



ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Arizona State Parks Board

May 18, 2023

Dale Larsen– Chair

John Sefton – Vice Chair, Jeffrey Buchanan, Sarah King, Terri Palmberg, Robyn Sahid

AGENDA – A

Call to Order

AGENDA – B

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA – C

Member Roll Call

Dale Larsen (Chair)

John Sefton (Vice-Chair)

Jeffrey Buchanan

Sarah King

Terri Palmberg

Robyn Sahid

AGENDA – C

Mission Statement

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

AGENDA – D1

Approval of Minutes

The Board will review and may consider action to approve the meeting minutes from April 20, 2023.

AGENDA – D1

Motion:

I move to approve minutes of the April 20, 2023 Board Meeting.

AGENDA – D2

Consideration of Consent Agenda.

Items 2(a) through 2(h) are noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action.

AGENDA – D2(a)

2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Trail Grant Application(s)

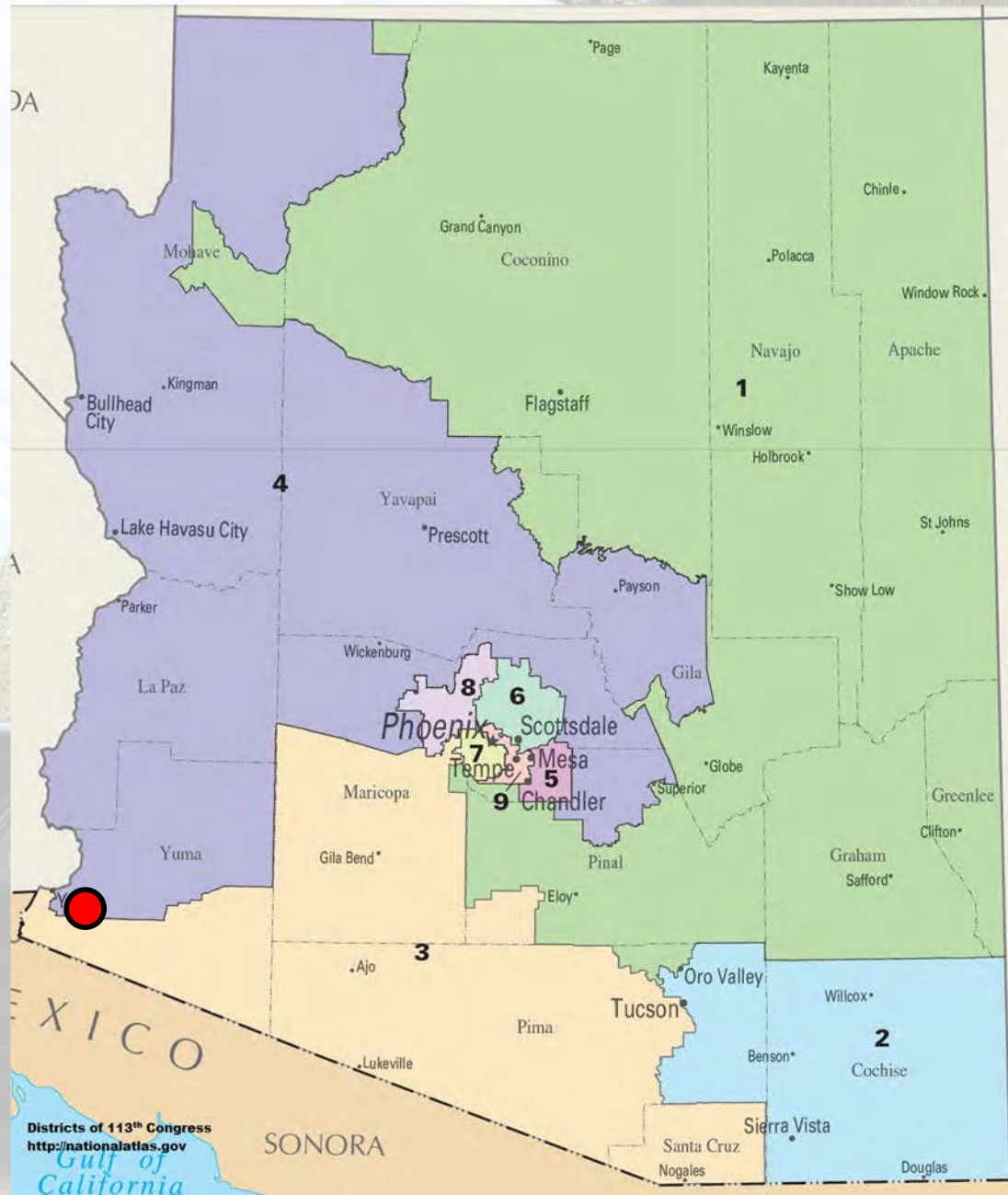
Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for the Submitted 2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Trail Grant Application(s).

– Jeffrey Schmidt, Grants Program Manager

AGENDA – D2(a)

2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Trail Grant Application(s)			
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ASCOT/AORCC Recommendation
City of Yuma	West Wetlands Playground Trail	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Ewame Voo'o Cultural Trail	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Total		\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

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ADA CURB CUT

8' CONCRETE PATH

SWAY FUN

WE-GO-ROUND

WE-GO-SWING

SENSORY PLAY SPACE

SENSORY PLAY SPACE

SENSORY PLAY SPACE

COMMUNICATION BOARDS

DESTINATION RESTROOM



STEWART VINCENT WOLFE CREATIVE PLAYGROUND

YUMA PARKS AND RECREATION

WEST WETLANDS PARK

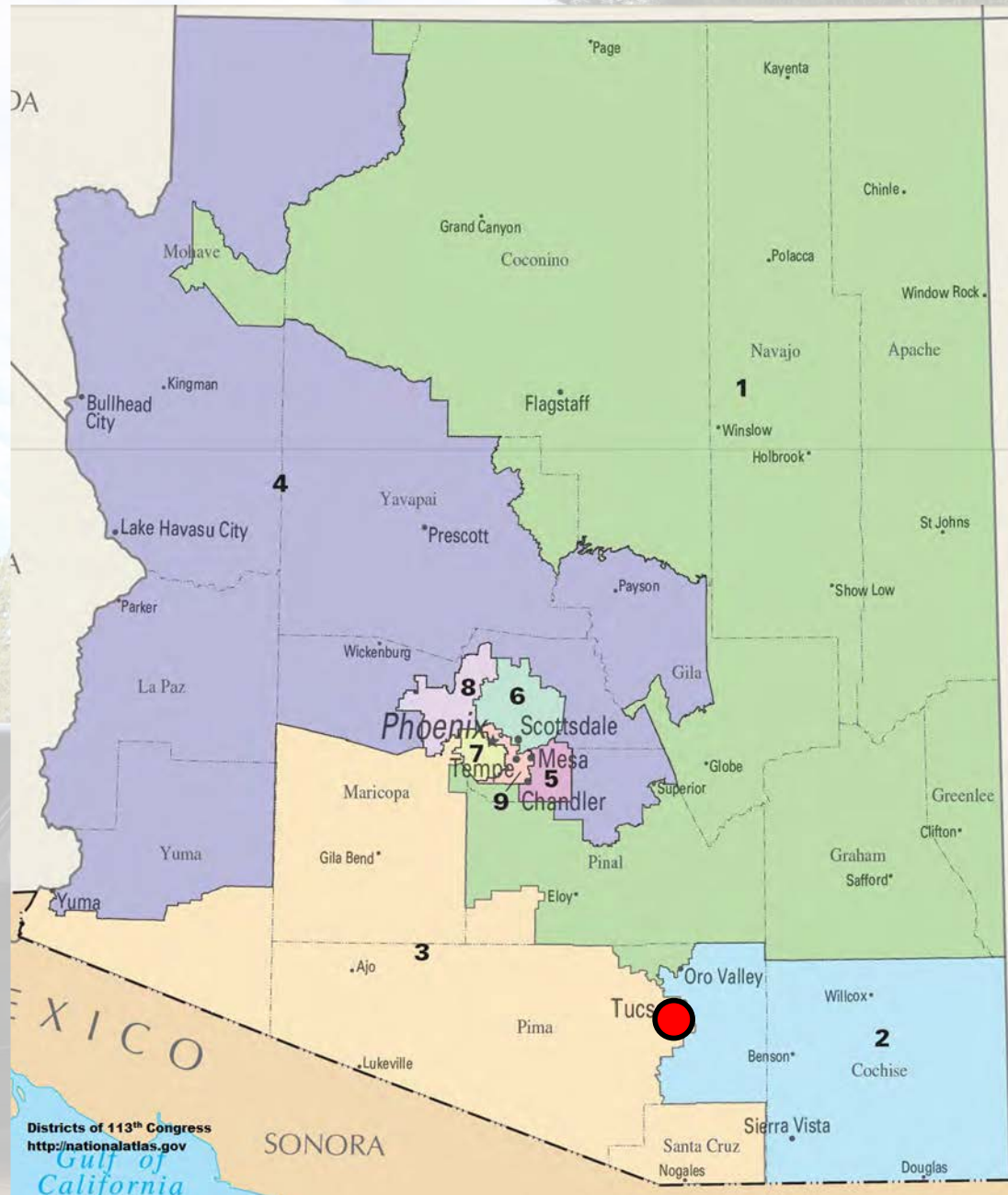


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Yuma

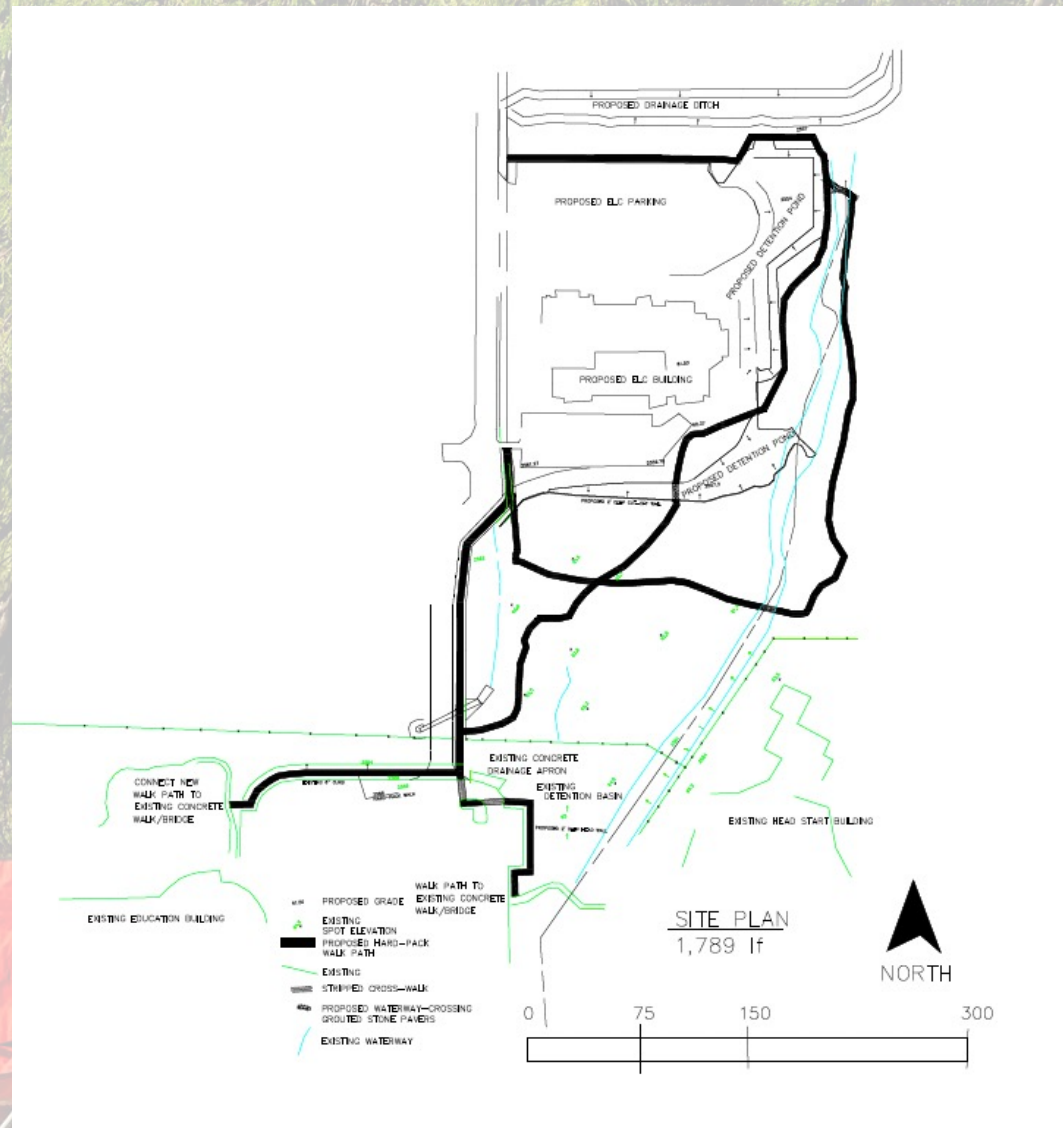
Legend

- (B) Bench
- (D) Directional Signs

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AGENDA – D2(a)

Motion:

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Trail grant application(s) as follows: City of Yuma; West Wetlands Playground Trail in the amount of \$_____, and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Ewame Voo'o Cultural Trail in the amount of \$_____.

AGENDA – D2(b)

2023 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s)

Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for the Submitted 2023 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized grant application(s).
– Jeffrey Schmidt, Grants Program Manager

AGENDA – D2(b)

2023 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s)

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ASCOT/AORCC Recommendation
City of Yuma	East Mesa Park Loop Trail	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Ewame Voo'o Cultural Trail	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Total		\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00

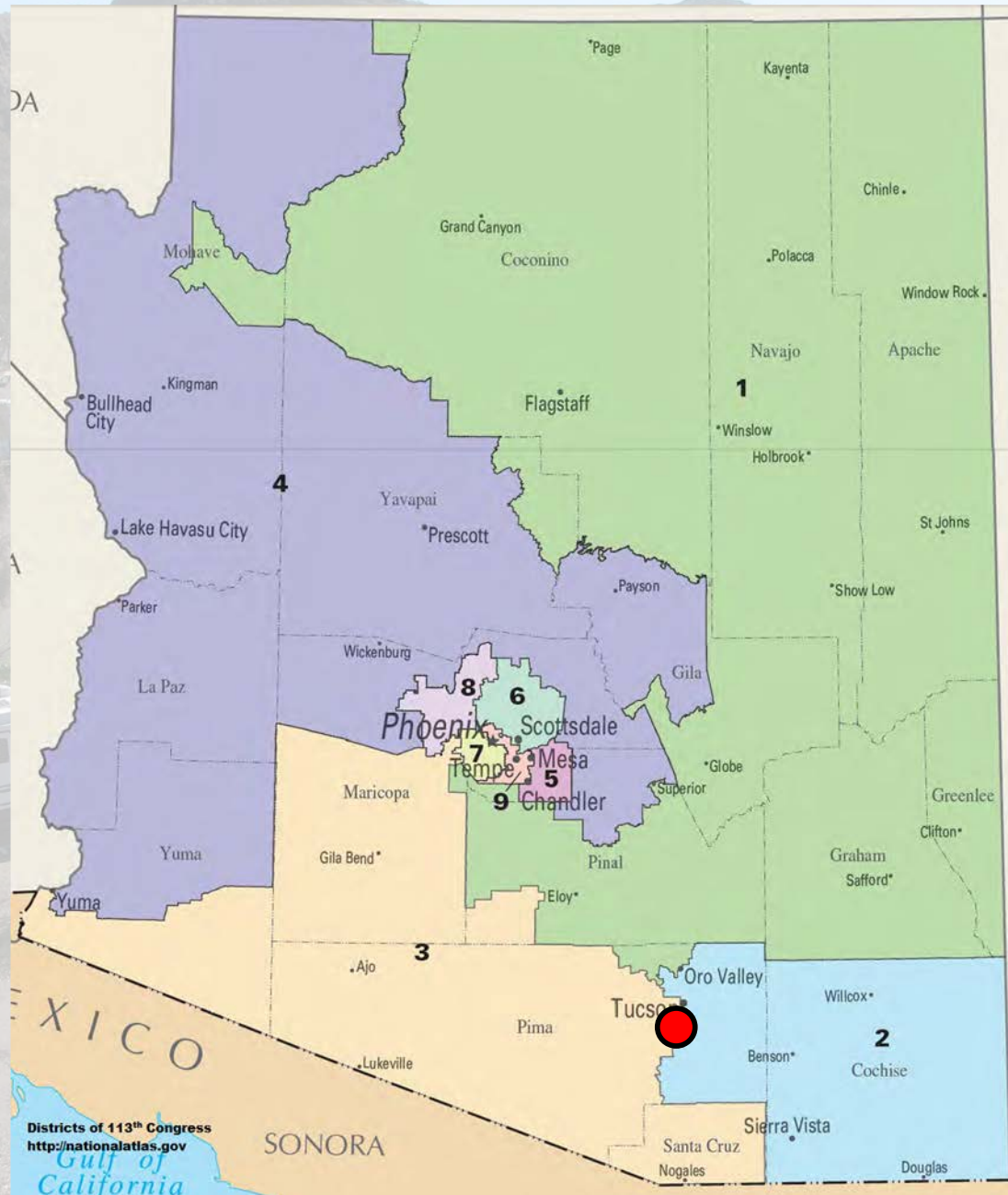
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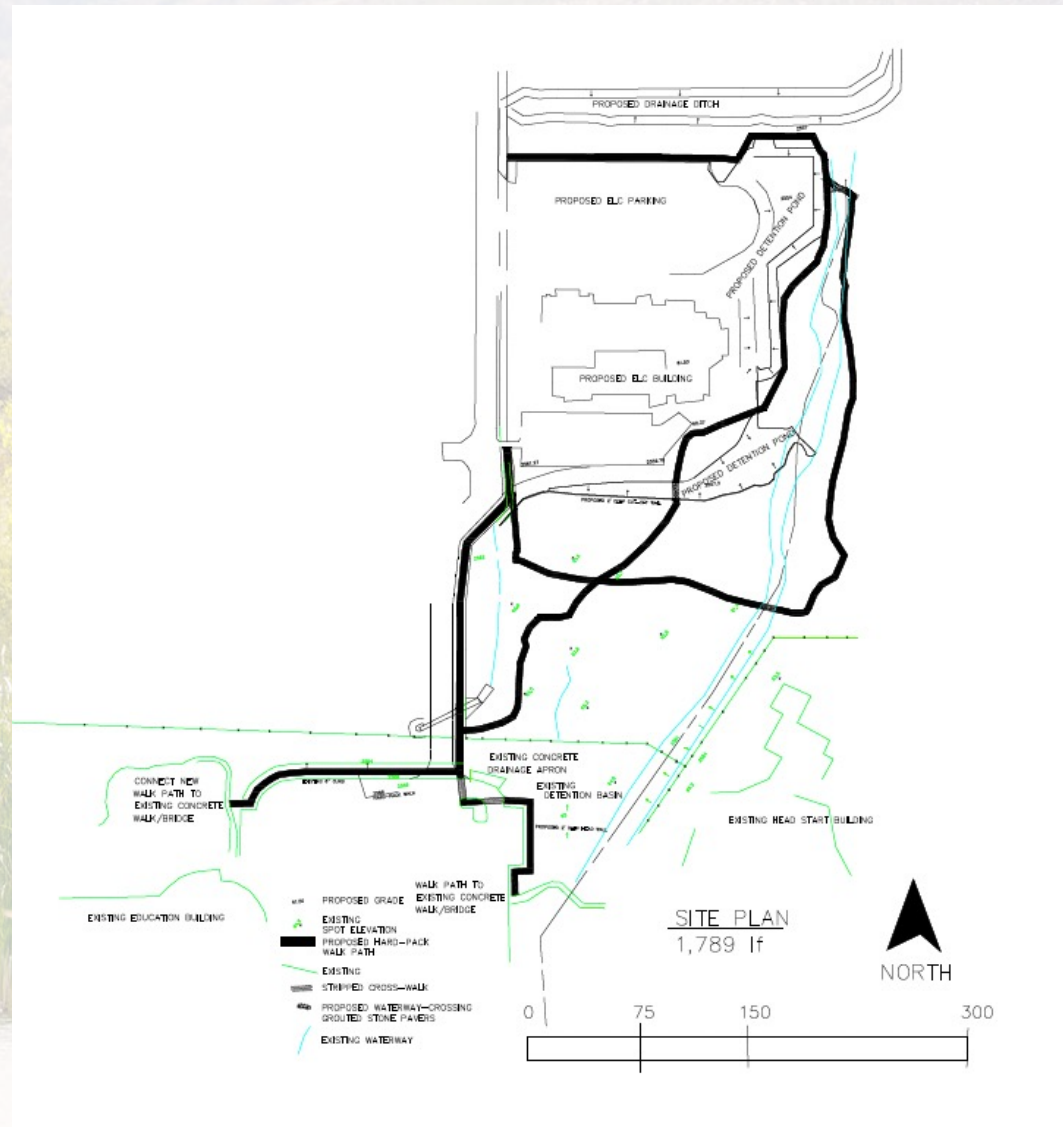
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AGENDA – D2(b)

Motion:

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2023 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s) as follows: City of Yuma; East Mesa Park Loop Trail in the amount of \$_____, and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Ewame Voo'o Cultural Trail in the amount of \$_____.

AGENDA – D2(c)

2023 Recreational Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant Application(s)

Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for the submitted 2023 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Trail Grant Application(s).

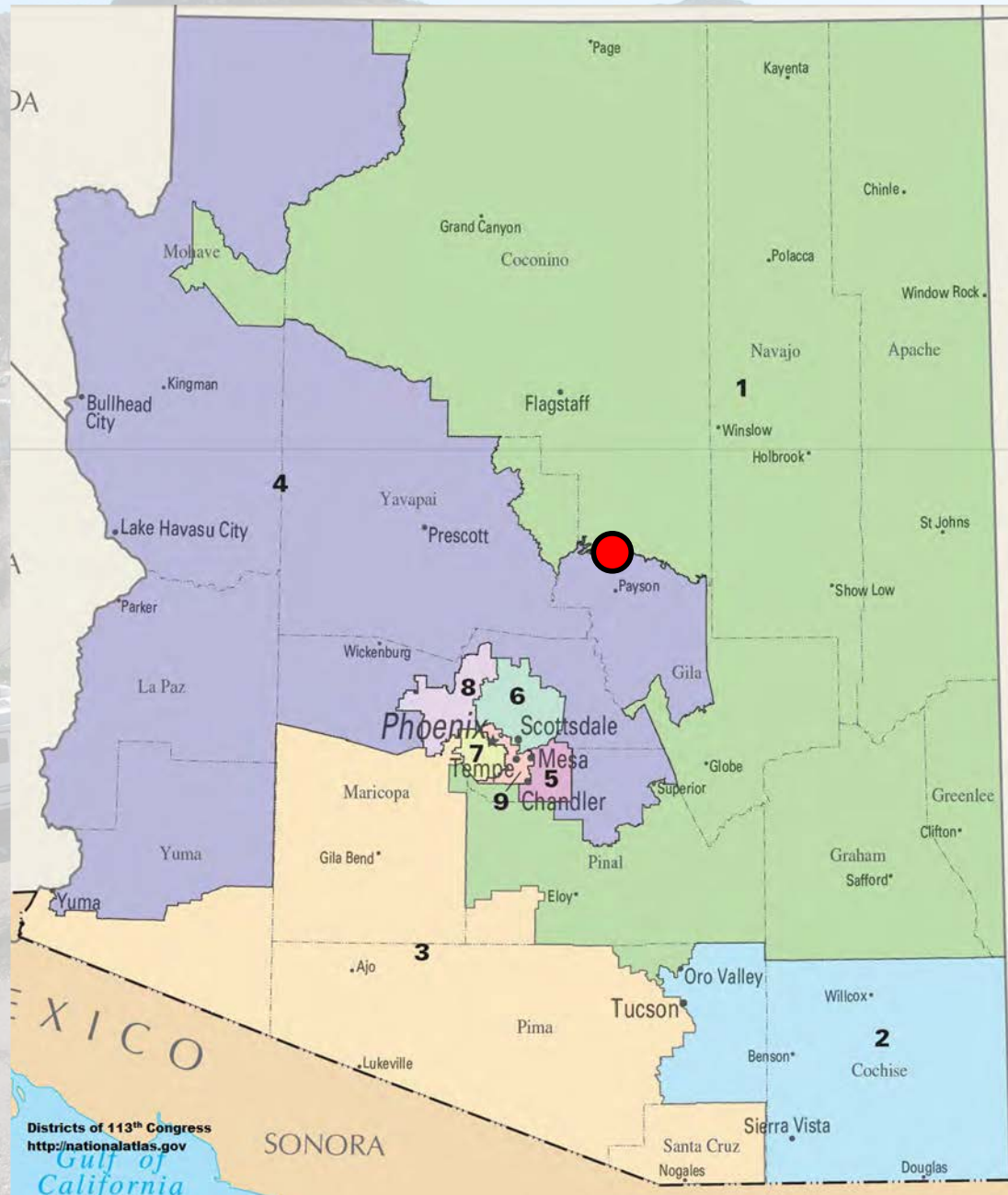
– Jeffrey Schmidt, Grants Program Manager

AGENDA – D2(c)

2023 Recreational Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant Application(s)

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ASCOT/AORCC Recommendation
Pine/Strawberry Fuel Reduction Inc.	Pine/Strawberry Trail System Maintenance	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00
Total		\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00

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Motion:

*I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2023 Recreational Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant application(s) as follows:
Pine/Strawberry Fuel Reduction Inc.;
Pine/Strawberry Trail System Maintenance in the amount of \$_____.*

AGENDA – D2(d)

2023 State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) Grant Application(s)

Consideration of Action to Approve Funding
for the submitted 2023 State Lake
Improvement Fund (SLIF) Grant Application(s).

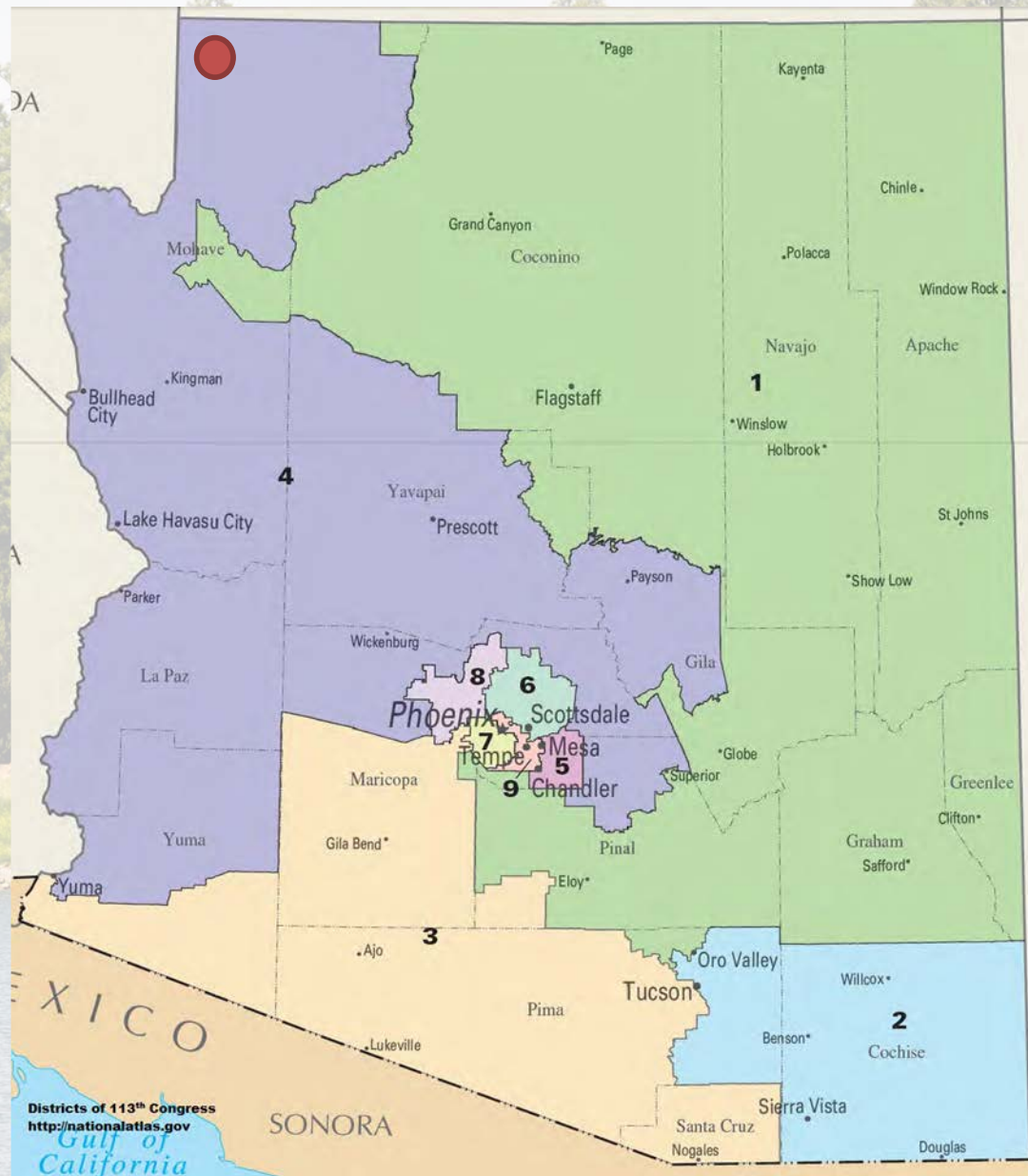
-Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails

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2023 State Lake Improvement Grant Application(s)

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff /AORCC Recommendation
Mohave County	Mohave County Sheriff's Office LE Equipment	\$800,000.00	\$800,000.00
Coconino County	Coconino County Sheriff's Office LE Equipment	\$270,000.00	\$270,000.00
TOTAL		\$1,070,000.00	\$1,070,000.00

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MOHAVE COUNTY



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COCONINO COUNTY



AGENDA – D2(d)

Motion:

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2023 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Application(s) as follows: Mohave County, Mohave County Sheriff's Office LE Equipment in the amount of \$_____ and Coconino County, Coconino County Sheriff's Office LE Equipment in the amount of \$_____.

AGENDA – D2(e)

2023 Heritage Fund Local, Regional, and State Park Grant Application(s)

Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for the submitted 2023 Heritage Fund Local, Regional and State Park Grant Application(s).

- Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails

AGENDA – D2(e)

2023 Heritage Fund Local, Regional and State Park Grant Application(s)

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/AORCC Recommendation
City of Somerton	Perricone Park Upgrades	\$150,049.00	\$150,049.00
TOTAL		\$150,049.00	\$150,049.00

AGENDA – D2(e)



Districts of 113th Congress
<http://nationalatlas.gov>

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AGENDA – D2(e)

Perricone Park Upgrades



AGENDA – D2(e)

Motion:

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2023 Heritage Fund Local, Regional and State Park Grant Application(s) as follows: City of Somerton, Perricone Park Upgrades in the amount of \$_____.

AGENDA – D2(f)

2023 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Application(s)

Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for the submitted 2023 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Application(s).

- Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails

AGENDA – D2(f)

2023 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Application(s)			
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/AORCC Recommendation
K-12 Foundation For LHUSD	Kids On the Colorado River	\$42,050.00	\$42,050.00
Yavapai Trails Association	Yavapai Youth Trail Challenge	\$5,025.00	\$5,025.00
Wickenburg Cultural and Conservation Foundation	Community Clean and Beautiful	\$3,770.00	\$3,770.00
TOTAL		\$50,845.00	\$50,845.00

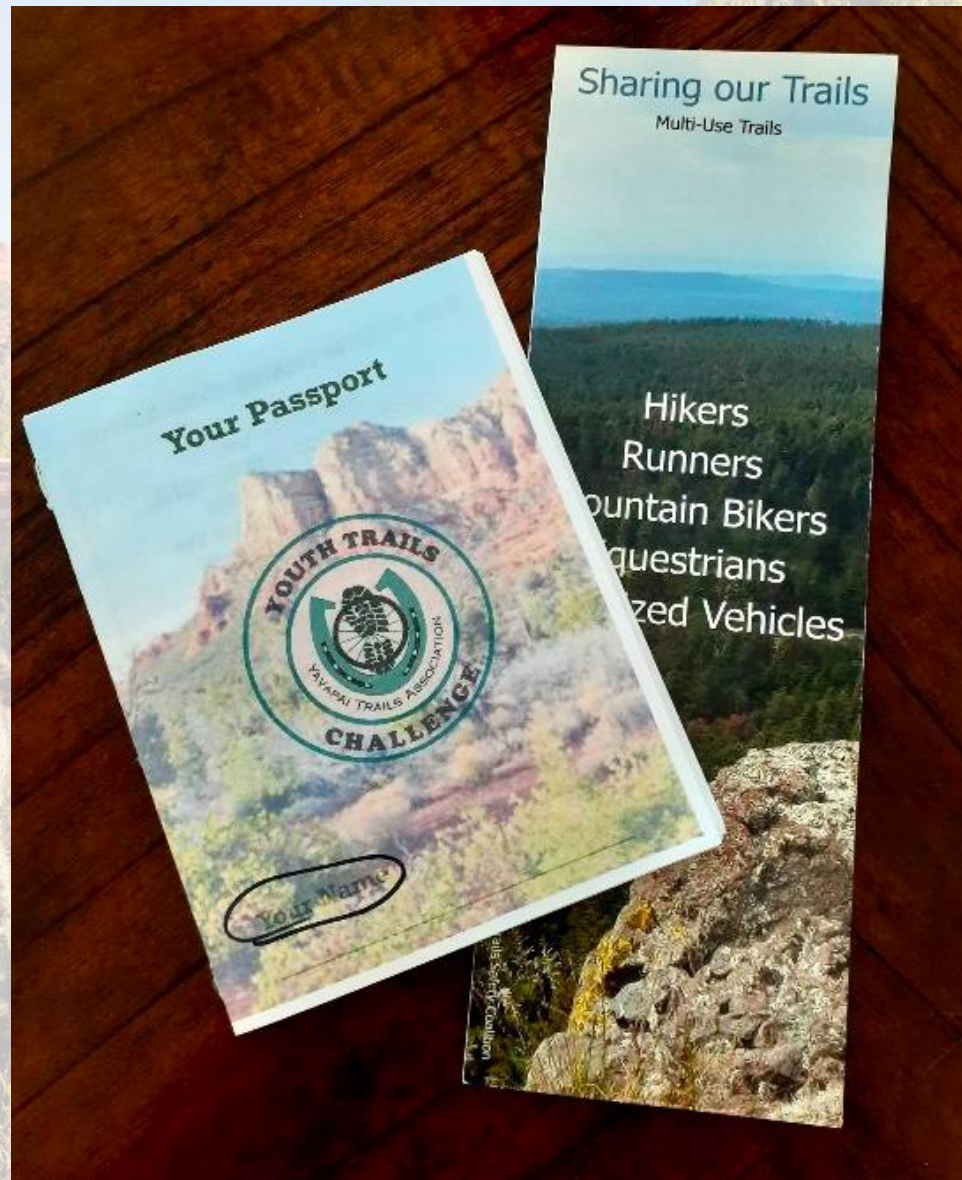
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K-12 Foundation For LHUSD



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Yavapai Trails Association



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Motion:

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2023 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Application as follows: K-12 Foundation for LHUSD, Kids On the Colorado River in the amount of \$_____. Yavapai Trails Association, Yavapai Youth Trail Challenge in the amount of \$_____. Wickenburg Cultural and Conservation Foundation, Community Clean and Beautiful in the amount of \$_____.

AGENDA – D2(g)

2023 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application(s)

Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for the submitted 2023 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application(s).

- Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails

AGENDA – D2(g)

2023 Land and Water Conservation Grant Application(s)

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/AORCC Recommendation
City of Yuma	East Mesa Park Phase 1 Expansion	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Arizona State Parks and Trails	2025 Trails Plan	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
TOTAL		\$1,150,000.00	\$1,150,000.00

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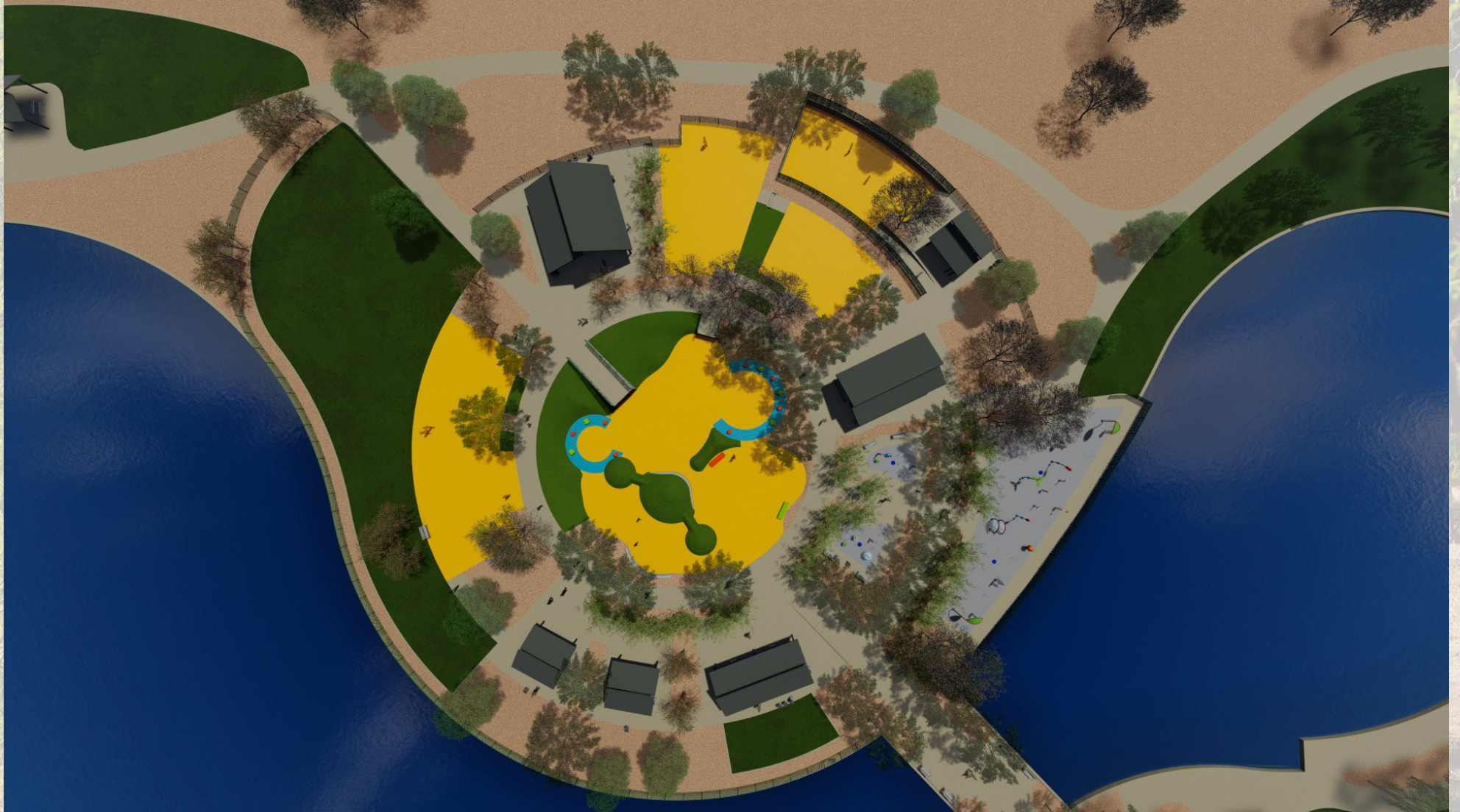
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City of Yuma



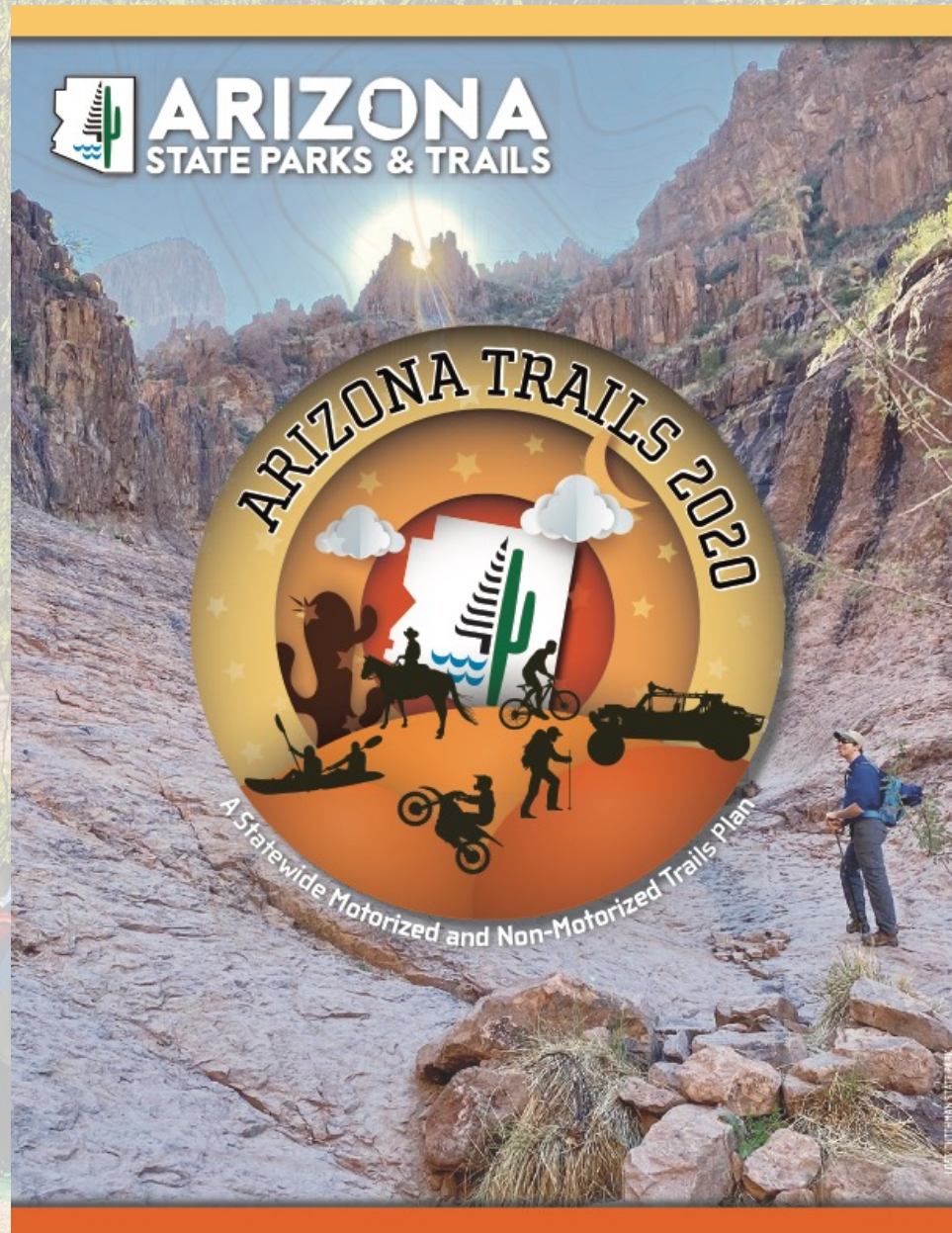
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City of Yuma



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Arizona State Parks and Trails



AGENDA – D2(g)

Motion:

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2023 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application(s) as follows: City of Yuma, East Mesa Park Phase 1 Expansion in the amount of \$_____. Arizona State Parks and Trails, 2025 Trails Plan in the amount of \$_____.

AGENDA – D2(h)

2023 Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Grant Application(s)

Consideration of Action to Approve to Funding for the submitted 2023 Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Grant Application(s).

- Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails

AGENDA – D2(h)

2023 Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP) Grant Application(s)

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/AORCC Recommendation
City of Tucson	Jacobs Park Revitalization and Expansion	\$2,995,448.00	\$2,995,448.00
City of Yuma	Carver Park Revitalization	\$2,147,965.00	\$2,147,965.00
TOTAL		\$5,143,413.00	\$5,143,413.00

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City of Tucson



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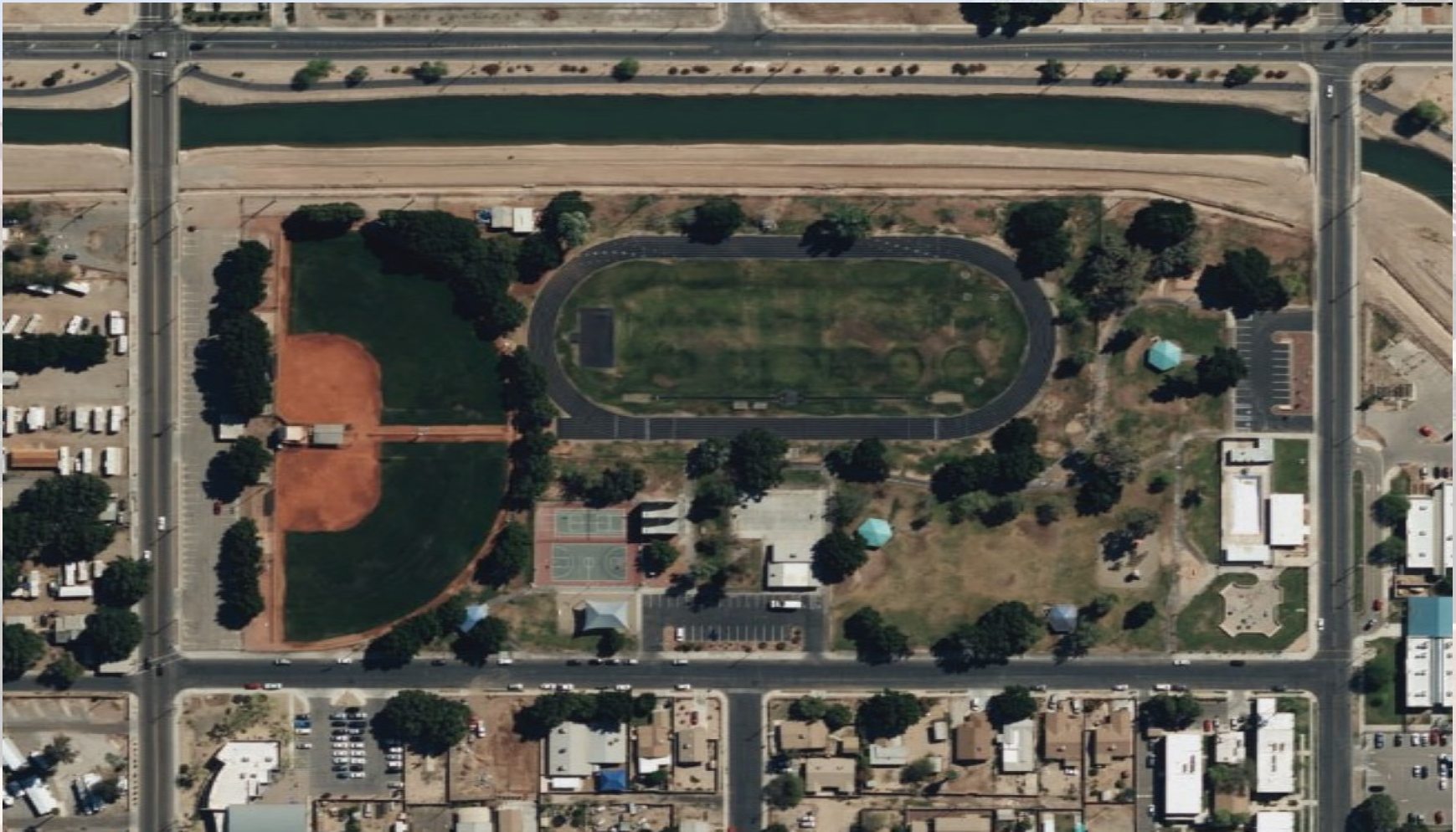


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City of Yuma



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City of Yuma



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Motion:

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve submission to the National Park Service funding consideration for the 2023 Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Grant Application(s) as follows: City of Tucson, Jacobs Park Revitalization and Expansion in the amount of \$_____. City of Yuma, Carver Park Revitalization in the amount of \$_____.

AGENDA – D2

*Motion:
I move to approve the consent agenda
as presented.*

AGENDA – D3

Arizona State Committee On Trails

Consideration of Action to Appointment
Applicants to the Arizona State Committee
on Trails (ASCOT).

- Jeff Schmidt, Grants Program Coordinator

AGENDA – D3

Staff Recommendations

Name	Organization	Term
Mare Czinar	Representative at Large	2 nd
Kevin Adams	Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition	2 nd
Robert Stinson	Town of Marana	2 nd
James Terlep	Pima Trails Association	1 st
Shannon Adams	City of Show Low	1 st

AGENDA – D3

Motion:

I move the Arizona State Parks Board approve Mare Czinar, Kevin Adams, Robert Stinson, James Terlap, and Shannon Adams as new members of ASCOT.

AGENDA – D4

Consideration of Action to Designate Dude Ranches for Inclusion in the Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Program.

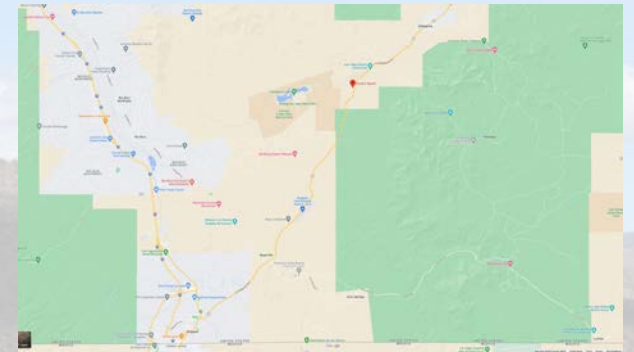
- Dr. Bill Collins, Historian, Arizona State Historic Preservation Office

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Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Applicant Name: Circle Z Ranch 1476 AZ Hwy 82, Patagonia, AZ 85624



Lodge



Circle Z Ranch location in relation to Patagonia



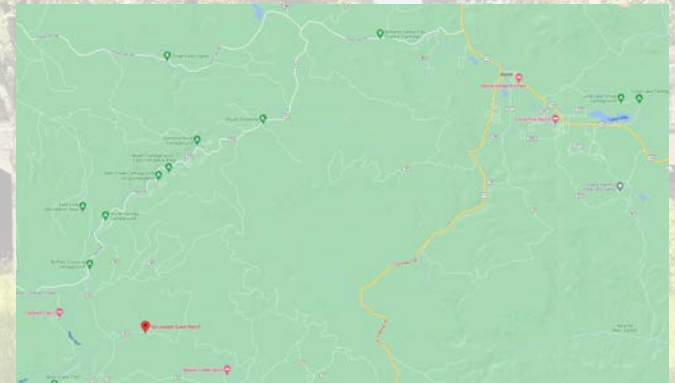
Circle Z Ranch parcel map

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Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Applicant Name: Sprucedale Guest Ranch 1228 Wiltbank Rd., Alpine



Overview of Sprucedale Guest Ranch



Sprucedale Guest Ranch location in relation to Alpine

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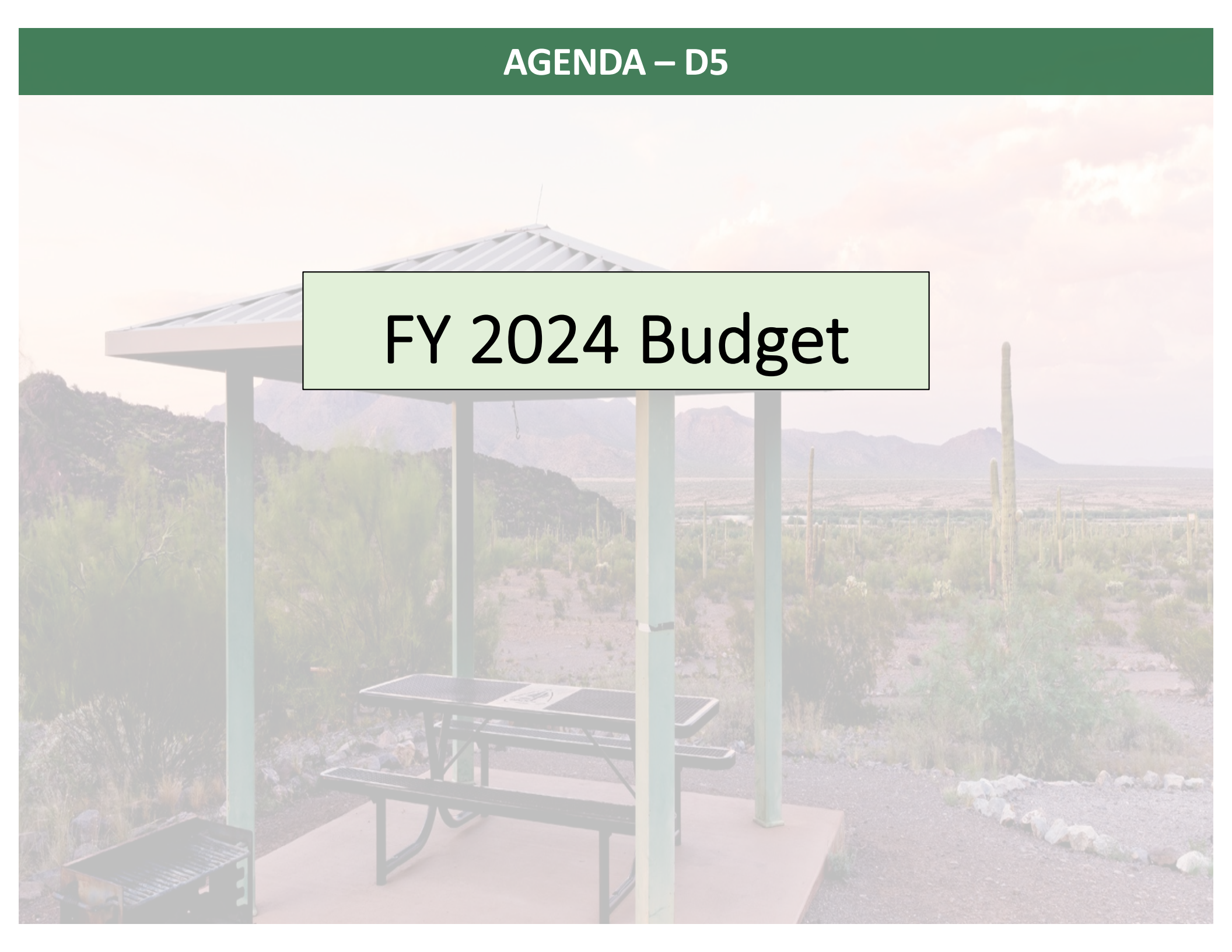
Motion:

I move the Arizona State Parks Board designate the following Dude Ranches for inclusion in the Arizona Heritage Trail Program: Circle Z Ranch and Sprucedale Guest Ranch.

AGENDA – D5

Overview of the Arizona State Parks and Trails Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget and Capital Budgets.

-Ben Sultzer, Deputy Chief Financial Officer



FY 2024 Budget

Budget Highlights

- **Operating Appropriations increased from prior year, Rockin River staffing \$100K, operational increase \$260K and Law Enforcement Dispatch Services \$347K**
- **Parks received General Funds for grants:**
 - **SLIF \$5.2M**
 - **Heritage \$6M**
 - **AZ Trail \$500K**
- **New State Park: Appropriation for the Headwaters of the Verde River from the General Fund \$7M**
- **Continuation of CIP appropriations from FY23. \$62M for Fiscal Years 23, 24 and 25**
- **Major Maintenance Appropriation of \$3M**

AGENDA – D5

Budget Highlights

Operating Appropriations:

SPRF: \$18,991,500

Park Store: \$1,011,300

CIP Appropriations:

FY 23: \$23,796,033

FY 24: \$19,143,833

FY 25: \$19,117,333

Total CIP: \$62,057,199

Grant Funding & Appropriations:

SLIF Grants: \$5,200,000

Heritage: \$6,000,000

AZ Trail: \$500,000

AGENDA – D5

Budget Highlights

Project Name	FY23	FY24	FY25	Totals
Statewide Campground/Shade Improvements	\$ 6,333,333	\$ 6,333,333	\$ 6,333,333	\$ 18,999,999
Statewide Water Conservation	\$ 1,339,000	\$ 1,339,000	\$ 1,339,000	\$ 4,017,000
Catalina Main Entrance Bridge	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 5,813,000		\$ 7,313,000
Major Maintenance	\$ 2,742,800			\$ 2,742,800
Deadhorse & Rockin River Project Increase	\$ 546,800			\$ 546,800
Jerome Fire Suppression System	\$ 1,540,000			\$ 1,540,000
Southern Const SVCS Relocation	\$ 2,000,000			\$ 2,000,000
Tonto Historic Building Renovation	\$ 3,500,000			\$ 3,500,000
Tombstone Renovation	\$ 2,008,500			\$ 2,008,500
Rockin River Ranch Renovation	\$ 1,750,000			\$ 1,750,000
Smartphone Application	\$ 535,600			\$ 535,600
Yuma Territorial Prison		\$ 750,000	\$ 5,945,000	\$ 6,695,000
Riordan Mansion Renovation		\$ 2,900,000		\$ 2,900,000
Oracle Renovation		\$ 2,008,500		\$ 2,008,500
Red Rock Renovation			\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000
San Rafael Renovation			\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
	\$23,796,033	\$ 19,143,833	\$ 19,117,333	\$ 62,057,199

AGENDA – D6

Overview of the Arizona State Parks and Trails Site Steward Program.

-Kathryn Leonard, State Historic Preservation Officer and Sean Hammond, Site Steward Coordinator.



Arizona Site Steward Program 36 Years Strong!

**Kathryn Leonard
State Historic Preservation Officer**

**Sean Hammond
State Site Steward Coordinator**



Program Mission: To assist Arizona's public land managers in the protection of archaeological sites and promote public awareness through education about the cultural sensitivity of these resources and their significance to descendent communities

Program Timeline

- 1986 – Gov. Bruce Babbitt convenes advisory group, discussion on looting, destruction of archaeological sites in AZ.
- 1987 – Site Steward Program established under Governor's Archaeological Advisory Commission, First of its kind nationally
- Partnerships - US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and State Lands
- Initial funding provided by the State Legislature, USFS, BLM and Arizona State Land Department.
- 1988 – 50 Stewards monitoring 200 sites

Recognition:

- 1993 - Program receives "Points of Light" award from President George Bush
- 1995 - National BLM "Making a Difference" award
- 2005 - Society for American Archaeology for Excellence in Cultural Resource Management



AZ Site Steward Program recognized nationally as the model for other states

Program Timeline

- 2009 –
 - Over 700 Stewards monitoring 1700 sites
 - 18,000-23,000 hours submitted each year
 - Damage reports doubled – over 100 per year
- 2017 – Site Steward Foundation (501c3) is formed
- 2018 – Sean Hammond becomes Site Steward Coordinator
- 2019 – Largest Site Steward Conference to date held at Grand Canyon (160+ stewards attended; 20+ presenters, guests, tribal reps)
- 2019 – Project Archaeology – BLM, SSP & SHPO, Foundation, ASU, NPS; 2020 Committee Formed, 2 master instructors;
 - Sept 2022 -AZ Dept of Education approved curriculum – accessible to AZ teachers
- 2021/22 – 40,000 volunteer hours reported. 260 new applicant registrations submitted
- 2023 – 550-600 active members monitoring 2,604 sites
- 2023 – 7 stewards part of the 30 year club!





What Site Stewards Do...

Site Monitoring

- Regular visits to sites, documentation
- Discourage vandalism, sale of antiquities
- Protect site location information

Site Mitigation & Stabilization

- Special Land Manager projects, protect sites from complete damage, remove graffiti, fencing, recording sites



Conduct Education and Outreach Activities

- Increase public awareness – significance of cultural resources to descendant communities
- Project Archaeology – Youth Based Program
- Annual Conference, Community Events
- Develop Partnerships

Program Roles

- Regional Coordinators
- Assistant Regional Coordinators
- Site Steward Mentor
- Database Support Steward

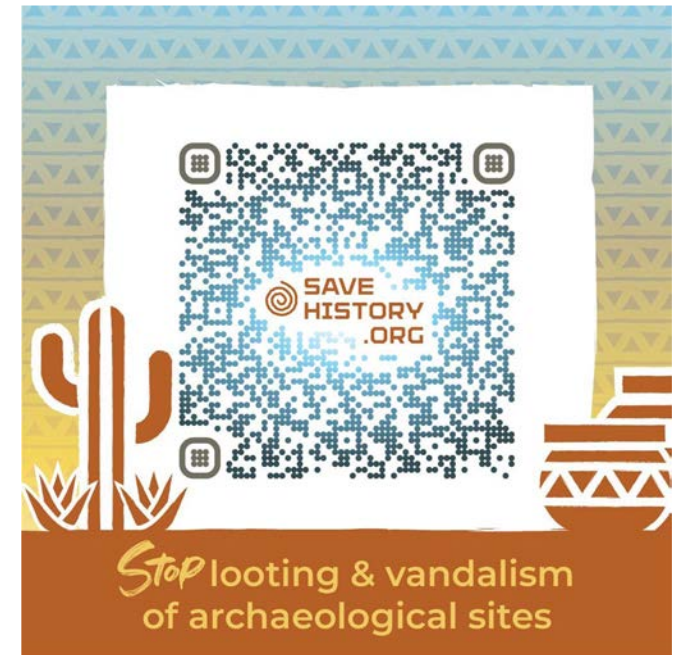


Program Partners

21 Total Land Manager Partners

Incl.

- US Forest Service
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Bureau of Land Management
- State Land
- National Park Service (Saguaro, Petrified NF)
- Cities of Scottsdale, Flagstaff, Phoenix, Tempe
- Pima & Maricopa Counties
- Site Steward Foundation
- Archaeology Southwest
- Archaeological Conservancy



Land Managers, Stewards, & Sites Monitored

May 2022 –May 2023

Arizona State Lands Department

- 13 Regions, 319 Sites
- 95 Stewards
- 2,005 Volunteer Hours

Bureau of Land Management

- 14 Regions, 541 Sites
- 160 Stewards
- 4,035 Volunteer Hours

US Forest Service

- 14 Regions, 662 Sites
- 170 Stewards
- 4,287 Volunteer Hours

All Land Managers (May 2022-May 2023)

- Sites: 2604
- Stewards: 460
- Volunteer Hours: 20,657.00
- Miles Driven: 138,000

Damage Type	Number of Reports
Graffiti / paintball shots / spray paint	509
Surface artifact disturbance / removal	435
Looter holes / unauthorized excavation	406
Disturbed archaeological features	179
OHV track damage to sensitive site surfaces	174
Rock art removal / attempted removal	50
Rock art target shooting	36
Human remains uncovered	18

Heritage site damage reported by Arizona Site Stewards, January 2009–July 2021.

2023/2024 Program Activities and Funding Sources

Activity	Cost	Source
Personnel Costs: 1 ½ FTE position	\$90,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASPT
2024 Site Steward State-Wide Conference	\$24,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bureau of Reclamation SSP Foundation
AmeriCorps-Public Allies Intern	\$20,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Forest Service Bureau of Land Management
2023/24 Awards/Recognition	\$6,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSP Foundation
2023 Regional Trainings (3)	\$4,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bureau of Reclamation SSP Foundation
Program Database, Annual Maintenance & Support	\$6,600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Forest Service Bureau of Land Management Bureau of Reclamation
Development of SSP Printed Guide	\$9,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSP Foundation
Health and Safety Training & Supply kits	\$8,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSP Foundation



Questions?



AGENDA – D7

Legislative Update

The Board will be briefed on the legislative bills before the 2023 Arizona State Legislature.
Brittany Hudson, Legislative Liaison

AGENDA – E

Future Agenda Items

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

AGENDA – F

Executive Director's Report on Current Events

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

AGENDA – G

Current Events

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

AGENDA – H

Call to the Public

The Chair will recognize those wishing to address the Board.

AGENDA – I

Arizona State Parks and Trails 2023 Tentative Schedule

Date	Location
Thursday, June 15	Central Office
Thursday, July 20	Central Office
Thursday, August 17	Central Office
Thursday, September 21	Central Office
Thursday, October 19	Central Office
Thursday, November 16	Central Office
Thursday, December 14	Central Office

A scenic view of a lake with a bridge in the background under a blue sky with clouds.

THANK YOU!