

Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC)

December 4, 2024

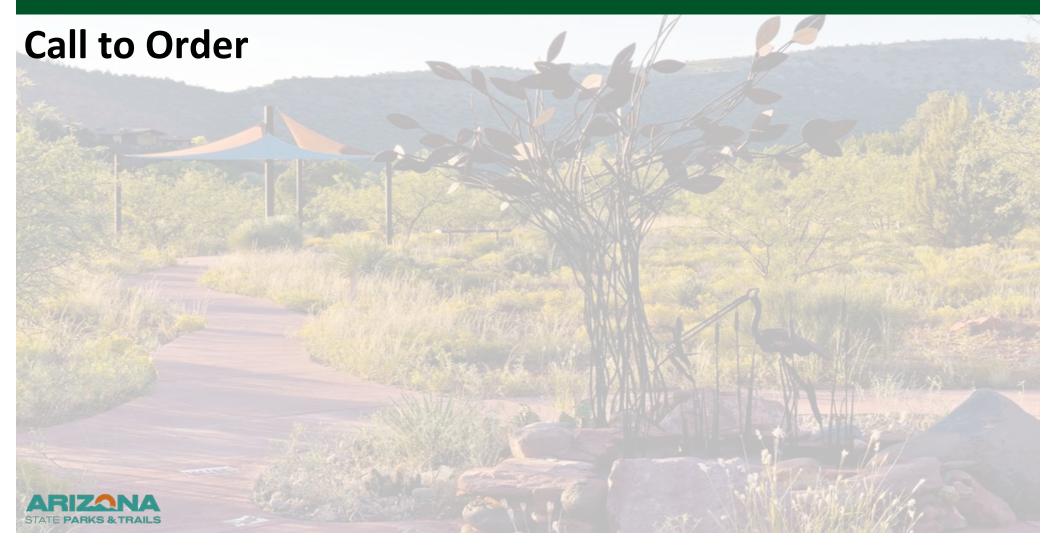
Kevin Adams – Chair

Laura Wilson – Vice Chair

Joseph Baynes, Bob Broscheid, Tom Finley

Matt Jankowski, Eric Urfer

# AGENDA – A



#### **AGENDA – B**

# **Pledge of Allegiance**

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."







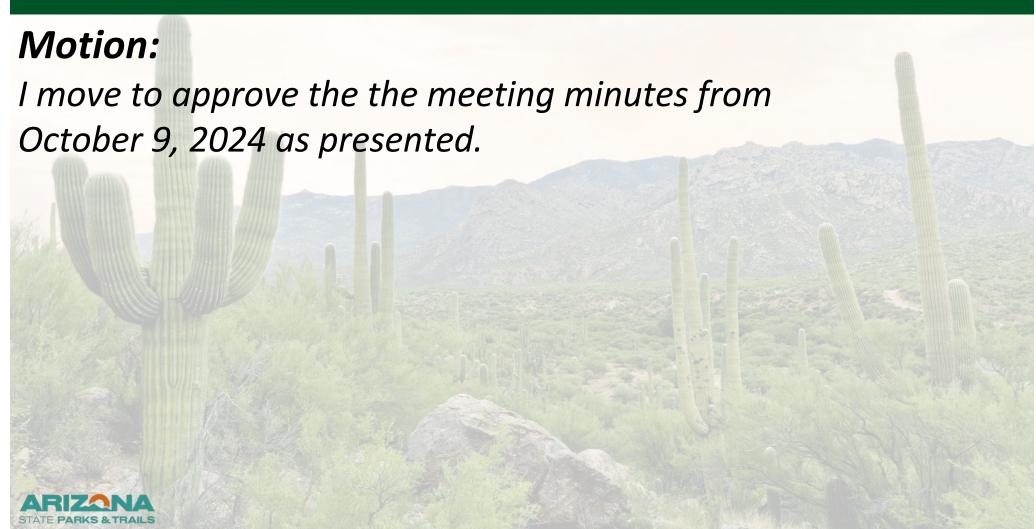


# **Approval of Minutes**

AORCC will review and may consider action to approve the meeting minutes from October 9, 2024.







# AORCC Membership, Duties, and Open Meeting Law

Staff will present information on AORCC membership, duties and review open meeting law. This agenda item is for informational purposes only.

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



#### **Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission Roster**

Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission, Arizona A.R.S. 41-518

Robert Broscheid, Executive Director **Arizona State Parks and Trails** 

Thomas Finley, Executive Director **Arizona Game and Fish** 

Adams, Kevin P

**Public Member** 

Term Expiration Date: 1/31/2026

Baynes, Joseph P

**Parks and Recreation Director** 

Jankowski, Matthew J

Term Expiration: 1/31/27

Term Expiration Date: 1/31/2026

**Public Member** 

Urfer, Eric A

**Parks and Recreation Director** 

Term Expiration Date: 1/31/2025

Wilson, Laura

**Parks and Recreation Director** 

Term Expiration Date: 1/31/2027



# **AORCC** Duties and Responsibility

Meetings frequency is based on need and work product

Generally 4-5 times a year/typically no more than 2 hours

Serves as an advisory committee to the Arizona State Parks Board on all grants and statewide planning projects

Adhere to Arizona's Open Meeting Law

#### Follow Roberts Rule of Order

- Everyone has the right to speak if they wish
- Follow the agenda
- All action items require a motion and a second
  - Followed by discussion and a vote
- All motions can be amended
- Votes are taken by roll call(exception is the roll call which can be approved by voice)
- AORCC meetings must be open to the public and a quorum of members must be present for this meeting
- All agendas must be posted a minimum of 24 hours prior to meeting
- Minutes must be taken and draft posted 72 hours after adjournment



# **AORCC Duties and Responsibility (Continued)**

- Avoid gatherings of more than 50% of members—this is considered a public meeting
- Exceptions social events—but should be posted that a quorum may be present but that no business of the public body will be discussed
- Do not send emails to all members
- Communication between the members should go through park staff only
  - This should not be forwarded to other members by committee members
- Emails of members related to their official duties are public records
- Meetings must be accessible and at reasonable times
- Agendas must contain enough information reasonably necessary to inform the public
- All discussions must be reasonably related to an adequately described agenda item



# **AORCC Duties and Responsibility (Continued)**

- New items must be added to a future meeting
- Public must identify themselves when talking
- Must be recognized by the chair
- Public cannot disrupt the meeting
- Public can present not be involved with asking specific questions and a back and forth with the committee—
  can direct staff to schedule matter for a future meeting
- Things to avoid
  - Passing notes or texting back and forth between members
  - Whispering to other members
  - Allowing the public talk with individual members before the meeting



## **2025 OHV Competitive Motorized Grant Applications**

AORCC 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.

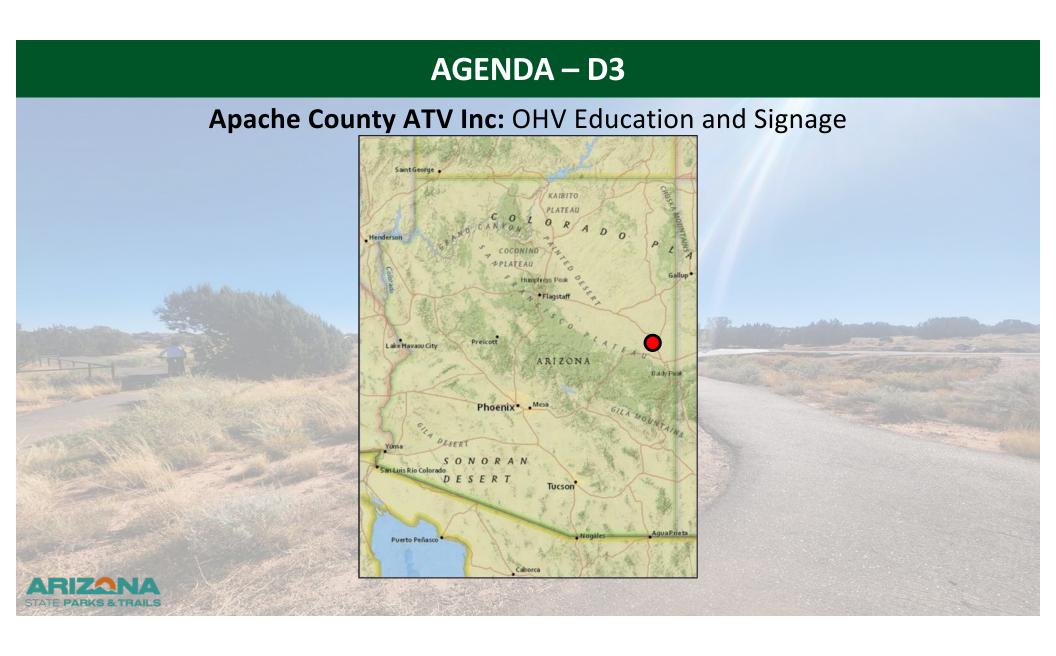
Presented By: Matthew Eberhart (State OHV Coordinator)



## **2025 Competitive Motorized Grant Application(s)**

	Sponsor	Project	Project Request	Staff/OHVAG Recommendation	Score
346	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	





Apache County ATV Inc: OHV Education and Signage







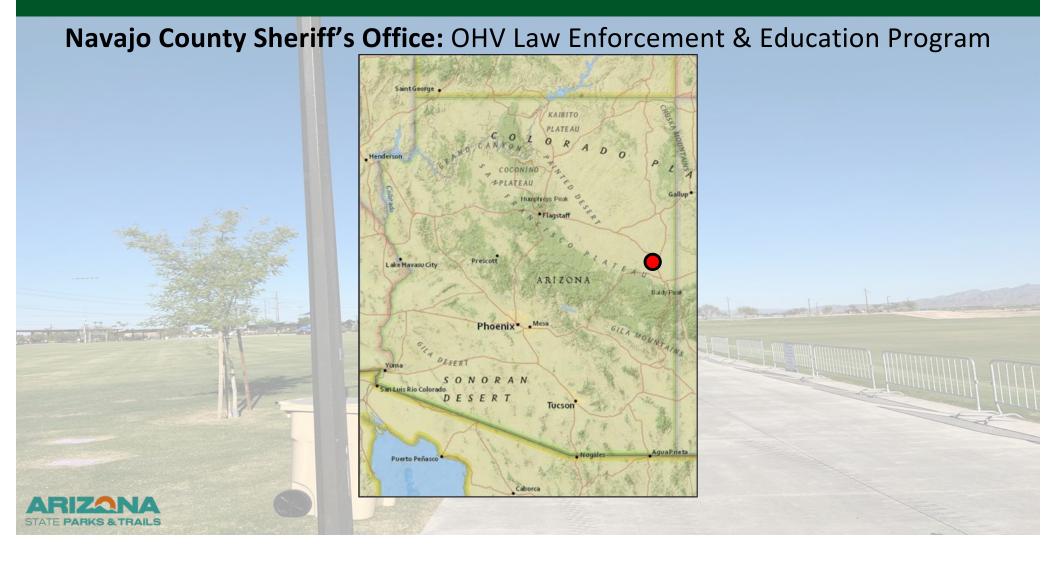


Yavapai County Sheriff's Office: OHV Law Enforcement Equipment & Education









Navajo County Sheriff's Office: OHV Law Enforcement & Education Program







#### **Motion:**

I move that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2025 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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 - D4

# **2025 Supplemental Motorized Grant Applications**

AORCC 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.

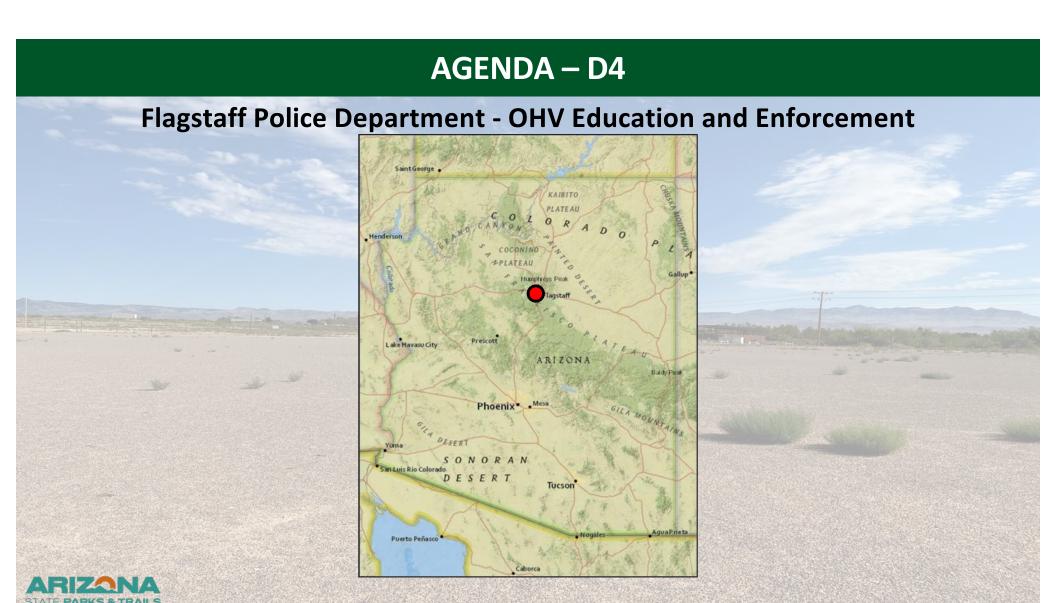
Presented By: Matthew Eberhart (State OHV Coordinator)



## 2025 Supplemental Motorized Grant Application(s)

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/OHVAG 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	



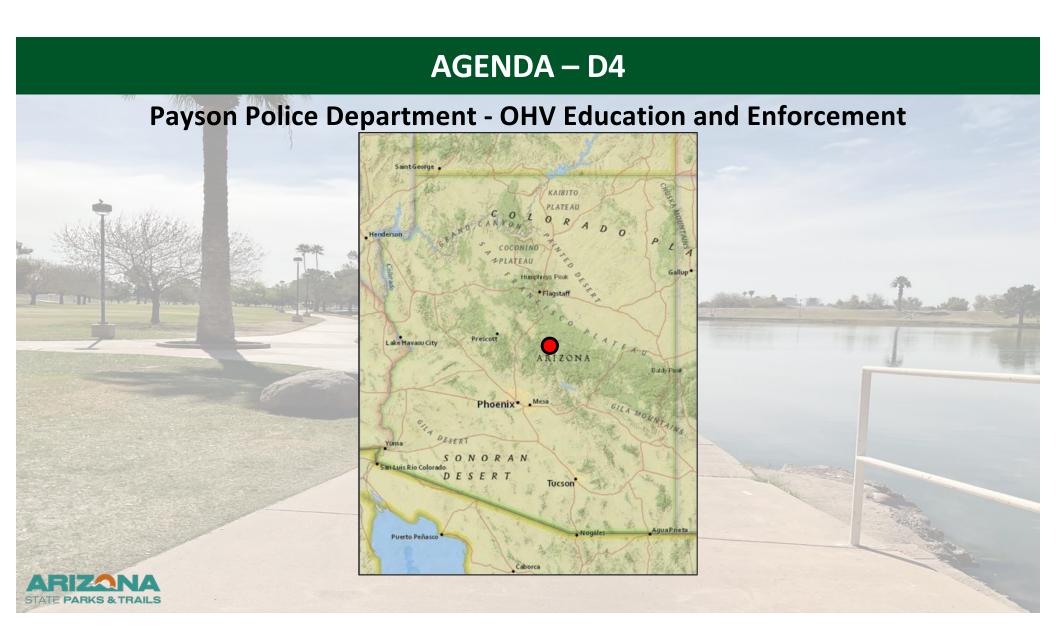


## **Flagstaff Police Department - OHV Education and Enforcement**









## **Payson Police Department - OHV Education and Enforcement**







#### **Motion:**

I move that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2025 Supplemental Motorized Grant Applications as follows: Flagstaff Police Department; OHV Education and Enforcement request in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_, and the Payson Police Department; OHV Education and Enforcement request in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

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



# 2025 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications

AORCC 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 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	



Pine Strawberry Fuel Reduction Inc: Two Ravens and Strawberry Mountain Trail



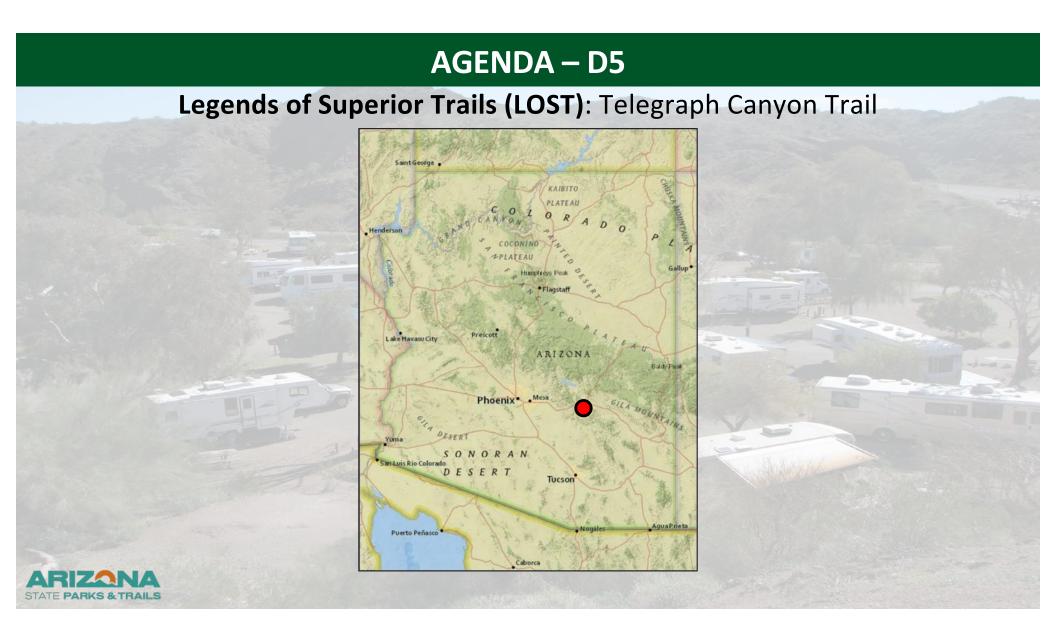


Pine Strawberry Fuel Reduction Inc: Two Ravens and Strawberry Mountain Trail









## Legends of Superior Trails (LOST): Telegraph Canyon Trail









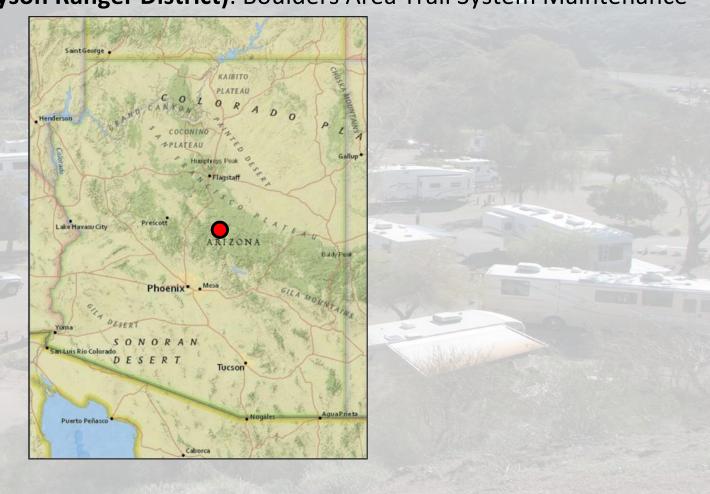
## Tonto National Forest (Supervisors Office): Highline Loops Phase I







Tonto National Forest (Payson Ranger District): Boulders Area Trail System Maintenance



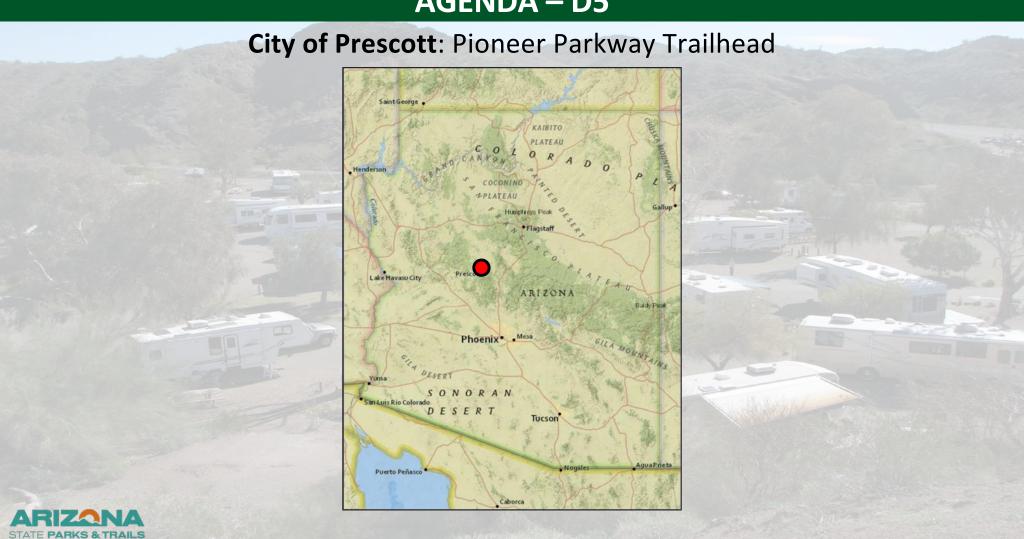


Tonto National Forest (Payson Ranger District): Boulders Area Trail System Maintenance









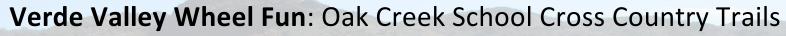
City of Prescott: Pioneer Parkway Trailhead















Verde Valley Wheel Fun: Oak Creek School Cross Country Trails













#### Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance: Bean Peaks Gravity Flow Trail Network







#### **Motion:**

Pine Strawberry Fuel Reduction Inc.	Two Ravens and Strawberry Mountain Trail	\$149,990.00	\$149,990.00
Legends of Superior Trails (LOST)	Telegraph Canyon Trail	\$120,500.00	\$120,500.00
Tonto National Forest; Supervisors Office	Highline Loops Phase I	\$149,864.00	\$149,864.00
Tonto National Forest; Payson Ranger District	Boulders Area Trail System	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance	Bean Peaks Gravity Flow Trail Network	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00



#### **Motion:**

I move that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2025 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications as follows: City of Prescott; Pioneer Parkway Trailhead in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_,

City of Prescott Pioneer Parkway Trailhead \$150,000.00



#### **Motion:**

I move that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2025 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications as follows:, Verde Valley Wheel Fun; Oak Creek School Cross Country Trails in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Verde Valley Wheel Fun

Oak Creek School Cross Country Trails

\$75,858.00

\$75,858.00



# 2025 Recreational Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant Applications

AORCC 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 Recreational Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant Applications.

Presented By: Jeff Schmidt (Grant Program Manager)

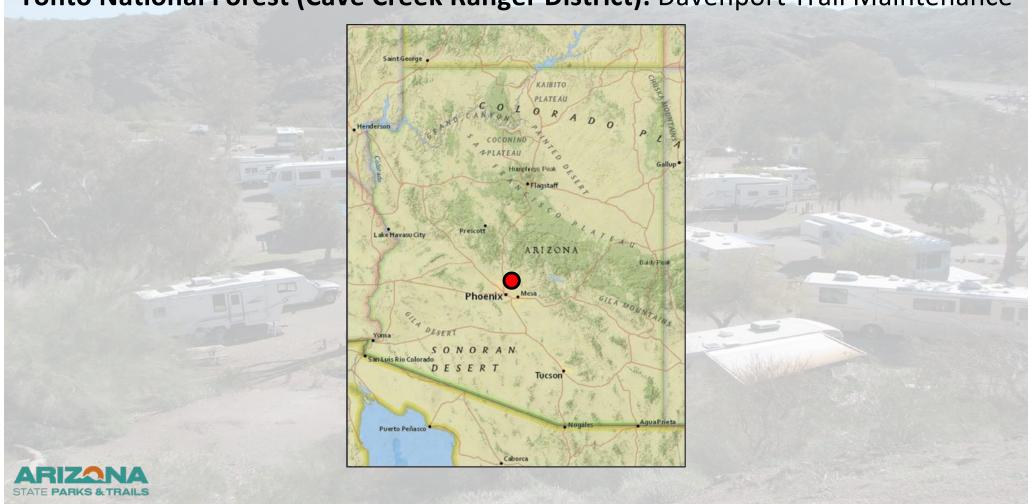


#### 2025 Recreational Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant Application(s)

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ASCOT Recommendation
Tonto National Forest (Cave Creek	FS #89 Davenport Trail	\$73,755.00	\$73,755.00
Ranger District)	Maintenance Project	\$73,733.00	\$73,733.00
Rim Country Mountain Bike	Boulders Area Trail System	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Association	Maintenance	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Тс	otal	\$173,755.00	\$173,755.00



Tonto National Forest (Cave Creek Ranger District): Davenport Trail Maintenance



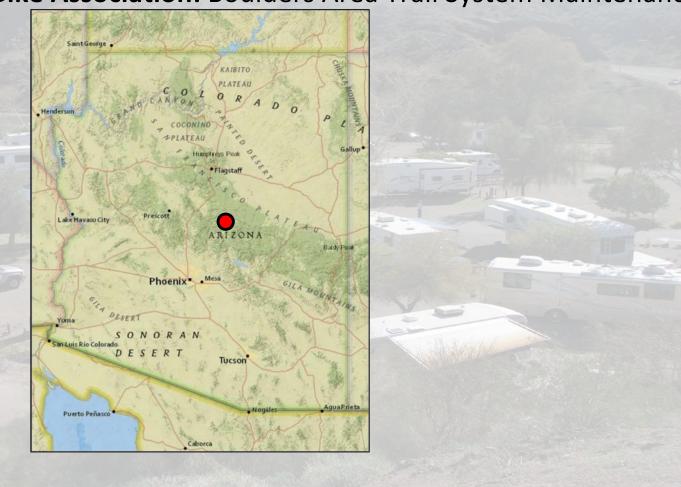
Tonto National Forest (Cave Creek Ranger District): Davenport Trail Maintenance







Rim Country Mountain Bike Association: Boulders Area Trail System Maintenance



Rim Country Mountain Bike Association: Boulders Area Trail System Maintenance







#### **Motion:**

I move that AORCC recommend the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2025 Recreational Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant Application as follows: Tonto National Forest; Cave Creek Ranger District; FS #89 Davenport Trail Maintenance in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_, and Rim Country Mountain Bike Association; Boulders Area Trail System Maintenance in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Tonto National Forest (Cave Cree	FS #89 Davenport Trail	\$73,755.00	\$73,755.00
Ranger District)	Maintenance Project	\$75,755.00	\$75,755.00
Rim Country Mountain Bike	Boulders Area Trail System	\$100,000,00	¢100 000 00
Association	Maintenance	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00



# 2025 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications

AORCC 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 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications.

Presented By: Jeff Schmidt (Grant Program Manager)

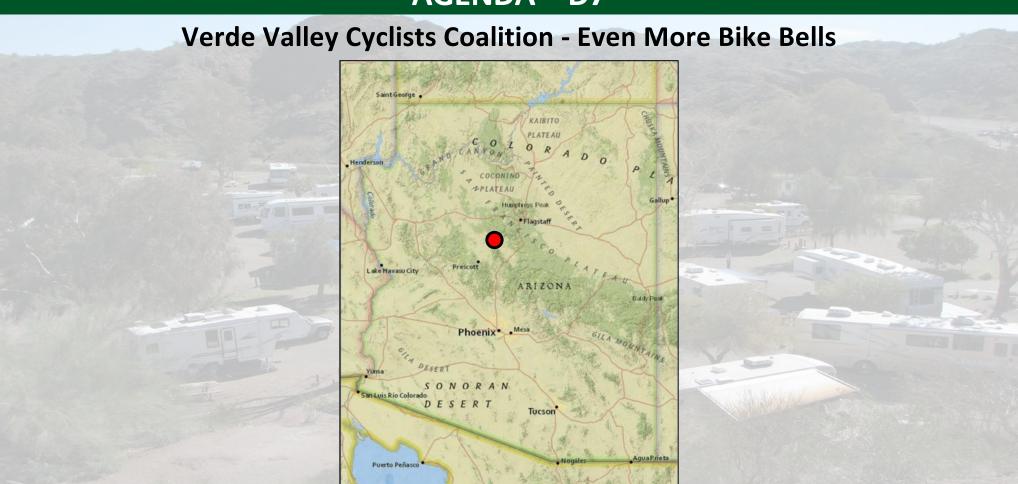


# 2025 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Grant Application(s)

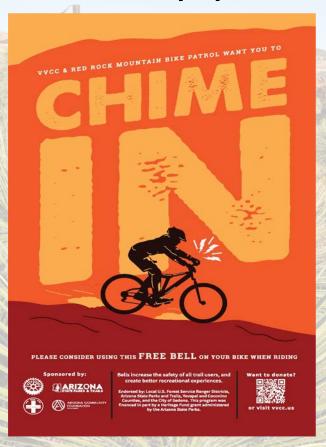
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ASCOT Recommendation
Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition	Even More Bike Bells	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Arizona Science Center	STEM Education with Nature Exchange	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
City of Flagstaff	McMillan Mesa Natural Area Signage	\$9,998.00	\$9,998.00
National Forest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





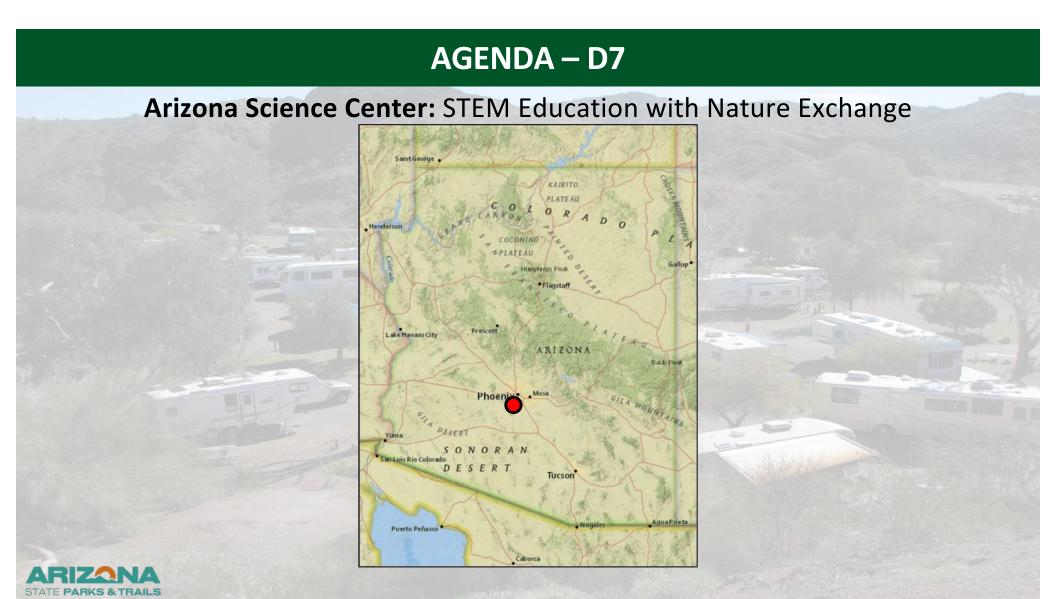


Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition: Even More Bike Bells









Arizona Science Center: STEM Education with Nature Exchange

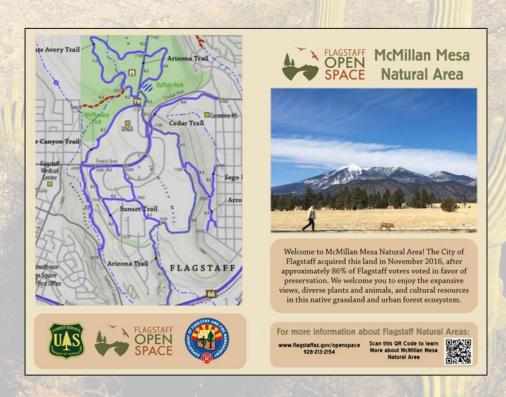






# AGENDA – D7 City of Flagstaff: McMillan Mesa Natural Area Signage Lake Havasu City ARIZONA Phoenix\*

#### City of Flagstaff: McMillan Mesa Natural Area Signage



#### Rules and Courtesies

and enjoy this area using alternative modes of transportation, Motorized

Share The Trail: show courtesy to all users including hiker and bikers. Equestrian use is prohibited on the

Respect Wildlife: McMillian Mesa provides ample opportunity to observe wildlife, but please do so from a safe distance to ensure your safety. Huntin

Reduce Your Impact: ride the bus or Respect Cultural Resourses: enjoy the park your vehicle at the Buffalo Park lot cultural resources that have been here for over 700 years. Help us protect these sites by not touching petroglyphs or taking things home with you.

> waste properly by using a trash bin or taking it home with you.

Keep Pets on Leash: pet owners must keep their pets on a leash when using Flagstaff natural areas to ensure the safety of their pet and wildlife. Pet owners are also required to clean up after pets to keep a clean environment



#### The San Francisco Peaks, as seen from McMillan Mesa





#### Wildlife on the Mesa

Due to its diverse vegetation and unique topography, McMillan Mesa Natural Area offers a variety of wildlife habitats with ample wildlife food and shelter. A resident herd of mule deer, flocks of mountain bluebirds, skunks, foxes, porcupines, small mammals and reptiles inhabit the area. Sightings of black bears and mountain lions, while rare, have also been reported.

#### Geology

Volcanism produced the surrounding San Francisco Volcanic Field local to the Flagstaff area. From this volcanic activity, an eruption of a vent near Woody Ridge approximately 6 million years ago led to the formation of McMillian Mesa. This event resulted in massive lava flows of molten rock that solidified as basalt as it spread across the surface slightly downslope to the north and east. As the solid basalt resided on the top of the crumblier Moenkopi Sandstone, erosion over time has left us with the weathered malpais terrain we see today.

#### Vegetation

McMillan Mesa Natural Area preserves one of the last intact native grasslands within the City. The primary vegetation type is Arizona fescue/mountain muhly and the associated habitat type is montane meadow grassland. The Mesa is rich in vegetation biodiversity including native grasses, shrubs, cacti, wildflower, and patches ponderosa pine, Gambel oak, and alligator juniper.





National Forest Foundation: Sonoran Insiders Responsible Recreation Ambassador





National Forest Foundation: Sonoran Insiders Responsible Recreation Ambassador Program







#### **Motion:**

I move that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2025 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education grant applications as follows: Arizona Science Center; STEM Education with Nature Exchange in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, City of Flagstaff; McMillan Mesa Natural Area Signage in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, National Forest Foundation; and the Sonoran Insiders Responsible Recreation Ambassador Program in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Arizona Science Center	STEM Education with Nature Exchange	\$30,000.00
City of Flagstaff	McMillan Mesa Natural Area Signage	\$9,998.00
National Forest Foundation	Sonoran Insiders Responsible Recreation Ambassador Program	\$9,855.00



#### **Motion:**

I move that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2025 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education grant applications as follows: Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition; Even More Bike Bells in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition

Even More Bike Bells

\$30,000.00



# 2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Amendments

AORCC 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 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





Town of Clarkdale: Selna Mongini Park





#### Town of Clarkdale: Selna Mongini Park





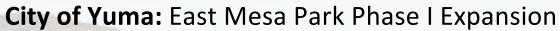


# AGENDA – D8 Clarkdale Selna Mongini Park Budget Increase

	TOTAL	MATCH	LWCF
Equipment/Materials New	\$ 1,234,100.82	\$ 608,520.33	\$ 625,580.4
Equipment/Materials Original Budget	\$ 1,120,879.26	\$ 619,046.50	\$ 501,832.
		Difference	\$ 123,747.7
Construction New	\$ 1,469,945.49	\$ 845,204.72	\$ 624,740.7
Construction Original Request	\$ 764,274.24	\$ 329,107.00	\$ 435,167.2
		Difference	\$ 189,573.5
Engineer/Survey New	\$ 255,953.69	\$ 6,274.95	\$ 249,678.7
Engineer/Survey Original Request	\$ 84,252.00	\$ 21,852.00	\$ 63,000.0
	Difference		\$ 186,678.7
	LWCF Increase Request		\$ 500,000.0

STATE PARKS & TRAILS









#### City of Yuma: East Mesa Park Phase I Expansion







#### **AGENDA – D8-Yuma East Mesa Park**

	Orignal Budget			Adjusted Budget			
	Grant	Match/In-kind	Total	Grant	Match/In-kind	Total	Notes/Comments
Splash Pad		\$500,000.00	\$500,000		\$0	\$0	Remove line item
Destination Inclusive Playground	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$893,197	\$2,393,197	
Electrical		\$356,765.00	\$356,765		\$721,994	\$721,994	
General Construction		\$68,706.00	\$68,706		\$368,292	\$368,292	
Civil Domestic Water		\$41,320.00	\$41,320		\$65,733	\$65,733	
Civil Sanitary Sewer		\$2,500.00	\$2,500		\$2,109	\$2,109	
Civil Grading and Paving		\$177,642.50	\$177,643		\$125,637	\$125,637	
Landscape		\$29,228.45	\$29,228		\$48,603	\$48,603	
Irrigation Landscape		\$7,700.00	\$7,700		\$5,858	\$5,858	
Hardscape Amenities		\$837,394.00	\$837,394		\$905,818	\$905,818	
	\$1,000,000	\$2,021,255.95	\$3,021,256	\$1,500,000	\$3,137,240	\$4,637,240	

#### **Motion:**

I move that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Amendment Increases as follows: the Town of Clarkdale;

Selna Mongini Park in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and the City of Yuma; East Mesa Park Phase I Expansion Project in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Town of Clarkdale	Selna Mongini Park	\$500,000.00
City of Yuma	East Mesa Park Phase I Expansion	\$500,000.00



# 2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Removal of Significant Scope Items

AORCC Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board 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	Selna Mongini Park	Pickleball Courts, Fencing, Lighting	Approve Scope Change
City of Yuma	East Mesa Park Phase I Expansion	Splash Pad	Approve Scope Change



#### **Motion:**

I move that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve the proposed scope amendments for Project 04-00783, Town of Clarkdale Selna Mongini Park Development and Project 04-00792 East Mesa Park Development as presented by staff.



#### 2025 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Application(s)

AORCC will consider and may take action on a recommendation to the 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				
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Coconino County Sheriff's Office: Rescue and Emergency Equipment





#### Coconino County Sheriff's Office Rescue Equipment









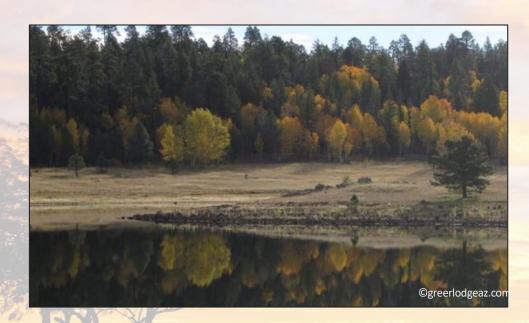
#### Apache County Sheriff's Office: Boat Acquisition





#### Apache County Sheriff's Office: Boat Acquisition







#### AGENDA - D10

#### **Motion:**

I move that AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2025 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Application(s) as follows: Coconino County Sheriff's Office; Rescue and Emergency Equipment in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Apache County Sheriff's Office; Boat Acquisition in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Coconino County Sheriff's Office	Rescue and Emergency Equipment	\$344,415.00
Apache County Sheriff's Office	Boat Acquisition	\$210,384.00



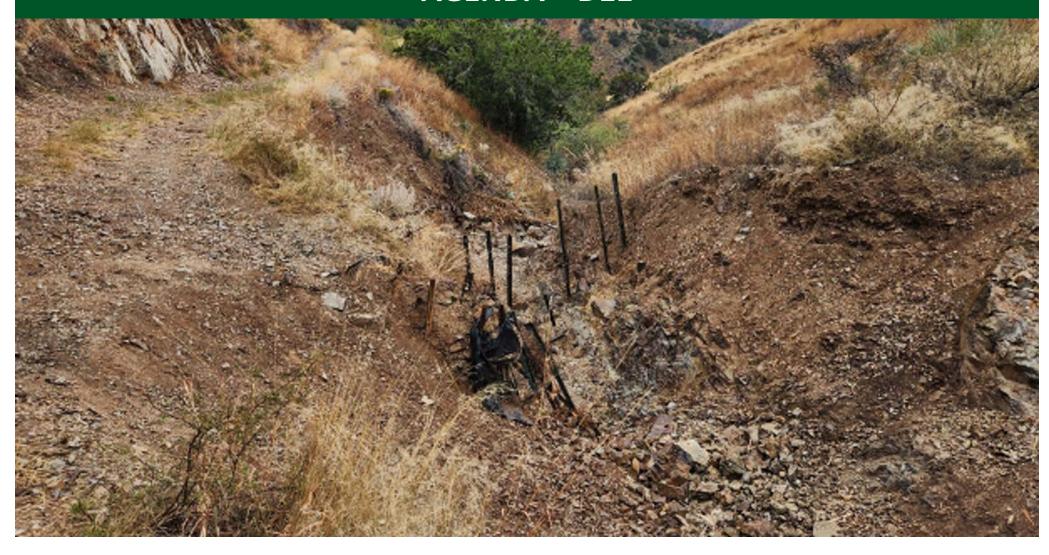
#### AGENDA - D11

# **Emergency and Mitigation Supplemental Grant Application Update**

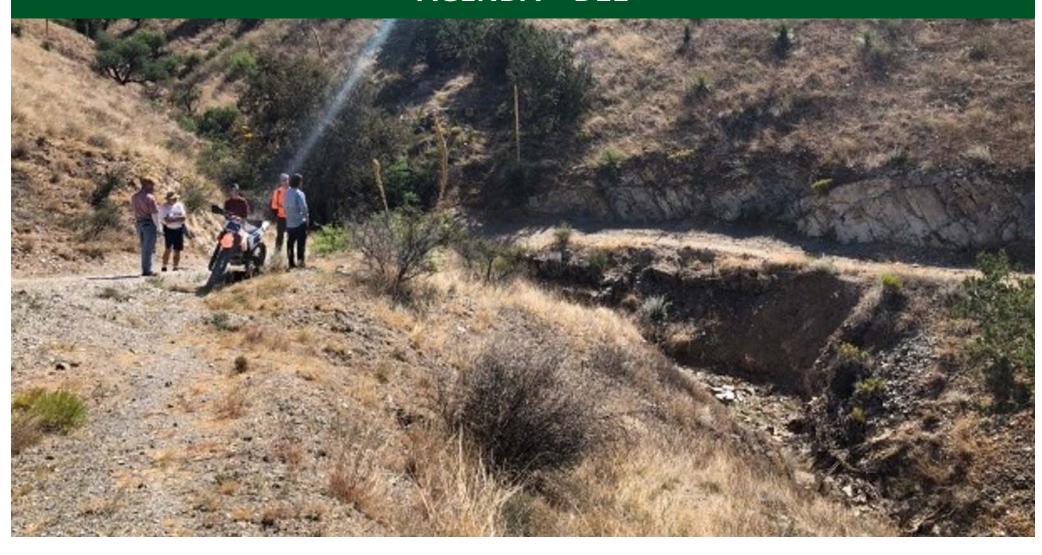
AORCC will be updated on the recently submitted Charouleau Gap Emergency and Mitigation Grant. This agenda item is for information only.

**Presented By:** Matthew Eberhart (State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)





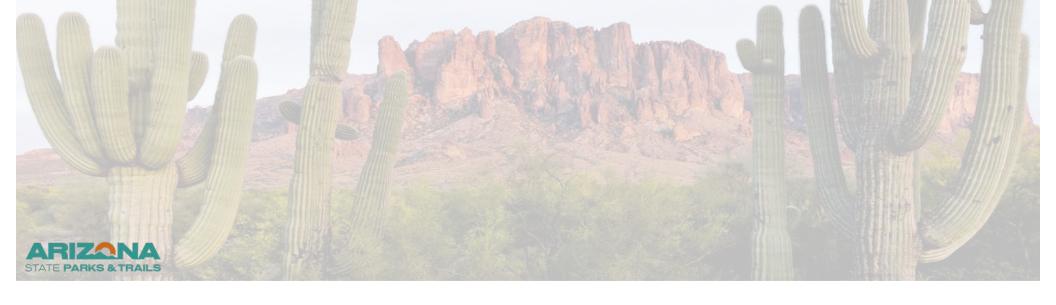




#### Arizona State Parks 2025 Statewide Trails Plan Update

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

Presented By: Dawn Collins (Executive Project Manager)









#### 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 nonusers of trails (motorized and non-motorized trails)
- Customer-centric approach online, mobile devices, phone, etc. – choose how to participate
- 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, and further extended outreach
- Online / mobile device survey
- Available in English

#### **Total of 10,725 Completed Surveys**



Arizona Public
(Stratified Random Sample)

**Completed Surveys** 

& Interviews

= 5,359

Total **10,725** 

Invested User Completed Surveys

= 5,366

Skews younger

Equal gender representation

Hispanic representation

Diversity by race

Education level mirrors the state

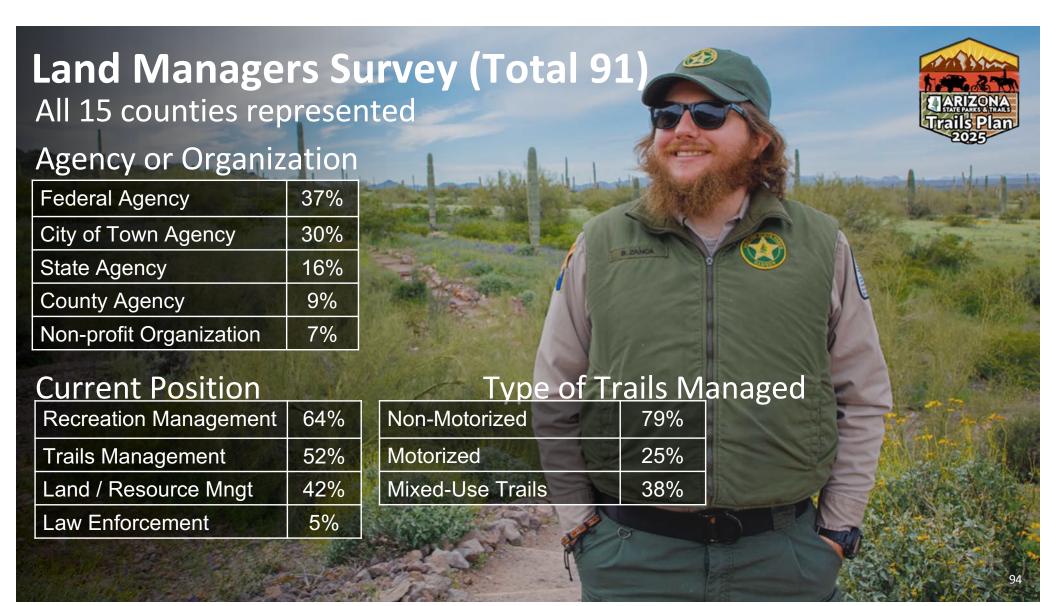
Skews older

More female participation

Lower Hispanic representation

Higher identified as white

Higher education level



#### **Trail Management Priorities**

Each of the three survey groups: Arizona Public, Invested Users, and Land Managers were provided a list of trail priorities and asked to rate them in terms of importance. The rating scales mirror those used in previous Trail Surveys.

#### **Arizona Public & Invested Users**

• Q32 and Q33: **How important are the following trail management priorities to you?** Rated on a 4-point scale, 1 = Not at all important to 4 = Very important.

#### **Land Managers**

• Q5: How important are each of the trail management priorities to your agency? Rated on a 5-point scale, 1 = Not at all important to 5 = Extremely important

#### **Ranking of the Trail Priorities**

- The ranking of the priorities is based on the total mean score. The Non-Motorized Trail Users is broken down by AZ Public and Invested Users who have used those trails in the past 12 months.
- Color-coding was used with Green representing Tier 1, and Orange Tier 2. The deeper the color, the higher the mean score.



#### 2025 Trail Management Priorities (Ranking 1 - 10)

Rank	Priorities	Non-Motorized AZ Public	Non-Motorized Invested Users	Motorized AZ Public	Motorized Invested Users	Land Managers	Working Group	Total of Means
1	Maintain existing sustainable trails	3.67	3.68	3.47	3.58	4.36	17	18.77
2	Prevent or repair damage to sensitive environmental and cultural sites near trails	3.39	3.37	3.13	3.20	4.37	15	17.46
3	Provide trail signs	3.37	3.35	3.20	3.22	4.22	15	17.36
4	Enforce existing rules and regulations in trail areas	3.25	3.28	3.11	3.15	4.12	13	16.91
5	Provide trail maps and information	3.25	3.15	3.20	3.02	4.22	13	16.84
6	Promote safe and responsible recreation programs	3.15	3.09	3.01	3.02	4.33	12	16.61
7	Design and construct new sustainable trails	3.19	3.27	3.18	3.25	3.60	11	16.49
8	Obtain land for trails and trail access	3.21	3.35	3.24	3.36	3.25	10	16.42
9	Support trail stewardship programs for youth and adults	3.19	3.16	3.07	3.07	3.81	10	16.31
10	Provide information on trail characteristics so people of all ages and abilities can determine appropriate use (e.g., surface, grade, etc.)	3.19	3.15	2.95	3.02	3.79	9	16.10

#### 2025 Trail Management Priorities (Ranking 11 -

18	Priorities	Non- Motorized AZ Public	Non- Motorized Invested Users	Motorized AZ Public	Motorized Invested Users	Land Managers	Working Group	Total of Means
11	Connect trails to other trails, parks, and communities	3.08	3.09	3.02	3.05	3.82	13	16.06
12	Provide well-designed facilities, like restrooms, parking, campsites, and shaded areas near trails	3.07	3.02	2.69	2.80	3.88	7	15.47
13	Develop flexible trail management plans that can be adjusted based on changing conditions (extreme heat, drought, wildfires, policies, etc.)	3.06	3.06	2.80	2.90	3.49	6	15.32
14	Develop trails and provide facilities to ensure accessibility for individuals of all ages and varying abilities (e.g., adaptive trails)	3.00	2.93	2.78	2.81	3.79	12	15.31
15	Multi-use paths connecting community sites and resources	2.83	2.83	2.67	2.77	3.71	11	14.81
16	Create memorable visitor experiences through engaging programming	2.59	2.47	2.45	2.38	3.54	3	13.42
17	Availability of visitor support (to answer questions, advice on safety measures, etc.)	2.55	2.45	2.36	2.32	3.31	2	12.99
18	Authorized e-bike opportunities on new or existing trail networks	1.85	1.86	1.83	2.02	2.43	1	9.99

# 2025 Trail Management Priorities (Asked of Non-Motorized, Motorized, and Land Managers Only)

Rank	Priorities	Non- Motorized AZ Public	Non- Motorized Invested Users	Motorized AZ Public	Motorized Invested Users	Land Managers	Total of Means
AZ & USER	Offer electronic device charging stations	1.59	3.02	1.38	2.80		8.79
LM	Clean up trash and reduce litter					4.26	4.26
LM	Complete environmental/cultural clearance and compliance					4.14	4.14
LM	Rerouting existing trails so they are more sustainable					3.66	3.66
LM	Increase cell service					2.36	2.36
LM	Use of drones to help monitor trail conditions, etc.					2.05	2.05

# Proposed 2025 Trails Plan Trail Management Priorities

Maintain existing sustainable trails
Prevent or repair damage to sensitive
environmental and cultural sites near
trails

Develop signage, maps, and educational materials to better inform users and encourage responsible trail use Promote safe and responsible recreation through education and enforcement Design and construct sustainable trails with a focus on connecting trails, parks and communities.



## **Proposed 2025 Trails Plan Trail Management Priorities**

Obtain land for trails and trail access Create memorable visitor experiences to support trail stewardship

Provide accessible trails and facilities Develop adaptable trail management plans based on changing conditions (extreme heat, drought, wildfires, policies, etc.)

Complete environmental/cultural clearance and compliance









#### AGENDA – E

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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



#### AGENDA - F

#### **CURRENT EVENTS**

AORCC 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

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

#### **Arizona State Parks and Trails 2025 AORCC Meeting Schedule**

Date	Location
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 (tentative)	ASPT Central Office
Wednesday, February 12, 2025	ASPT Central Office
Wednesday, March 12, 2025	ASPT Central Office
Wednesday, April 9, 2025	ASPT Central Office



# AGENDA – I **ADJOURNMENT**

