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# ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

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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 **scheduled to begin at 10am on February 25th, 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: 522515 or via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81769393188?pwd=VGprNzFjOXBqN0NYazZtWk1VbU1ZZz09>**

**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 January 28th, 2022 ASCOT Meeting** – The Committee will review and may consider action to approve the ASCOT meeting minutes from January 28th, 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 2022 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Grant Application. (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, GIS and Intern Coordinator)** The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$159,125.00.

<b>2022 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Grant Applications</b>				
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	<b>Score</b>
National Forest Foundation	Santa Catalina Trails: Rehabilitation after the Bighorn Fire	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	23
TRACKS, Inc.	White Mountains Trail System (WMTS)	\$59,125.00	\$59,125.00	15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$159,125.00</b>	<b>\$159,125.00</b>	

3. **Updates on the Arizona 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.
4. **State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Update: (Presenter: Dawn Collins, Office of Continuous Improvement.)** Staff will update ASCOT on the progress of Arizona’s 2023-2027 SCORP. This agenda item is for information only.

**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**

Friday, March 25, 2022

Friday, April 29, 2022\*

- Possible SRTAC meeting prior

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**J. 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bob" and last name "Broscheid" clearly distinguishable.

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Bob Broscheid: Executive Director

## 2022 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Grant Applications

**Sponsor: TRACKS, Inc.**

**Project Title: White Mountain Trail System (WMTS)**

**Grant Request: \$59,125.00**



Purchase and install 43 bike/hike ramp gates on the White Mountains Trail System (WMTS), a 200+ mile non-motorized trail system in the US Forest Service Lakeside Ranger District of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests. All major trails of the WMTS are loops, with connector trails forming a trail system. There are many areas across the Lakeside district that are fenced for cattle grazing, so installation of these ramp gates will improve and facilitate trail usage of hikers and mountain bikers, as well as keep cattle secure since users often forget to close gates. The ramp gates will be installed in fence lines next to existing gates that have been in place for years. Thus, hikers and mountain bikers will have an option for crossing fence lines without having to open/close a gate. Project Timeline: 4/1/2022 begin gate installation, May-Oct continue installations; 2 per week until completed.

**Sponsor: National Forest Foundation**

**Project Title: Santa Catalina Trails: Rehabilitation after the Bighorn Fire**

**Grant Request: \$100,000.00**



The National Forest Foundation (NFF) proposes a 2-year project to rehabilitate 7 non-motorized, multi-use trails on the Coronado National Forest. These are popular trails in the Santa Catalina Ranger District—receiving over a million visitors each year. The trails were heavily damaged in Summer 2020 by the Bighorn Fire, which burned nearly 120,000 acres of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The following summer's extreme monsoon season resulted in flooding, washouts, and heavy vegetation growth, exacerbating damage. Using volunteer labor along with a skilled crew, NFF will work with the Coronado National Forest to re-open these trails, many of which remain closed to protect public safety and the natural environment.