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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
of
THE ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS
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Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to members of the Arizona State Committee on Trails (“ASCOT” or “Committee”) and the public that ASCOT will hold a meeting on **Thursday, September 25, 2025 beginning at 1:00pm**. ASCOT members may attend the meeting in person or participate telephonically. The public may attend and listen to the meeting at the Arizona State Parks and Trails office located at 1110 W Washington, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Physical access to the meeting space will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Members of the public may also listen/view the meeting via telephone by calling 1-720-500-3097 and entering PIN: 881 440 891# or via Google Meet: meet.google.com/rme-vcsi-dso

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 submitted to staff prior to the meeting start time. If choosing to speak via telephone, persons who wish to make statements to the Committee 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 Committee 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.

AGENDA

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the May 22, 2025 ASCOT Meeting.

The Committee will review and may consider action to approve the ASCOT meeting minutes from May 22, 2025.

2. New Member Introductions. New members will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the Committee. This agenda item is for information only.

3. ASCOT Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2026 Recreational Trails

Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Program Manager) The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$300,000.00.

2026 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff Recommendation	Score
Tusayan, Town of	Grand Canyon Trails Phase II	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	20
Verde Valley Trail Fund	Grief Hill Trail System	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	19
TOTAL		\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	

4. **ASCOT Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2026 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Program Manager)** The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$28,937.80.

2026 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Grant Application(s)			
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff Recommendation
Verde Search and Rescue	Disposable Equipment and Supplies, and Training	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
University of Arizona	Interpretative Signage for Tumamoc Hill	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Tucson AccessTrails	Trail Descriptions for People with Disabilities	\$8,937.80	\$8,937.80
TOTAL		\$28,937.80	\$28,937.80

5. **ASCOT Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Scope Amendments for Project 472501 and Project 472603. (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Program Manager)**

Recreational Trails Program Scope Amendment(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Shift From	Shift To	Staff Recommendation
Pinal County	472501 - CAP Phase II	Trail Development	Gates, Fencing	Approve Scope Change
Pine Strawberry Fuel Reduction	472603 - Two Ravens and Strawberry Mountain	Trail Development - Two Ravens	Trail Development - Strawberry Mountain	Approve Scope Change

6. **ASCOT Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve or Modify the 2026 Grants Manual. (Presenter: Nina Lindsey, Chief of Grants and Trails).**

Chief of Grants and Trails, Nina Lindsey, will provide members with an overview of the modifications made to the 2026 Grants Manual.

7. **ASCOT Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve or Modify the Proposed Non-Motorized Grant Scoring Criteria. (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Grant Program Manager).**

Staff will provide an overview of the newly proposed grant scoring criteria developed following the approval of the agency's 2025 Trail Plan.

8. Staff will discuss the role of the Legislative Liaison and the differences between advocacy and lobbying. Staff will also discuss ways in which ASCOT may assist with outreach on behalf of Arizona State Parks and Trails. This agenda item is for information only. (Presenter: Brittany Hudson, Chief Legislative Liaison)

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Committee 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 Committee 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 Committee. 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 acknowledgement 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

December 2, 2025

I. ADJOURNMENT

A copy of this agenda and any background material provided to Committee Members is available for public inspection at Arizona State Parks & Trails, 1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85007. For additional information, contact Jeff Schmidt at (480) 340-1305.

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