



Katie Hobbs
Governor

ARIZONA

STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
of
THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to members of the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (“OHVAG” or “Group”) and the public that OHVAG will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024, beginning at 1:00 p.m. OHVAG members may attend the meeting in person or participate telephonically. The public may attend and listen to the meeting at the Arizona State Parks Trails office located at 1110 W Washington, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Physical access to the meeting place will be fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Members of the public may also listen/view the meeting via telephone by calling +1 732-661-8527 PIN: 447 870 522# or via Google Meet: <http://meet.google.com/xjw-nzcg-uup>**

In person or telephonic public comment will be taken. If choosing to speak in person, the speaker will be asked to complete a form which will be made available at the Arizona State Parks and Trails office on the meeting day and submit to staff. If choosing to speak via telephone, persons who wish to make statements to the Group will be asked to identify themselves each time they are speaking. Please ensure phones are muted when not speaking.

This meeting is open to the public; however, the Group may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda items at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3). Items on the agenda may be discussed out of order unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a certain time. Public comment will be taken.

(The Chair reserves the right to set the order of the agenda.)

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

D. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Tonto National Forest OHV Fee Structure Update (Presenter: Kelly Araiza, OHV Program Manager)**
Members will be updated on the Tonto National Forest OHV permit process that will take effect January 1, 2025. This item is for information only.
- 2. Recognition of OHVAG Members (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator).**
Arizona State Parks and Trails Staff will recognize OHVAG members Geoff Chain and Holly Irwin for their service the agency as they close out their active second terms.
- 3. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the September 24, 2024 OHVAG Meeting.**

The Group will review and may consider action to approve the OHVAG meeting minutes from September 24, 2024.

4. **OHVAG Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the submitted 2025 Competitive Motorized Grants Applications. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).**

The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$938,740.00.

2025 Competitive Motorized Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Request	ASPT 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 Enforcement	\$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	

5. **OHVAG Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the submitted 2025 Supplemental Motorized Grant Applications. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).**

The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$171,138.00.

2025 Supplemental Motorized Grant Application(s)			
Sponsor	Project	Project Request	Staff 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
Totals:		\$171,138.00	\$171,138.00

6. **State Parks 2025 Statewide Trails Plan. (Presenters: Dawn Collins, Executive Project Manager)**
Staff will be given an update on the 2025 Statewide Trails Plan. This agenda item is for information only.

7. **Emergency and Mitigation Supplemental Grant Application Update. (Presenter Matt Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)**
OHVAG will be updated on the recently submitted Charouleau Gap Emergency and Mitigation Grant. This agenda item is for information only.

8. **Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator Updates. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)**
OHV Coordinator, Matthew Eberhart, will provide OHVAG members an update on the OHV Ambassador Program, Appreciate AZ Campaign, and new OHV Decal education requirements.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Group members 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 may be involved. The Group will not discuss or take any action on any current event summary.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Chair will recognize those wishing to address the Group. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization and the time allotted by the Chair. Action taken because of acknowledgment of comments and suggestions from the public will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Group members will discuss potential future meeting dates.

I. ADJOURNMENT

A copy of this agenda and any background material provided to Group Members is available for public inspection at Arizona State Parks & Trails, 1110 W Washington Street, Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85007. For additional information, contact Matthew Eberhart at (602) 542-2146.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Arizona State Parks & Trails does not discriminate based on a disability regarding admission to public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the ADA Coordinator Thomas Beranek at (602) 542-7389; or emailing tberanek@azstateparks.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. For technical difficulties during the teleconference meeting, please contact Juan Colorado-Alvarez at (480) 714-3337 or via email at jcolorado-alvarez@azstateparks.gov.

Posted at: Arizona State Parks and Trails
1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85007

And at: <https://azstateparks.com/ohvag>



Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



Katie Hobbs
Governor

ARIZONA

STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



DRAFT MINUTES
of
THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Meeting Location: Arizona State Parks Office, 1110 W Washington, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Members Present Telephonically: Nena Barlow, Pat Headington, Holly Irwin, Tom Murphy

Members Present: Jeff Olson

Staff Present: Mickey Rogers, Matthew Eberhart, Juan Colorado-Alvarez

Staff Present Telephonically: Alec Wilcox

A. CALL TO ORDER

Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator Matthew Eberhart called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OHVAG member Jeff Olson lead the Group in the Pledge of Allegiance

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

State OHV Coordinator Matthew Eberhart tool roll call to confirm a quorum.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the May 21, 2024 OHVAG Meeting.

Member Olson moved to approve the meeting minutes from the May 21, 2024 OHVAG Meeting. Member Irwin seconded the motion. None were opposed and the motion passed unanimously.

2. OHVAG Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the submitted 2024 Competitive Motorized Grants Applications. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).

Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator, provided members an overview of the La Paz and Mohave County OHV Education and Law Enforcement applications that were submitted. Member Headington asked for clarification on the issues that vehicle purchases and patrol hours would be used to address. Both agencies expressed that the vehicles and patrol hours would be used for OHV enforcement efforts in remote areas where their current fleet of trucks was unable to access. Mr. Eberhart reminded members and both applicants that the projects were ineligible for search and rescue, drug/alcohol patrols, and needed to be strictly used for the enforcement OHV Laws. Member Barlow also reminded members and meeting attendees that the Arizona Peace Trail crosses both project sponsors jurisdiction and that this project would be great to educate riders utilizing the trail.

Member Headington moved that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2024 Motorized Grant Applications as follows; La Paz County Sheriff's Office OHV Law Enforcement and Education Program request in the amount of \$421,995.00. Member Olson Seconded the motion. None were opposed, Member Irwin abstained, and the motion passed.

Member Olson moved that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2024 Motorized Grant Applications as follows; Mohave County Sheriff's Office OHV Law Enforcement and Education Program request in the amount of \$435,400.00. Member Headington seconded the motion. None were opposed and the motion passed unanimously.

3. OHVAG Will Consider and May Take Action on a Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding the Cost Amendment Increase to Arizona Alpine Trail Master Plan Project 552321 as Presented by Staff (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator, provided members an overview of the amendment request for the Arizona Alpine Trail. Member Murphy asked what the additional funds would be used for specifically. Mr. Eberhart clarified that the funds would be used to increase an existing scope item related to on the ground research and trail data collection which would be completed by Logan Simpson, the contractor who is currently assisting AZAT with their Master Plan project.

4. State Parks 2025 Statewide Trails Plan. (Presenters: Deb Pryor, CEO, Partners in Brainstorm).

Deb Pryor, CEO of Partners in Brainstorm provided OHVAG members an update on the trails plan survey and the process to date. Matthew Eberhart provided updates on the Partner Toolkit and Incentives Packages for survey participants as well as gave an overview of the timeline a head for getting the report finalized and approved prior to the end of Fiscal Year 2025 in June of 2025.

5. Emergency and Mitigation Supplemental Grant Application Update. (Presenter Matt Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

Matthew Eberhart provided an overview of the Cottonwood Spring Fencing project and the positive impact it will have long term on the environment and surrounding wildlife. Mr. Eberhart informed members that the project will be featured in an upcoming newsletter as a Grant Success Story video and that he'd send the link to members to view the story.

6. Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator Updates. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

OHV Coordinator, Matthew Eberhart, provided OHVAG members updates on the Where to Ride Website and interactive OHV mapping work that is being completed, OHV Dealership Backpack Education Program tracking measures, the OHV Ambassador Program, and the Appreciate AZ Campaign.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members had no future agenda items to request at this time.

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Member Barlow provided an update on an upcoming field outing for the Greater Sedona Recreation Collaborative on Friday, September 27th which will focus on route evaluation and how to incorporate new access points that will minimize residential exposure to OHVs.

Member Headington updated members on being more diligent in being actively involved in the BLM, USFS, and other agencies travel management processes because the Yuma Rod and Gun Club was recently involved in a BLM TMP that proposed a number of trail closures for AZGFD hunt units near Yuma. Member Olson provided insight on Travel Management Plans from a USFS perspective based on conversations he and other members of the Apache County ATV club have had with the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest about having roads being converted to motorized trails as a way to keep them from closure and maintaining them as part of the motorized network.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Group had not call the public for this meeting.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next OHVAG meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2024 from 1pm to 3pm.

I. ADJOURNMENT

State OHV Coordinator, Matthew Eberhart adjourned the meeting at 2:12 pm.

OHV Grant Project Summaries

Competitive Motorized Grants

Sponsor: Apache County ATV Inc.
Project: Education and Signage
Request

Amount: \$8,180.00
Match:
Award Total:



\$6,698.00
\$14,878.00

Project funds will be used to print “Keep Gate Closed, Pasture in Use” signs that will allow permittees to write the dates that the pastures will be in use to help educate the OHV community on when to be more alert in open use pastures through various times of the year. This grant will also support the development and distribution of a Responsible riding brochure focused on the White Mountains and will be developed in partnership with Arizona State Parks, Arizona Game and Fish, Tread lightly and the USFS. The Brochure will be distributed free of charge to the public at kiosks, businesses, events and other appropriate locations/venues.

Sponsor: Navajo County Sheriff’s Office
Project: OHV Law Enforcement Equipment and Enforcement
Request Amount: \$ 373,190.00 **Match: \$ 38,250.00**

Award Total: \$564,400



The Navajo County Sheriff's Office will utilize funds to preform OHV law enforcement patrols and education in the State Trust Lands and USFS lands and roads within Navajo, Apache, and Coconino Counties. The Sheriff's Office will work with AZGFD and USFS agencies to expand their on-going efforts to provide law enforcement patrols and education in these same areas. Funds will be utilized for the following activity:

- 2 side by sides with Law Enforcement lighting and communications
- 2 OHV tandem axle Trailers
- Utilize 4,832 patrol hours at \$45/Hr.
- Officer PPE x 6 Deputies
- Navajo County will match 10% (\$38,250) with additional patrol hours.

Sponsor: Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

Project: OHV Law Enforcement Equipment and Enforcement

Request Amount: \$ 557,370.00

Match: \$ 239,200.00

Award Total: \$ 796,570.00



Yavapai County Sheriff's Office is pursuing off highway vehicle grants funds to continue their OHV patrol efforts throughout Yavapai County. Grant funds will be utilized for the following items:

- One SxS with upgrades
- One SxS law enforcement package with installation (lights, sirens etc.)
- One SxS communications package with installation (radio, headset, comms, etc.)
- One tandem axle enclosed OHV/education and outreach trailer
- SxS and trailer logo wrap, including design and installation
- 3,680 OHV enforcement hours (\$65.00 per hour non-overtime FBR)
- 2,052 OHV enforcement hours (\$97.50 per hour overtime FBR)
- Officer PPE (helmet, gloves, goggles, and other associated riding gear)
- Outreach and education material printing (AZGFD OHV laws-rack card, Arizona OHV guide, Appreciate AZ, TREAD lightly, etc.)
- 12 OHV enforcement trail cameras
- 3,680 OHV enforcement hours (MATCH \$65.00 per hour non-overtime FBR)

Supplemental Motorized Grants

Sponsor: Flagstaff Police Department

Project: OHV Education and Law Enforcement

Request Amount: \$ 93,738.00

Match: \$ 66,213.00

Award Total: \$ 159,951.00



The Flagstaff Police Department frequently collaborates with the Coconino County Sheriff's Office and the Coconino National Forest. We have observed a rise in OHV activity in popular recreation areas. To address this, grant funds will be utilized for outreach in heavily trafficked OHV locations. Additionally, the department will enhance patrol and enforcement efforts in off-highway areas and support the Coconino County Sheriff's Office during holidays and special events related to OHV operations. Grant funds will be used for the following items:

- 300 hours of overtime patrol
- 1 SXS with upgrades
- SXS communication package with install
- SXS LE lighting package with install
- PPE for 5 patrol officers
- Project will be matched with 1250 hours of OHV patrol and \$10,000 in material expenses

Sponsor: Payson Police Department

Project: OHV Education and Law Enforcement

Request Amount: \$ 77,400.00

Match: \$ 8,600.00

Award Total: \$ 86,000.00



The Town of Payson Police Department requests a grant to increase its Off Highway Vehicle Law Enforcement presence. Grant funds will be utilized for the following activities:

- 1 SxS with Law Enforcement package
- 1 SxS communications package with install
- 1 tandem axle enclosed OHV trailer for towing and outreach
- SxS and trailer design and wraps

Emergency and Mitigation Grant For information only

Sponsor: Arizona 4-Wheel Drive Association

Project: Charouleau Gap Emergency Repairs

Request Amount: \$99,738.00

Match: \$0.00

Award Total: \$99,738.00



The project is in the Coronado NF Santa Catalina RD north of Tucson, on the Charouleau Gap road. The washout area requiring repair is approximately 3.4 miles from the north end of the trail and the gate at the forest boundary. The project will be to install a culvert at the major washout, and all materials for the installation of the culvert including back-fill. Installation of this culvert will open the road to most users and fire prevention. This area has suffered damage from rain due to the devastating fires we have had in the area. The contractor will install a culvert and stabilize the hill above the repair to keep the road passable for many years. This road is important for motorized recreation, hiking, hunting, ranching, and fire access.



Katie Hobbs
Governor

ARIZONA

STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



Date: November 19, 2024

To: Pat Headington, Chair, Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group

From: Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Subject: 2025 Competitive Motorized Grant Application(s)

Background:

The Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund provides grant funding for Competitive and Supplemental Grant Applications. Competitive projects can include planning and development of motorized trails, trailhead facilities, signage, education, outreach, and other OHV-related needs. These grants can be submitted at any time throughout the fiscal year and are reviewed on a quarterly basis. There is currently \$4,000,000 in funding available for Competitive and Supplemental Grant Application(s).

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff reviewed the following Competitive Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application(s) and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2020 State Trails Plan and project needs.

2025 Competitive Motorized Grant Application(s)

Sponsor	Project	Request	ASPT 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 Enforcement	\$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	

Recommended Motion:

I move that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the Motorized Grant Applications as follows; Apache County ATV Inc. OHV Education and Signage request in the amount of _____, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office OHV Law Enforcement and Education Program request in the amount of _____, and Navajo County Sheriff's Office OHV Law Enforcement and Equipment request in the amount of _____.

Prepared by:

Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



Katie Hobbs
Governor

ARIZONA

STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



Date: November 19, 2024

To: Pat Headington, Chair, Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group
From: Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Subject: 2025 Supplemental Motorized Grant Application(s)

Background:

The Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund provides grant funding for Competitive and Supplemental Motorized Grant Applications. The current Supplemental Motorized Grants include Small (Trail Maintenance), Signage, Emergency & Mitigation, and Law Enforcement. In 2017, the Arizona State Parks Board Authorized the Grants and Trails Team to award Emergency and Mitigation Grants up to \$100,000 and Signage Grants up to \$10,000. All Supplemental Motorized grants can be submitted any time throughout the fiscal year and are reviewed on a quarterly basis. There is currently \$4,000,000 in funding available for all Competitive and Supplemental Grant Application(s). For the November 2024 OHVAG meeting, there are two (2) Supplemental Law Enforcement grant application for review with a funding request of \$171,138.00 and one staff update on a recently submitted Supplemental Emergency and Mitigation grant with a funding request of \$99,738.00.

For Information only

No action from OHVAG is required on Signage Grants

2025 Supplemental Motorized E&M Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Grant Request	Match	Total Project Cost
Arizona 4-Wheel Drive Association	Charouleau Gap Repairs	\$99,738.00	\$0.00	\$99,738.00

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff reviewed the following Supplemental Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application(s) and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2020 State Trails Plan, funding availability, and project needs.

2025 Supplemental Motorized Law Enforcement Grant Application(s)			
Sponsor	Project	Project Request	Staff 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
Totals:		\$171,138.00	\$171,138.00

Recommended Motion:

I move that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2024 Supplemental Grant Applications as follows; Flagstaff Police Department’s OHV Enforcement and Education Project in the amount of _____ and Payson Police Department’s OHV Education and Enforcement Project in the amount _____.

Prepared by:

Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director

ARIZONA

STATE PARKS & TRAILS

**Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group
(OHVAG)**

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Nena Barlow, Geoff Chain, Mike Cook
Pat Headington, Holly Irwin, Tom Murphy
Jeff Olson

AGENDA – A

Call to Order



AGENDA - B

Pledge of Allegiance

Member Roll Call

Nena Barlow

Geoff Chain

Mike Cook

Pat Headington

Holly Irwin

Tom Murphy

Jeff Olson

AGENDA – D1

Tonto National Forest OHV Fee Structure Update

Members will be updated on the Tonto National Forest OHV permit process that will take effect January 1, 2025. This item is for information only.

-Kelly Araiza, OHV Program Manger, Tonto National Forest

Tonto National Forest

OHV Special Recreation Permit
For Motorized Uses



Tonto NF Travel Management Record of Decision

ROD was signed October 5, 2021

This 10+ year NEPA process included public comment and a secondary Environmental Impact Statement to address all concerns. The final designation included:

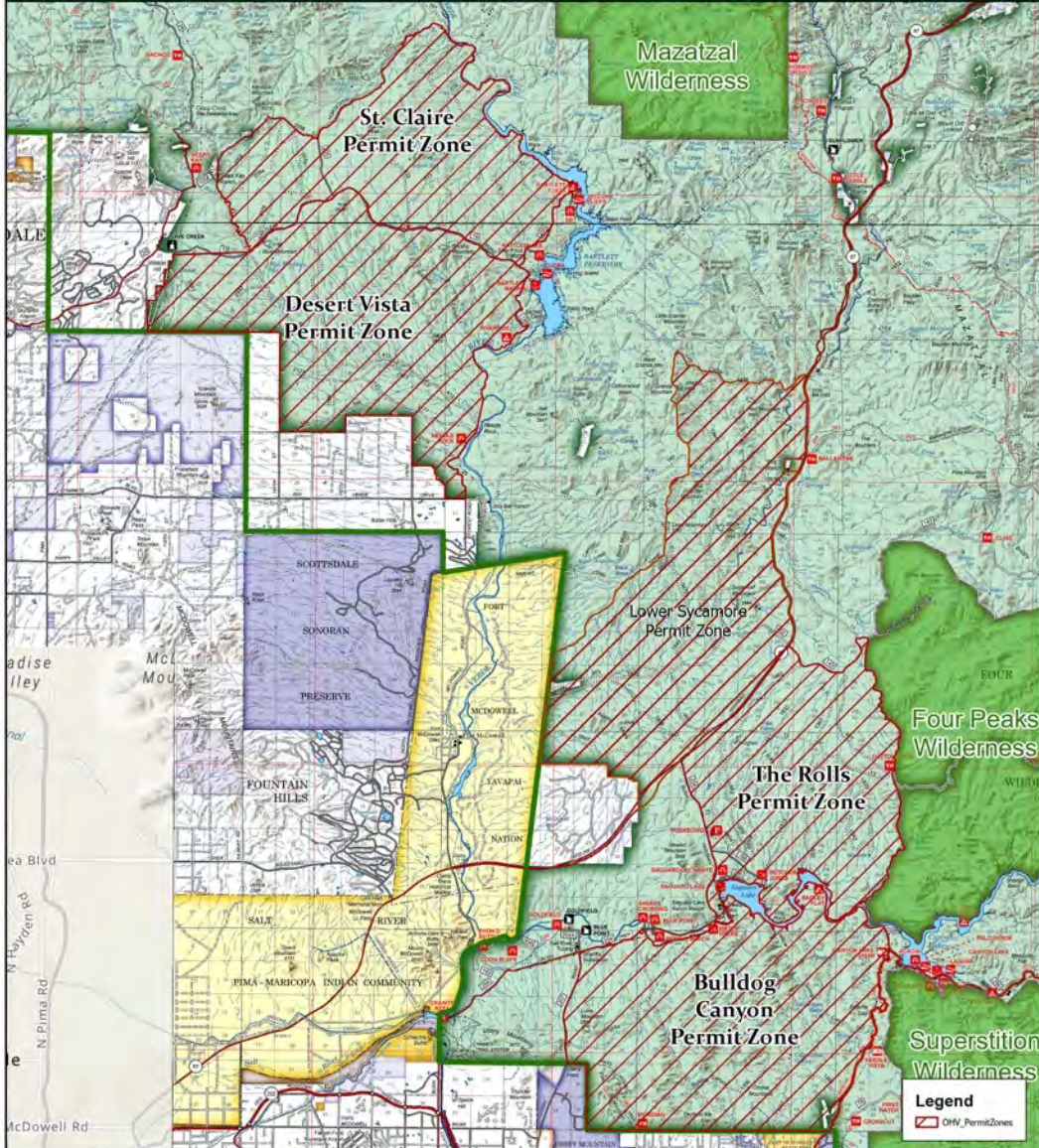
- 1,378 miles of open roads & 2,265 miles of open motorized trails
- 8 OHV Areas (where cross-country travel is allowed)
- 4 OHV Area Tot Lots
- 4 OHV Permit Zones:
 - Bulldog Canyon (existing and predated this ROD)
 - Desert Vista
 - The Rolls
 - St. Clair

2005 Travel Management Rule

- The 2005 Travel Management Rule requires Forests to designate a system of roads, trails, and areas for motor vehicle use. These designated routes and areas will be displayed on a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM).

Implementation

- We're obligated to implement the 2021 decision in a timely manner. Our MVUM is almost ready for production, and we're moving forward with implementing permit zones one at a time.
- The ROD addresses the need for additional NEPA in some areas and trails, implementing in phases, and utilizing REA fees.
- Funding and resource limitations are slowing down the implementation process (it took 5,000+ volunteer hours to get St. Clair ready as a Permit Zone!).
- We're seeking additional support from partners and volunteers to help construct Tot Lots and OHV Areas to meet the requirements of the 2005 TMR and our 2021 ROD.



OHV Permit Zones Map Overview

Five OHV Permit Zones:
One Permit is valid for all 5 locations

Overview of OHV SRP Fees

OHV Permit Zone Location	Current Fee	New OHV SRP Fee beginning January 1, 2025
Bulldog Canyon	\$6 Processing Fee	\$10 per 3-day permit \$60 per 6-month permit \$80 per annual permit Permit Required Per Vehicle
St. Clair		
Desert Vista	None	
The Rolls	None	
Lower Sycamore	None	**Will be implemented at a later date TBD

**The Tonto NF will not implement Lower Sycamore as a Permit Zone until additional NEPA is complete. Once NEPA is complete, Lower Sycamore will be added as an additional OHV Permit Zone to the same OHV Permit; one permit would cover motorized access to all 5 locations.



Issues in Tonto OHV Areas



Planned Accomplishments



The Rolls OHV Permit Zone



Desert Vista OHV Permit Zone


- Remove entrance gates
- Increase patrols by law enforcement
- Enhance interpretive services
- New maps and brochures
- Volunteer programs
- Maintenance of trailheads, new facilities such as vault toilets where desirable
- Rehabilitation of impacted areas
- Improved signs
- Improve trail systems
- Keep up with recreation trends and demands
- Enlarge staging areas
- Cleanup and removal of trash, dumpsters

Public Involvement Actions - Outreach

- Posted on Forest website
- Twitter message and Facebook posts
- News Release distributed in 2021 & Federal Register Notice published March 28, 2022
- Legal Notice published
- Signs posted onsite, brochures handed out in the field by Tonto staff
- County Commissioners & Federal Legislators briefed
- Letters sent to Tribal Members
- Focus groups held (TRAL), AZ Off Highway Vehicle Ambassador Facebook page posted the fee proposal and how to comment, Pinal County Weekly Roundup Newsletter posted the fee proposal
- Interagency OHV meetings held (Maricopa County Parks & Recreation, Arizona Game & Fish Department, Arizona State Parks & Trails, SDR) to review proposal

Public Outreach:

**August 26 to October 31, 2021
OHV SRP Extended Comment
period to January 31, 2024**



OHV Fee Proposal

Tonto National Forest is considering a recreation fee proposal. We are seeking your input.

The QR code links to the Region 3 Recreation Fee Proposal website for more information and provides options for commenting. Or send an email to TontoRecreationComments@usda.gov with your comments.


Proposed Fee Locations	Specialized Off Highway Vehicle New Fee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bulldog Canyon* (Mesa Ranger District)• The Rolls (Mesa Ranger District)• Lower Sycamore (Mesa Ranger District)• Desert Vista (Cave Creek Ranger District)• St. Clair (Cave Creek Ranger District)	<p>Date Range: from Jan 1 to Dec 31</p> <p>Fee Per Day: Current: \$0 Proposed: \$10</p> <p>Fee Per Season/Year: Current: \$0 Proposed: \$100</p> <p>Fee Per Multi-Day: Current: \$0 Proposed: \$50</p> <p>Reservation Fee: \$6</p> <p>One permit would be accepted at all 5 locations.</p>

*Note Bulldog Canyon is already an existing Permit Location; see new fees proposed to the right.

Why change recreation fees?

- Local fee retention allows us to reinvest 95% of the recreation fee revenue generated into maintenance and future improvements.
- Fees can help pay for things like OHV patrollers and emergency services staffing, staging area improvements, trail maintenance, route markers, etc.
- Tell us what YOU want to see with fee dollars!! Submit a comment today!

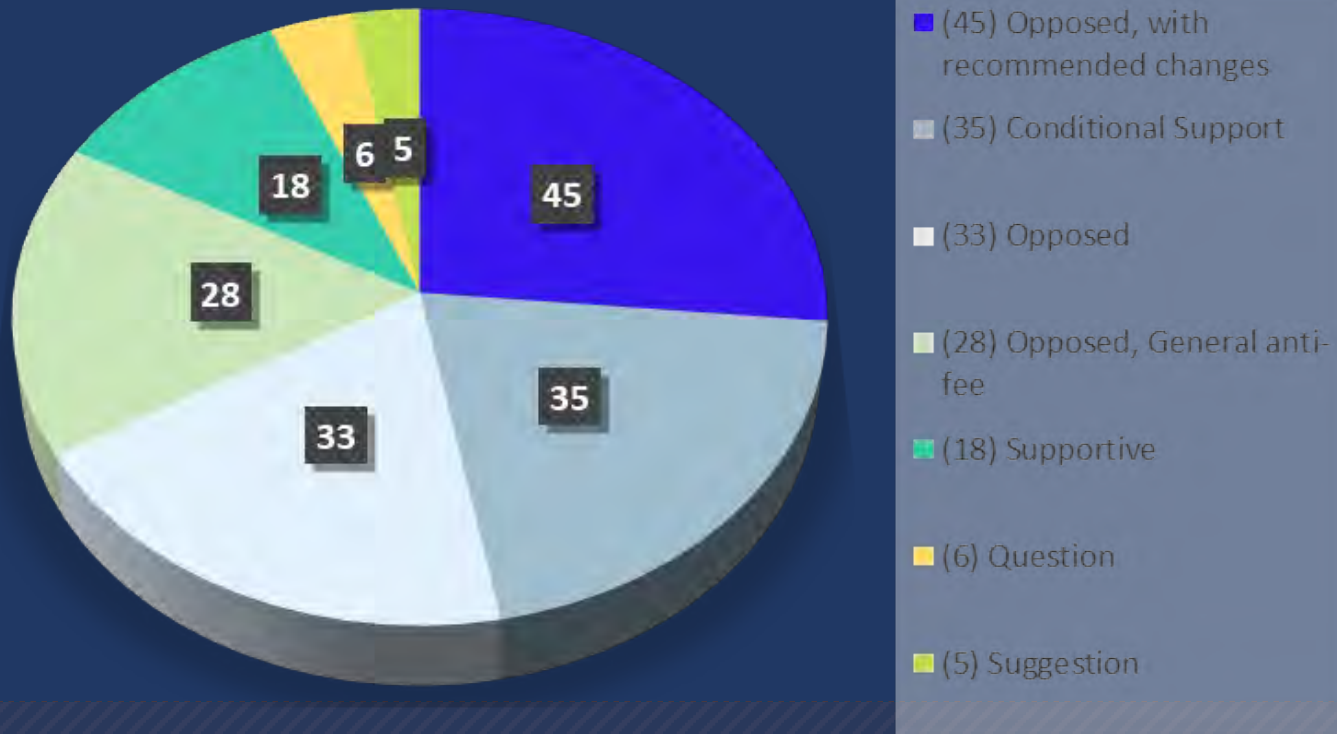
Visit the Region 3 Recreation Fee Proposal website above or the Tonto National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/tnto/recreation/fees> for complete details on the proposed OHV fees.



USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Overview of Public Results- OHV Special Recreation Permit

170 comments received via email/mail/story map

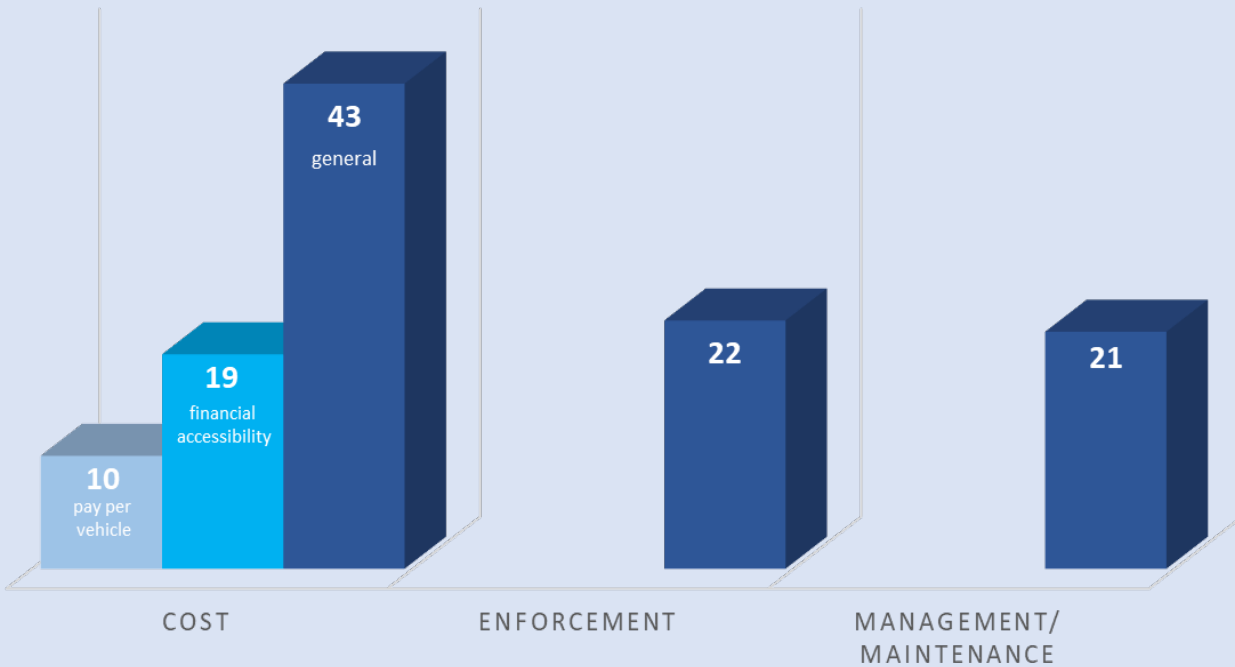


Additional Notes about Comments Received

- ❑ Many comments thought the fee was per permit zone.
 - Clarification: The proposal was to have one permit give you access to all 5 OHV locations. This gives the public access to much more area and for 1/5 the price!
- ❑ Many comments thought only OHVs were being charged the fee and Jeeps, trucks, bicycles, or anyone else accessing the area would not be charged.
 - Clarification: Any motorized vehicle, regardless of size of vehicle or recreation activity after entering the permit zone, will need a Tonto OHV Permit. Users that walk, bike, horseback ride, or otherwise enter the area by means of non-motorized method will not need a Tonto OHV Permit. Also, vehicles parked in staging areas will not need a permit.
- ❑ Most comments against the fee mentioned the existing Arizona State OHV tag fee and questioned why the Forest could not utilize the State OHV tag funds.
 - Clarification: The Arizona State OHV tag funding does not come directly to the Forest OHV Program. Forests can apply for grant funding through the State but approval and funding is never guaranteed, and that source of funding is not sustainable for the Tonto NF's popular OHV areas.
- ❑ A lot of initial negative comments, but after providing public outreach and answering questions we received more positive feedback and suggestions on how to change the proposal to meet the public's needs.

Summary of OHV SRP Proposal- Changes based on Comments

MAJORITY OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT CONCERNS



Top three things mentioned in comments:

- **Fee cost was too high**
 - We reduced our proposed rate and added a six-month permit option for winter visitors
- **Fee per operator was unaffordable for families**
 - We changed the permit requirement to per vehicle
- **More Law Enforcement and patrollers in the OHV permit zones**
 - With the fee system, we can do that!
- ❖ **Honorable mention: better management and maintenance of the OHV areas**

Additional Opportunities

- 5 National Fee Free Days, with potential for more designated by the Forest
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - National Get Outdoors Day
 - Juneteenth
 - National Public Lands Day
 - Veterans Day
- The Forest and Region are looking into partnering with local libraries to provide recreation opportunities on the Tonto NF with the Cultural Pass
- Volunteers- fee waiver will be available for volunteers that have documented more than 40 hours of volunteer work in OHV areas on the Tonto NF or adjacent public lands
 - More details are in the Implementation Plan

- 88% of the Forest's motorized routes remain outside of the Permit Zones and free to recreationists year-round



Proposal → Approval

April 25, 2024 AZ BLM Recreation RAC Presentation:

- Tonto NF staff presented the Tonto OHV SRP fee proposal; RAC voted 7-3 to table the recommendation and requested additional info including Budget Plan with a list of planned facilities, answers to AZGFD questions related to the proposal, and an explanation of why the Tonto Pass or other existing passes could not be applied to the OHV Permit Zones.

July 16, 2024 AZ BLM Recreation RAC Presentation:

- Tonto NF staff presented additional information as requested; RAC voted 14-1 to recommend approval for the OHV SRP fee.

September 12, 2024 Regional Forester signed letter approving Tonto NF to proceed with implementing the OHV SRP fee proposal.





Next Step: Implementation!

Permits Required in 4 OHV Permit Zones
January 1, 2025



Budget Plan



Focus:

Phase I ~August 2024 – September 2025 (FY 2025)	Phase II October 2025 – September 2026 (FY 2026)	Phase III October 2026 – September 2027 (FY 2027)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring temporary staff & FPO's • Purchasing UTV's to patrol & perform trail maintenance • Renting portable restrooms for staging areas • Installing signs and improving information kiosks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocating funds to FS LEI, MCSO, & AZGFD agreements • Hiring additional staff & FPO's • Purchasing trail dozer and additional UTV's to perform trail maintenance in-house • Installing select vault toilets at staging areas • Renting roll-off dumpsters • Construction of new staging areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocating funds towards partnership agreements & educational programs • Hiring trail crews • Investing in trail maintenance & rehab of impacted areas • Installing select vault toilets at additional staging areas • Expansion of existing and/or construction of new staging areas

Budget Plan Phase I



Budget Plan Phases II and III





Questions?



AGENDA – D2

Recognition of OHVAG members

Arizona State Parks and Trails Staff will recognize OHVAG members Geoff Chain and Holly Irwin for their service the agency as they close out their active second terms.

- Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator

AGENDA – D2

Total Project	Total Award	Total Match	Total Impact
97	\$ 15,715,717	\$ 4,832,530.49	\$ 20,548,247.87

AGENDA – D3

Minutes

The Group will review and may consider action to approve the OHVAG meeting minutes from September 24, 2024.

AGENDA – D3

Motion:

I move to approve the meeting minutes of the September 24, 2024 OHVAG meeting.

AGENDA – D4

2025 OHV Competitive Motorized Grant Applications

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

– Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator

AGENDA – D4

2025 Competitive Motorized Grant Application(s)

Sponsor	Project	Project Request	Staff 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 – D4



AGENDA – D4



AGENDA – D4



AGENDA – D4



AGENDA – D4



AGENDA – D4

Motion:

I move that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the Motorized Grant Applications as follows; Apache County ATV Inc. OHV Education and Signage request in the amount of _____, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office OHV Law Enforcement and Education Program request in the amount of _____, and Navajo County Sheriff's Office OHV Law Enforcement and Equipment request in the amount of _____.

Sponsor	Project	Project Request
Apache County ATV Inc.	OHV Education and Signage	\$8,180.00
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office	OHV Law Enforcement Equipment and Education	\$557,370.00
Navajo County Sheriff's Office	OHV Law Enforcement and Education Program	\$373,190.00

AGENDA – D5

2025 Supplemental Motorized Grant Applications

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

– Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator

AGENDA – D5

2025 Supplemental Motorized Grant Application(s)

Sponsor	Project	Project Request	Staff 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
Totals:		\$171,138.00	\$171,138.00

AGENDA – D5



AGENDA – D5



AGENDA – D5



AGENDA – D5



AGENDA – D5

Motion:

I move that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the Supplemental Motorized Grant Applications as follows; Flagstaff Police Department OHV Education and Enforcement request in the amount of _____, and the Payson Police Department OHV Law Enforcement and Education Program request in the amount of _____.

Sponsor	Project	Project Request
Flagstaff Police Department	OHV Education and Enforcement	\$93,738.00
Payson Police Department	OHV Education and Enforcement	\$77,400.00

AGENDA – D6

Arizona State Parks 2025 Statewide Trails Plan.

Staff will provide an update on the launch of the 2025 Statewide Trails Plan. This agenda item is for information only.

-Dawn Collins, Executive Project Manager

2025 Arizona Trails Plan Update



Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group

November 19, 2024

2025 Trails Plan Surveys – Three Surveyed



Arizona Public

- Stratified Random Sample Survey representative of the state's population, adults 18+
- Survey of both users and non-users of trails (motorized and non-motorized trails)
- Customer-centric approach – online, mobile devices, phone, etc.
- Available in Spanish and English



Invested User

- Outreach from AZ State Parks & Trails – website, social media, partners, etc. to trail users (motorized and non-motorized trails)
- Tracked responses by communication channel
- Online / mobile survey same as Statewide Public Survey
- Available in Spanish and English



Land Managers

- Land managers throughout the state that manage, build, maintain, or plan trails
- Used ASPT email list and partner distribution / share with colleagues
- Online / mobile device survey
- Available in English

Total of 10,695 Completed Surveys



Stratified Random Sample
Completed Surveys
& Interviews
= 5,327

**Total
10,695**

Invested User
Completed Surveys
= 5,368

Skews younger

Equal gender representation

Hispanic representation

Diversity by race

Education level mirrors the state

Skews older

More female participation

Lower Hispanic representation

Higher identified as white

Higher education level



Land Managers Survey (Total 91)

All 15 counties represented



Agency or Organization

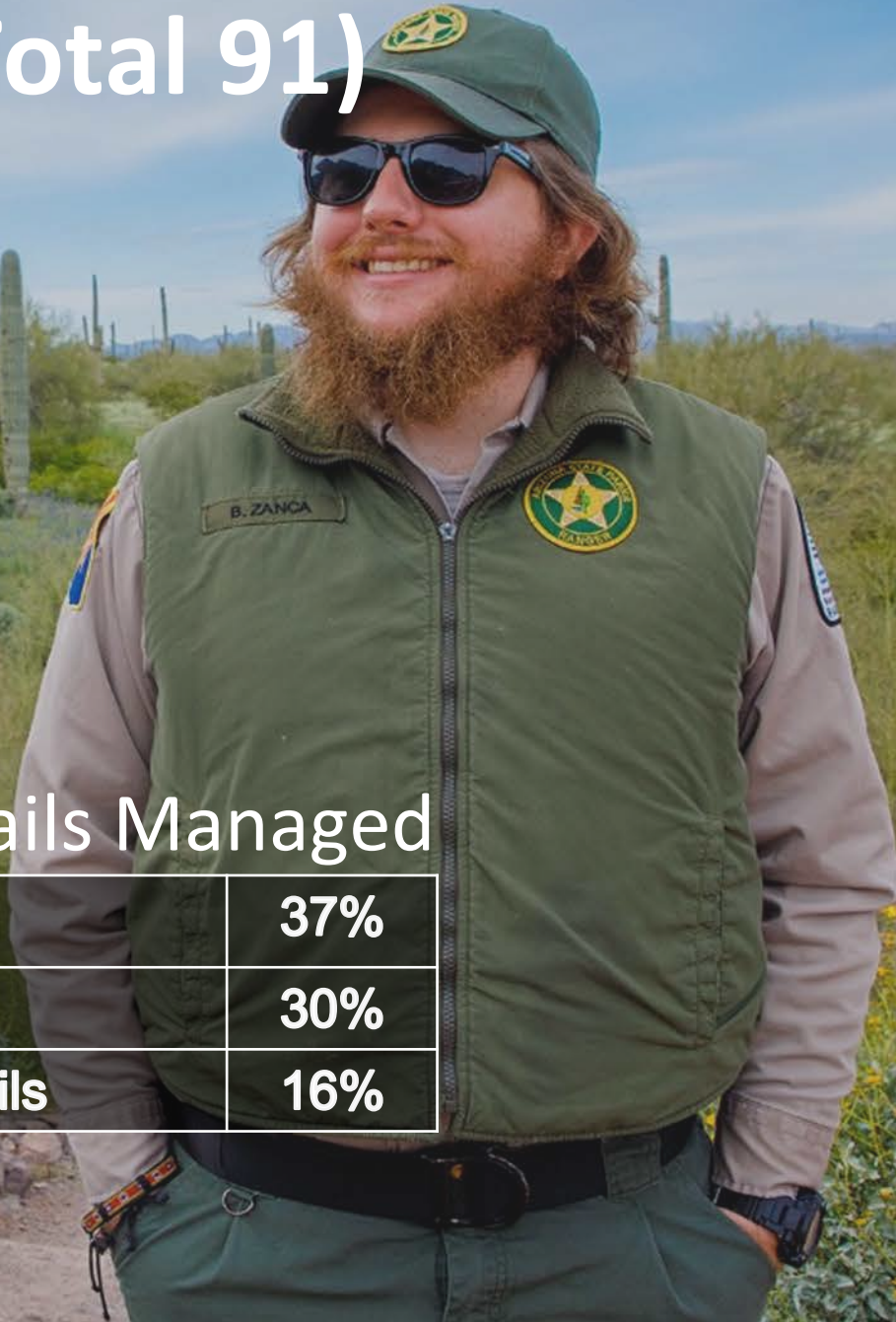
Federal Agency	37%
City of Town Agency	30%
State Agency	16%
County Agency	9%
Non-profit Organization	7%

Current Position

Recreation Management	64%
Trails Management	52%
Land / Resource Mngt	42%
Law Enforcement	5%

Type of Trails Managed

Non-Motorized	37%
Motorized	30%
Mixed-Use Trails	16%





2025 Trails Plan Priorities Questions

AGENDA – D7

Emergency and Mitigation Supplemental Grant Application Update

OHVAG will be updated on the recently submitted Charouleau Gap Emergency and Mitigation Grant. This agenda item is for information only.

-Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator

AGENDA – D7



AGENDA – D7



AGENDA – D7



AGENDA – D7



AGENDA – D8

Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator Updates

OHV Coordinator, Matthew Eberhart, will provide OHVAG members an update on the OHV Ambassador Program, Appreciate AZ Campaign, new Tonto National Forest Fee Structures, and new OHV Decal education requirements.
– Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator

OHV Ambassadors



Interested in Becoming an OHV Ambassador?

- Increased outreach presence
- Increased information sharing between Arizona State Parks and its constituents
- Engage more riders
- Promote safe and responsible riding
- Provide new and accurate OHV information
- Distribute education and marketing materials

[Become an Ambassador](#)

Appreciate AZ



OHV Decal Education Requirements

Non-Resident OHV Decal Registration



[Click To Begin](#)



AGENDA – E

Future Agenda Items

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

AGENDA – F

Current Events

Group members 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 may be involved. The Group will not discuss or take any action on any current event summary.

Call to the Public

The Chair will recognize those wishing to address the Group. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization and the time allotted by the Chair. Action taken because of acknowledgment of comments and suggestions from the public will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

AGENDA – H

**Future Meeting Dates:
January 28, 2025
1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.**



THANK YOU