAG Recommendation	Score
Apache County ATV Inc.	OHV Education and Signage	\$8,180.00	\$8,180.00	46
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office	OHV Law Enforcement Equipment and Education	\$557,370.00	\$557,370.00	44
Navajo County Sheriff's Office	OHV Law Enforcement and Education Program	\$373,190.00	\$373,190.00	32
Totals:		\$938,740.00	\$938,740.00	

AGENDA – D2b

2025 Supplemental Motorized Grant Applications

Arizona State Parks Board Will Consider and May Take Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the submitted 2025 Supplemental Motorized Grant Applications.

Presented By: Matthew Eberhart (State OHV Coordinator)

2025 Supplemental Motorized Grant Application(s)			
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ <u>OHVAG</u> Recommendation
Flagstaff Police Department	OHV Education and Enforcement	\$93,738.00	\$93,738.00
Payson Police Department	OHV Education and Enforcement	\$77,400.00	\$77,400.00
Total		\$171,138.00	\$171,138.00

AGENDA – D2c

2025 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications

Arizona State Parks Board will consider and may take action to approve, modify, or deny funding for the submitted 2025 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications.

Presented By: Jeff Schmidt (Grant Program Manager)

2025 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ASCOT Recommendation	Score
Pine Strawberry Fuel Reduction Inc.	Two Ravens and Strawberry Mountain Trail	\$149,990.00	\$149,990.00	21
Legends of Superior Trails (LOST)	Telegraph Canyon Trail	\$120,500.00	\$120,500.00	20
Tonto National Forest; Supervisors Office	Highline Loops Phase I	\$149,864.00	\$149,864.00	19
Tonto National Forest; Payson Ranger District	Boulders Area Trail System Development	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	16
City of Prescott	Pioneer Parkway Trailhead	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	13
Verde Valley Wheel Fun	Oak Creek School Cross Country Trails	\$75,858.00	\$75,858.00	13
Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance	Bean Peaks Gravity Flow Trail Phase II	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	6
Total		\$964,212.00	\$964,212.00	

AGENDA – D2d

2025 Recreational Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant Applications

Arizona State Parks Board will consider and may take action to approve, modify, or deny funding for the submitted 2025 Recreational Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant Applications.

Presented By: Jeff Schmidt (Grant Program Manager)

2025 Recreational Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant Application(s)			
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ASCOT Recommendation
Tonto National Forest (Cave Creek Ranger District)	FS #89 Davenport Trail Maintenance Project	\$73,755.00	\$73,755.00
Rim Country Mountain Bike Association	Boulders Area Trail System Maintenance	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Total		\$173,755.00	\$173,755.00

AGENDA – D2e

2025 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications

Arizona State Parks Board will consider and may take action to approve, modify, or deny funding for the submitted 2025 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications.

Presented By: Jeff Schmidt (Grant Program Manager)

2025 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Grant Application(s)			
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ASCOT Recommendation
Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition	Even More Bike Bells	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Arizona Science Center	STEM Education with Nature Exchange	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
City of Flagstaff	McMillan Mesa Natural Area Signage	\$9,998.00	\$9,998.00
National Forest Foundation	Sonoran Insiders Responsible Recreation Ambassador Program	\$9,855.00	\$9,855.00
Total		\$79,853.00	\$79,853.00

AGENDA – D2f

2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Grant Amendments

Arizona State Parks Board Will Consider and May Take Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the submitted 2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Amendment(s).

Presented By: Mickey Rogers (Chief of Grants and Trails)

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Awarded Projects Amendment Request(s)					
Sponsor	Project	Original Award	Amend Increase Request	New Award	Staff Recommendation
Town of Clarkdale	Selna Mongini Park Development	\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
City of Yuma	East Mesa Park Development	\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00

AGENDA – D2g

2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Removal of Significant Scope Items

Arizona State Parks Board Will Consider and May Take Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Scope Amendments to previously approved Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Projects.

Presented By: Mickey Rogers (Chief of Grants and Trails)

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Amendment Request(s) for Removal of Significant Scope Items			
Sponsor	Project	Scope Item(s) Removed	Staff Recommendation
Town of Clarkdale	<u>Selna Mongini Park</u>	Pickleball Courts, Fencing, Lighting	Approve Scope Change
City of Yuma	East Mesa Park Phase I Expansion	Splash Pad	Approve Scope Change

AGENDA – D2h

2025 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Application(s)

Arizona State Parks Board will consider and may take action to approve, modify, or deny funding for the submitted 2025 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Application(s).

Presented By: Mickey Rogers (Chief of Grants and Trails)

2025 State Lake Improvement Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff Recommendation	Score
Coconino County Sheriff's Office	Rescue and Emergency Equipment	\$344,415.00	\$344,415.00	57
Apache County Sheriff's Office	Boat Acquisition	\$210,383.40	\$210,384.00	34
TOTAL		\$554,798.40	\$554,799.00	

AGENDA – D3

Consideration of Action-The Board will Consider and May Take Action to Appoint Applicants to the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG). Arizona State Parks Board will review and discuss staff's recommendations to fill three(3) vacancies on OHVAG and may take action to appoint the following individuals to OHVAG.

Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Program

Staff Recommendations			
Name	Organization	Term	Serving
Patrick Headington	Arizona Wildlife Federation	2nd	2025-2027
Don Kramer	White Mountain Open Trail Association	1st	2025-2027
J.C. Sanders	Bouse Ghost Riders	1st	2025-2027

Motion:

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve Patrick Headington, Don Kramer, and J.C. Sanders, as new members to the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG).

AGENDA – D4

RECOGNITION OF PAST AORCC MEMBERS

(Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails).

AGENDA – D4

Tiffany Broberg	August 2014 - June 2024
Tiffany Broberg (Chair)	October 2015 - June 2024
Kent Taylor	October 2015 - September 2023
John Sefton	March 2017 - June 2024

Heritage Non-Motorized - 16 Grants Awarded

AWARD	MATCH	TOTAL
\$1,455,844.00	\$979,350.00	\$2,435,194.00

Heritage Non-Motorized



Heritage State Historic Preservation - 20 Grants Awarded

AWARD	MATCH	TOTAL
\$3,436,647.00	\$1,174,658.00	\$4,811,305.00

Heritage State Historic Preservation



Heritage Local, Regional, State Park - 21 Grants Awarded

AWARD	MATCH	TOTAL
\$6,654,922.00	\$6,654,922.00	\$13,309,844.00

AGENDA – D4

Heritage Local, Regional, State Park



State Lake Improvement Fund - 22 Grants Awarded

AWARD	MATCH	TOTAL
\$8,901,344.00	\$1,152,319.00	\$10,053,663.00

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State Lake Improvement Fund



American Rescue Plan Grants - 25 Grants Awarded

AWARD	MATCH	TOTAL
\$6,000,000.00	\$9,108,037.00	\$15,108,037.00

American Rescue Plan Grants



Heritage Fund Environmental Education - 27 Grants Awarded

AWARD	MATCH	TOTAL
\$1,357,482.00	\$495,215.00	\$1,852,697.00

Heritage Fund Environmental Education

READY TO INSPIRE?



**VERDE VALLEY
MTB COACHES NEEDED**

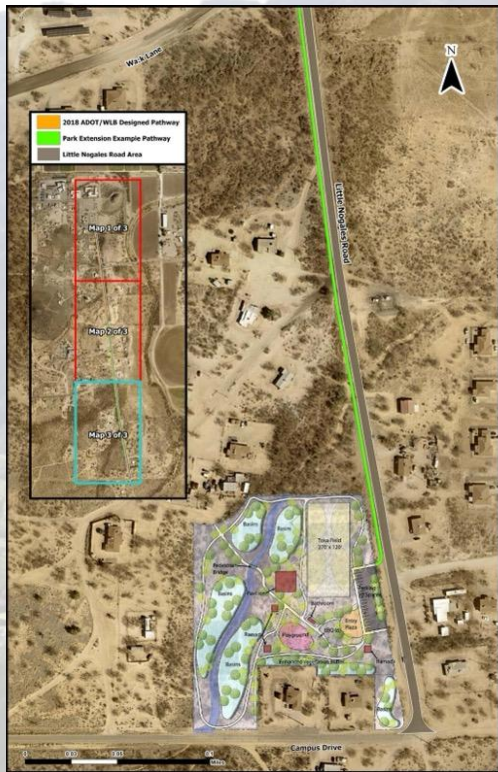


Land and Water Conservation Fund - 66 Grants Awarded

AWARD	MATCH	TOTAL
\$36,665,925.00	\$36,665,925.00	\$73,331,850.00

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Land and Water Conservation Fund



Land and Water Conservation Fund

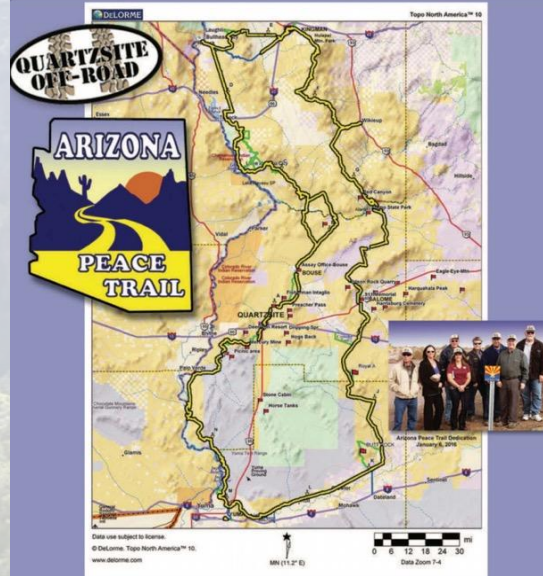


Off-Highway Vehicle Program - 148 Grants Awarded

AWARD	MATCH	TOTAL
\$22,845,941.00	\$5,079,472.00	\$27,814,263.00

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Off-Highway Vehicle Program



Recreational Trails Program - 202 Grants Awarded

AWARD	MATCH	TOTAL
\$17,640,289.00	\$3,656,261.00	\$21,296,550.00

AGENDA – D4

Recreational Trails Program



547 Total Grants Awarded

AWARD	MATCH	TOTAL
\$104,958,394.00	\$65,166,162.00	\$170,124,556.00

AGENDA – D5

Recognition of R.J. Cardin

(Presenter: Bob Broscheid, Executive Director).



R.J. Cardin is the recently retired director for Maricopa County's Parks and Recreation Department. R.J. has more than 35-years of diverse parks and recreation experience, which includes local, county, and state government, commercial recreation, and the nonprofit sector. Over the past several years, Cardin has been named Outstanding Park and Recreation Professional for Arizona; inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administrators and is a current Board member; served as the President of the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials; and, served as the Chair of the Arizona State Parks Board.

Findings and Recommendations on “Heat Mitigation on Trails”

(Presenter: Chase Baugh, ASU Student)

Team Trails: Solution Pitch



Bella Faria, Margo Eastland, Davis Horn, Chase Baugh, Raquel Rosario, Kirsten Kierum



Davis Horn



Raquel Rosario



Kirsten Kierum



Chase H. Baugh



Bella Faria



Margo Eastland

Community Partner



City of Phoenix

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Design Challenge

To find an ***effective and affordable*** way to dissuade unprepared hikers from endangering themselves in the severe heat.

We need to communicate to visitors about the severity of heat and consequences of hiking unprepared.

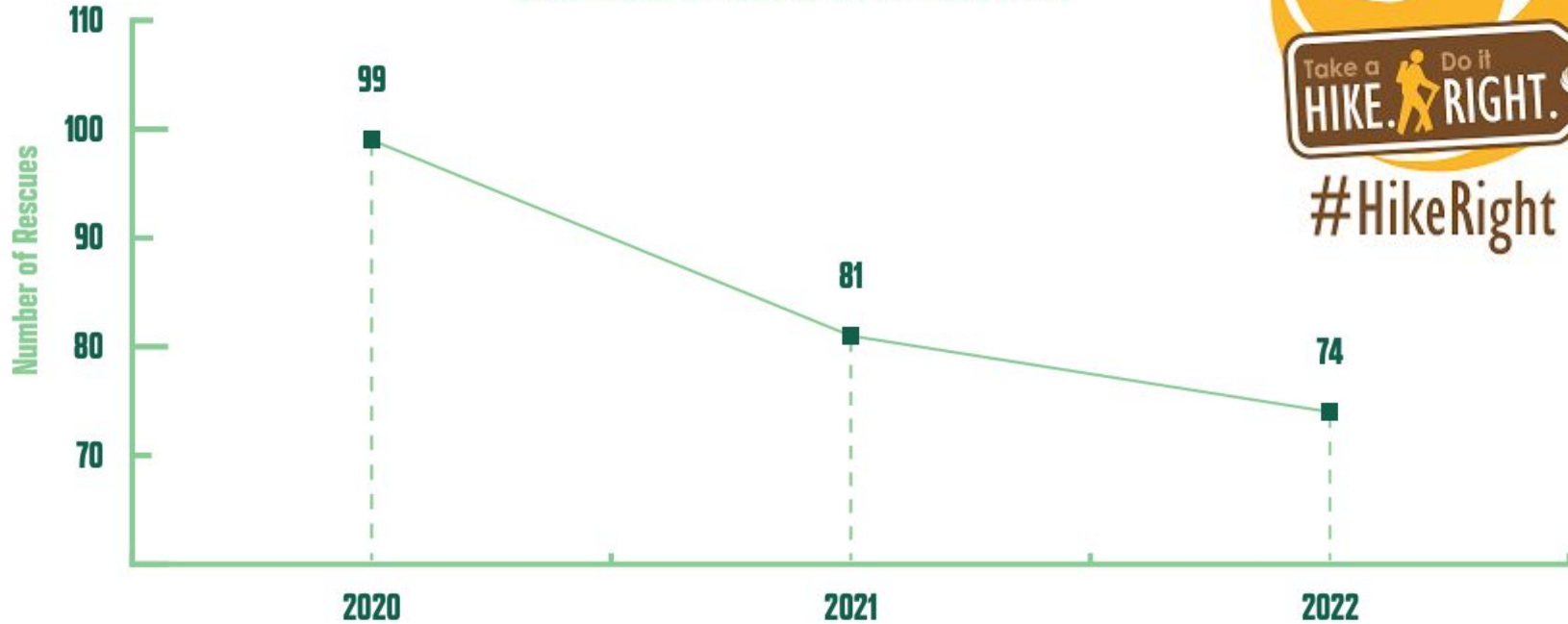
Importance

Heat related rescues can be reduced through...

- Education on how to properly prepare
- Communication between City of Phoenix and visitors

There are around 250 rescues on trails each year.

Annual Hiking Rescues at Camelback Mountain & Piestewa Peak



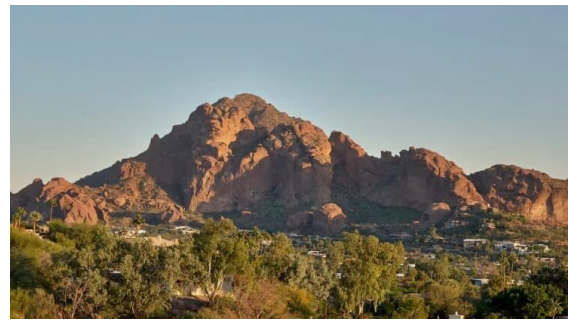
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Background and Research

Key Findings

- Specific Connections - Josh Parnell
 - Current Trail Closure Policy
 - Necessity for Parks Board Approval
- Secondary Source Evaluation
 - Dehydration Lasts
 - Heat Relief Resources
- Interviews
 - Hiking Attitudes
 - Dissuading the Confident

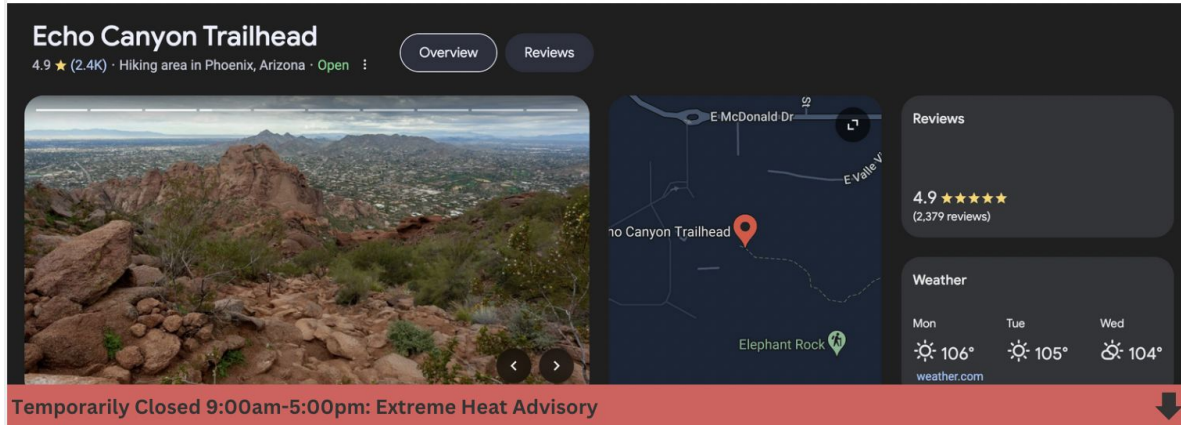


Solutions



- 1. Adapting Internet Sites and Maps to Reflect Heat Advisory Closures**
- 2. Bilingual Signage**
- 3. Airport Signage**

Adapting Internet Sites and Maps



Goal: To ensure that when visitors look up a nearby hike on common search engines and navigation apps, information regarding heat advisories and park/trail closures are present, evident, and accurate.

Bilingual Signage

Goal: Enhancing trail safety for foreign speaking hikers!

Solution: QR code on signs, similar to the current “Take a Hike, Do it Right” campaign. Simple and cost effective, with the possibility of adding bilingual signage at trailheads in the future



Airport Signage



Goal: Implement Take a Hike
Do it Right at the start of many
journeys.

Use of directional and smart
signage: baggage claim, areas
exiting gates, Rental Car Center



Public Service Aims

In conclusion,

**Preventative solutions
are cheaper than
rescues, and new tech
means new solutions.**

Thank you!



FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members may identify items or issues they wish to be considered for inclusion on a future agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

The Executive Director may present a summary of current events and/or recent experiences of interest to the outdoor recreation community and/or the status of any projects with which they are currently involved. The Board will not discuss or take any action on any current event summary.

AGENDA – F

Emerging Leaders Cohort 3



CURRENT EVENTS

Board members may present a brief summary of current events and/or recent experiences of interest to the outdoor recreation community and/or the status of any projects with which they may be involved. The Board will not discuss or take action on any current events.

AGENDA – H

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Chair will recognize those wishing to address the Board.

AGENDA – I

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Arizona State Parks and Trails 2024 Tentative Meeting Schedule

Date	Location
December 12, 2024	Central Office
January 16, 2025	Central Office
February 20, 2025	Central Office
March 20, 2025	Central Office
April 17, 2025	Central Office
May 15, 2025	Central Office
June 19, 2025	Central Office
July 17, 2025	Central Office
August 21, 2025	Central Office
September 18, 2025	Central Office
October 16, 2025	Central Office
November 20, 2025	Central Office
December 18, 2025	Central Office

A scenic view of a lake with a wooden bridge in the background under a blue sky with clouds. The text "THANK YOU!!" is overlaid in large white letters with a dark shadow.

THANK YOU!!