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

February 26, 2026

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026

Meeting Location: Arizona State Parks Trails Central Office located at 1110 W Washington St, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Members Present (Virtual): Pat Headington, Tom Murphy

Members Present (In-Person): Mike Cook, Don Kramer, Jeff Olson, J.C. Sanders

Members Absent: Nena Barlow

ASPT Staff Present (In-Person): Nina Lindsey, Matthew Eberhart, Juan Colorado-Alvarez

ASPT Staff Present (Virtual):

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m. by Chairman Cook.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Olson led the Group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

Matthew Eberhart conducted a roll call.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Election of 2026 OHVAG Chair and Vice-Chair.

Motion: Member Sanders moved to nominate and elect Jeff Olson as Chair. Member Cook seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed.

Motion: Chairman Olson moved to nominate and elect Member Kramer as Vice-Chair. Member Sanders seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed.

2. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the December 4, 2025 ASCOT Meeting.

Vice-Chair Kramer moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2025 OHVAG meeting. Member Cook seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passes.

3. 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 2027 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Motorized Grants Application(s). (Presenter: Alec Wilcox, Grant Administrator).

Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator, provided a high level overview of the project including budget expenses before introducing Stefanie Smallhouse who provided the Group an overview of the project and answered member questions.

Member Kramer moved to approve Funding for The Submitted 2027 Recreational Trails Program Grant Application(s) as follows: There was no member opposition and the motion passed.

2027 Recreational Trails Program Grant Application(s)			
Sponsor	Project	Request	OHVAG Recommendation
Redington Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCD)	Redington NRCD Trail Maintenance	\$689,893.14	\$689,893.14

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 2026 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).

State OHV Coordinator Matthew Eberhart provided brief budget overviews for each of the projects and introduced the project sponsors to the Group to provide more in depth overviews on how the grant funds would be utilized and the positive impacts they'd have on the state's OHV community. Cameron StGeorge represented the Arizona State Parks project. Commander Newman represented the Queen Creek Police Department project. Natural Restorations was represented by their Director Nicole Cory. Kelly Araiza represented the Tonto National Forest and Chief Gregory represented the Williams Police Department. Members expressed how much they enjoyed the passion and participation from sponsors themselves and expressed a desire to have future grant reviews to be conducted the same way.

Chairman Olson moved to approve Funding for The Submitted 2026 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grant Application(s) as follows: There was no member opposition and the motion passed.

2026 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Grant Application(s)			
Sponsor	Project	Request	OHVAG Recommendation
Arizona State Parks	West Region OHV Support & Outreach	\$749,800.00	\$749,800.00
Queen Creek Police Department	QCPD OHV Law Enforcement Program	\$311,720.00	\$311,720.00
Natural Restorations	OHV Area Restorations	\$699,845.06	\$699,845.06
Tonto National Forest: Supervisor's Office	Multi District Fencing Project	\$347,051.97	\$347,051.97
Williams PD	OHV Education, Enforcement, and Outreach	\$216,100.00	\$216,100.00

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

State OHV Coordinator, Matthew Eberhart provided members updates on the Off-Highway Vehicle Mitigation Grants Working Group, the State Legislative OHV Committee, Arizona 250 celebrations, Alamo Lake State Park Ambassador Show Me Rides, upcoming events, and shifting priorities within the grants and trails team.

E FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Cook requested an update on projects that have been funded to within the Group's time together and a possible opportunity to conduct a site visit. Mr. Eberhart expressed that the hope was to have the December meeting off-site at a completed project location for members to see the fruits of their labor. Mr.

Eberhart also expressed that there would be an end of fiscal year update on their recommendations to the State Parks Board and the overall approvals/awards for FY 2026.

F CURRENT EVENTS

Group members presented a summary of current events of interest to the outdoor recreation community.

- *Member Cook: On March 7th, 2026 the Trail Riders of Southern Arizona will be hosting a race out of San Manuel. The 20th running of the Copper Classic. Use the event to give money to the San Manuel School District and the Fire Department.*
- *Chairman Olson: The Grand Opening of the Arizona Alpine Trail on Saturday, April 18th, 2026 at 11am at Pinetop, AZ off the SR-260 and Bucksprings Road.*

G CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- *No members of the public requested to speak / Summary of public comments.*

H FUTURE MEETING DATES

Group members and staff discussed future meeting dates, and proposed off site meeting locations. The next meetings are tentatively scheduled for:

Meeting Date	Time	Meeting type	Location
Thursday, May 28, 2026	1:00 PM	Hybrid: Online and In Person	Arizona State Parks and Trails 1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85007
Thursday, August 27, 2026	1:00 PM	Hybrid: Online and In Person	Arizona State Parks and Trails 1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85007
Thursday, December 3, 2026	1:00 PM	In Person	Offsite Location TBD

I ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.