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# ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
of  
**THE ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS**  
of  
**THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS**

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 **scheduled to begin at 10am on September 30th, 2022**. 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 Trails office located at 1110 W Washington, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Members of the public may also listen/view the meeting via telephone by calling 1-877-820-7831 and entering PIN: 613038 or via Zoom:

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**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 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**

### **D. AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the April 29, 2022 ASCOT Meeting** – The Committee will review and may consider action to approve the ASCOT meeting minutes from April 29, 2022.
- 2. 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 2023 Recreational Trails Non-Motorized Grant Application(s).** (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$299,977.00.

<b>2023 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s)</b>				
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	<b>Score</b>
Wild Arizona	Heal the Highline	\$149,977.00	\$149,977.00	14
Verde Valley Trail Fund	Copper Chief Trail	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	24.4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$299,977.00</b>	<b>\$299,977.00</b>	

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 2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)** The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$50,000.00.

<b>2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Trails Grant Application(s)</b>				
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	<b>Score</b>
Verde Valley Trail Fund	Copper Chief Trail Season 2	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	15.8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	

4. **State Grant Coordinator Updates. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)**  
Members will be provided with updates on the program, status reports, claims and correspondence. This agenda item is for information only.
5. **Updates on the Premier Trail System. (Presenter: Mare Czinar, ASCOT member).** Members will be provided information on the current criteria and process and proposed changes to both the criteria and process for the Premier Trail System. This agenda item is for information only and may result in a future action item.

#### **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**

To be determined.

#### **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 Mickey Rogers at (602) 542-6942.

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

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

**Approved:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Broscheid", is written over a blue horizontal line.

Bob Broscheid: Executive Director



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## DRAFT MINUTES

of  
THE ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS  
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APRIL 29, 2022

### A. CALL TO ORDER

*Vice Chair Justin Inglis called the meeting to order at 9:03am.*

### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Staff led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Kevin Adams (Virtual), Hezekiah Allen (Virtual), Mare Czinar (Virtual), Justin Inglis (Virtual), Beth Keune (Virtual), Cynthia Nemeth (Virtual), Kyle Robb (Virtual), Mary Van Rooy (Virtual), Bev Showalter (Virtual), Linda Slay (Virtual), Bob Stinson (Virtual), Sherri Zendri (Virtual).

**Staff Present:** Mickey Rogers, Jeff Schmidt

### D. AGENDA ITEMS

#### 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ASCOT Meeting.

*Kevin Adams moved to approve minutes of the February 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 ASCOT Meeting. Hezekiah Allen seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Mare Czinar approved. Justin Inglis approved. Beth Keune approved. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Kyle Robb approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. Bev Showalter approved. Linda Slay approved. Bob Stinson approved. Sherri Zendri approved. The motion passed.*

#### 2. 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 2022 Recreational Trails Safety and Environmental Education Grant Application.

*Bev Showalter moved to recommend funding for Verde Search and Rescue Posse; Disposable Supplies and Equipment in the amount of \$7,640.00. Kevin Adams seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Mare Czinar approved. Justin Inglis approved. Beth Keune approved. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Kyle Robb approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. Bev Showalter approved. Linda Slay approved. Bob Stinson approved. Sherri Zendri approved. The motion passed.*

#### 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 2022 Recreational Trails Trail Maintenance Grant Application.

*Justin Inglis moved to recommend funding for Mohave County; Hualapai Trail Maintenance in the amount of \$44,990.00. Bev Showalter seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Justin Inglis approved. Beth Keune approved. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Kyle Robb approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. Bev Showalter approved. Linda Slay approved. Bob Stinson approved. Sherri Zendri approved. The motion passed.*

**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 2022 Recreational Trails Non-Motorized Grant Application.**

*Justin Inglis moved to recommend funding for the National Forest Foundation; Highline Trail Improvement Project in the amount of \$149,982.00, Verde River Institute; Verde River Rangers and Safety Program in the amount \$29,709.00, and Rockin' River State Park; Trail Development in the amount of \$413,169.00. Beth Keune seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Justin Inglis approved. Beth Keune approved. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Kyle Robb approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. Bev Showalter approved. Linda Slay approved. Bob Stinson approved. Sherri Zendri approved. The motion passed.*

**5. 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 2022 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Grant Application.**

*Kevin Adams moved to recommend funding the Town of Snowflake; Cottonwood Wash Trail in the amount of \$80,515.00. Justin Inglis approved. Kevin Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Justin Inglis approved. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Kyle Robb approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. Bev Showalter approved. Linda Slay approved. Bob Stinson approved. Sherri Zendri approved. The motion passed.*

**6. Updates on the Premier Trail System.**

*Mare Czinar updated ASCOT members on proposed changes to the Arizona Premier Trail System.*

**E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*No future agenda items were identified.*

**F. CURRENT EVENTS**

*Committee members discussed current events.*

**G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

*No members of the public requested to speak.*

**H. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

*Staff discussed potential future meeting dates. The next ASCOT meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2022.*

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:50am.*



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Bob Broscheid  
Executive Director



**Date:** September 30, 2022  
**To:** Kevin Adams, Chair, Arizona State Committee on Trails  
**From:** Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails  
**Subject:** 2023 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Applications

**Background:**

The Recreational Trails Program provides grant funding for constructing and maintaining trails and trailhead facilities. Each fiscal year a minimum of 30% of appropriated Recreational Trails Funds, \$574,654.00 must be used for non-motorized projects. Two project(s) have been submitted. The total funding request is \$299,977.00.

**Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff reviewed the following non-motorized applications and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2020 State Trails Plan and project need.

2023 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	Score
Wild Arizona	Heal the Highline	\$149,977.00	\$149,977.00	14
Verde Valley Trail Fund	Copper Chief Trail	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	24.4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$299,977.00</b>	<b>\$299,977.00</b>	

**Recommended Motion:**

I move that ASCOT recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2022 Non-Motorized Grant Applications as follows: Verde Valley Trail Fund, Copper Chief Trail in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and Wild Arizona, Heal the Highline in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Prepared by:** Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trail, Arizona State Parks and Trails

**Approved:**

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Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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**Date:** September 30, 2022  
**To:** Kevin Adams, Chair, Arizona State Committee on Trails  
**From:** Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails  
**Subject:** 2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Applications

**Background:**

The Heritage Fund Non-Motorized program provides grant funding for constructing and maintaining non-motorized trails and trailhead facilities. A total of \$250,000 was appropriated from the Arizona Legislature in 2022. A project sponsor may apply to up to 20% of these appropriated funds or \$50,000.00. One project(s) has been submitted. The total funding request is \$50,000.00.

**Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff reviewed the following Heritage Fund Non-Motorized applications and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2020 State Trails Plan and project need.

2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Program Applications				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	Score
Verde Valley Trail Fund	Copper Chief Trail Season 2	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	15.8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	

**Recommended Motion:**

I move that ASCOT recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2022 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Program application as follows: Verde Valley Trail Fund, Copper Chief Trail Project in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Prepared by:** Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trail, Arizona State Parks and Trails

**Approved:**

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Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



# ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

## Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT)

September 30th, 2022

Kevin Adams, Hezekiah Allen, Nicole Balducci, Mare Czinari, Justin Inglis, Beth Keune, Paul King, Cynthia Nemeth, Tammy Pike, Mary Van Rooy, Bev Showalter, Linda Slay, Robert Stinson, Sherri Zendri



# AGENDA – A

## Call to Order

# AGENDA – B

## Pledge of Allegiance

# AGENDA – C

## Member Roll Call

Kevin Adams

Hezekiah Allen

Nicole Balducci

Mare Czinar

Justin Inglis

Beth Keune

Paul King

Cynthia Nemeth

Tammy Pike

Mary Van Rooy

Bev Showalter

Linda Slay

Robert Stinson

Sherri Zendri

## Approval of Minutes

ASCOT will review and may consider action to approve the meeting minutes from April 29th, 2022.

# AGENDA – D1

## ***Motion:***

*I move to approve the ASCOT meeting minutes from April 29th, 2022.*

## **2023 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications**

The Committee will consider and may take action on a recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to approve, modify, or deny funding for the submitted 2023 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized grant applications.

# AGENDA – D2

## 2023 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff Recommendation	Score
Wild Arizona	Heal the Highline	\$149,977.00	\$149,977.00	14
Verde Valley Trail Fund	Copper Chief Trail	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	24.4
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$299,977.00</b>	<b>\$299,977.00</b>	

# AGENDA – D2





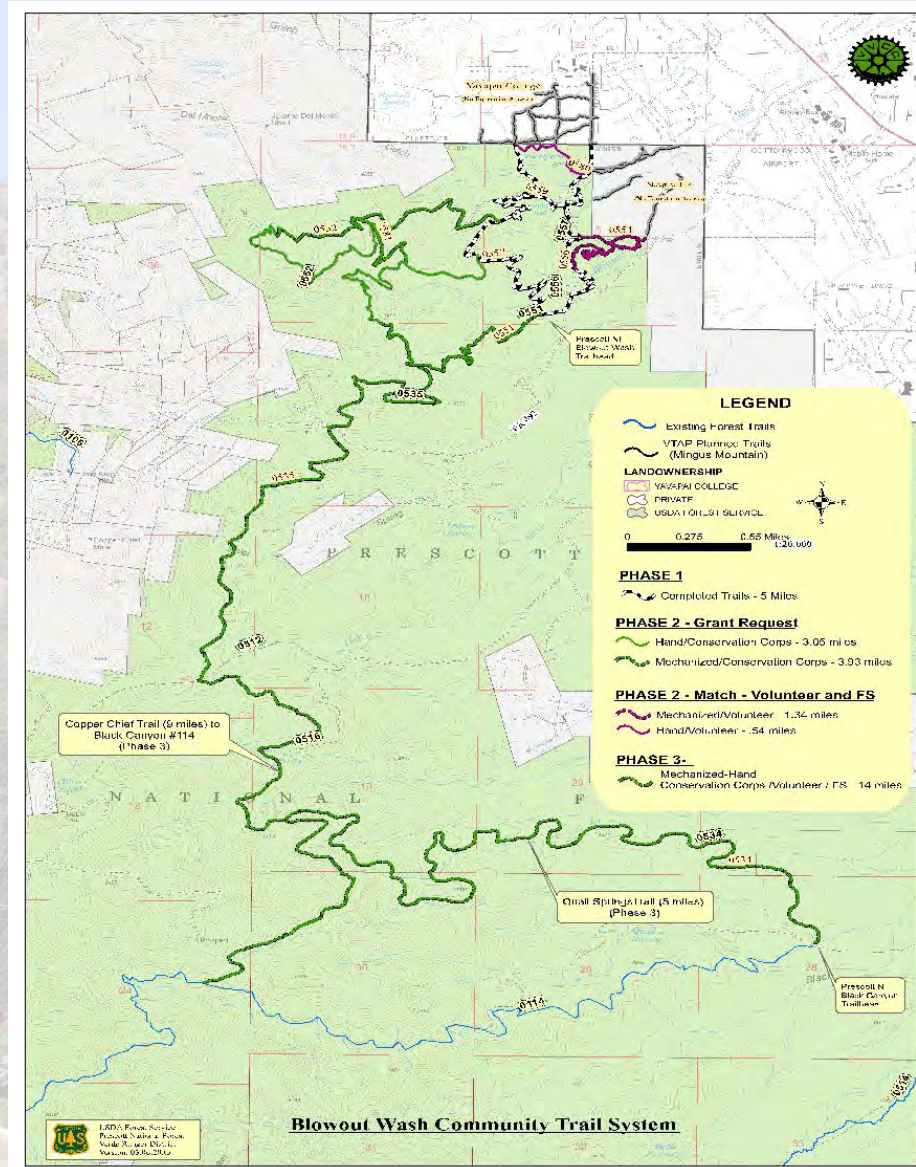
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## **Motion:**

*I move that ASCOT recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2023 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant applications as follows: Wild Arizona; Heal the Highline in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and Verde Valley Trail Fund; Copper Chief Trail in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.*

# 2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Grant Applications

The Committee will consider and may take action on a recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to approve, modify, or deny funding for the submitted 2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Grant Applications.

# AGENDA – D3

## 2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Grant Applications

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff Recommendation	Score
Verde Valley Trail Fund	Copper Chief Trail Season 2	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	15.8
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	

# AGENDA – D3



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# AGENDA – D3

## ***Motion:***

*I move that ASCOT recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized grant applications as follows: Verde Valley Trail Fund; Copper Chief Trail Season 2 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.*

## State Grant Coordinator Updates

Members will be provided information on our administrative guidelines, status reports, and claims. This agenda item is for information only based on findings from our recent program audit.

## Updates on the Arizona Premier Trail System (APTS)

Members will be provided information on the current criteria, process and proposed changes to the Premier Trail System. This agenda item is for information only and may result in a future action item.

# AGENDA – E

## Future Agenda Items

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

# AGENDA – F

## Current Events

ASCOT 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. This item is for information purposes only. ASCOT will not discuss or take action on any current events.

# AGENDA – G

## Call to the Public

The chair will recognize those wishing to address the Committee.

# AGENDA – H

## **Tentative 2022 Meeting Dates:**

Friday, November 18, 2022 ASPT Central Office

**THANK YOU!**



## 2023 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications

**Sponsor: Wild Arizona**

**Project Title: Heal the Highline, Phase II**

**Grant Request: \$149,977.00—Match \$11,416.00 Total: \$161,393.00**



This project proposal adds to work currently underway from Pine Trailhead to Washington Park. This proposal extends the trail work from Washington Park to the Tonto Fish Hatchery, and specifically will:

- Address deferred maintenance needs on approximately 2.12 miles of trail
- Decommission and rehabilitate 6.4 miles trail

Following construction of rerouted trails, the former trail prism will be reclaimed to reduce lasting impacts to the watersheds that the Highline trail crosses. The former trail sections will be blocked to foot traffic. Compacted tread will be broken up and/or scarified by hand approximately 4 inches deep to allow native grasses, plants and seed to take hold and grow. In sections where appropriate, native seeds will be used to help to augment revegetation. In order to prevent further erosion on the trail bed the natural contour of the slope will be reestablished.

**Sponsor: Verde Valley Trail Fund**

**Project Title: Copper Chief Trail Season 3**

**Grant Request: \$150,000.00—Match \$17,543—Total \$167,543.00**



Due to its limited access points, rugged country and years of unmanaged recreation occurring along the planned trail corridor, Phase 3 is planned to take at least three field seasons to

complete. This Recreational Trails Program grant, augmented with other fundraising, will perform the following during the 3rd field season (2023-2024):

- Completion of the Copper Chief Trail, a 10-mile trail
- Installation of gate guards, if required
- Rehabilitation and restoration of land in areas where illegal motorized and non-motorized routes are used along the construction corridor

Work during this 3rd field season will be performed by a combination of FS personnel, professional trail builders, youth conservation corps members and volunteers.

### **2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Grant Applications**

**Sponsor: Verde Valley Trail Fund**

**Project Title: Copper Chief Trail Season 2**

**Grant Request: \$50,000.00—Match \$89,143.00—Total \$139,143.00**



This project is another phase of the Blowout Wash Trail System located within the Verde Valley Ranger District of the Prescott National Forest near Clarkdale and Cottonwood. The Heritage grant will complete 3-5 miles of the Copper Chief Trail, installation of cattle guards and rehabilitate and restore land in areas where illegal motorized and non-motorized routes have been established.