

Rockin' River Ranch State Park



Public Meeting No. 2



ASPT Welcome

Skip Varney

Deputy Director of Operations
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- Park budget = \$4 million
- Balance of recreation uses, environment, and revenue

Technical Advisory Committee

- Dan Daley, Salt Mine Road Community
- Brent Hallock, Salt Mine Road Community
- Dana Donahue, Salt Mine Road Community
- Teresa Ottensen Binder, Salt Mine Road Community
- Jody Norris/Kim Schonek, the Nature Conservancy
- Anna Schrenk, Friends of Verde River Greenway
- Laura Jones, Friends of Verde River Greenway
- Elaine Theriault, Camp Verde Ranch, LLC
- Tom Palmer, Prescott National Forest
- Tom Bagley, Arizona Game and Fish
- Steve Ayers, Town of Camp Verde
- Skip Varney, Arizona State Parks
- Keith Ayotte, Arizona State Parks
- Dusty Humphreys, Arizona State Parks
- Russell Moore, Arizona State Parks

Workshop Outline

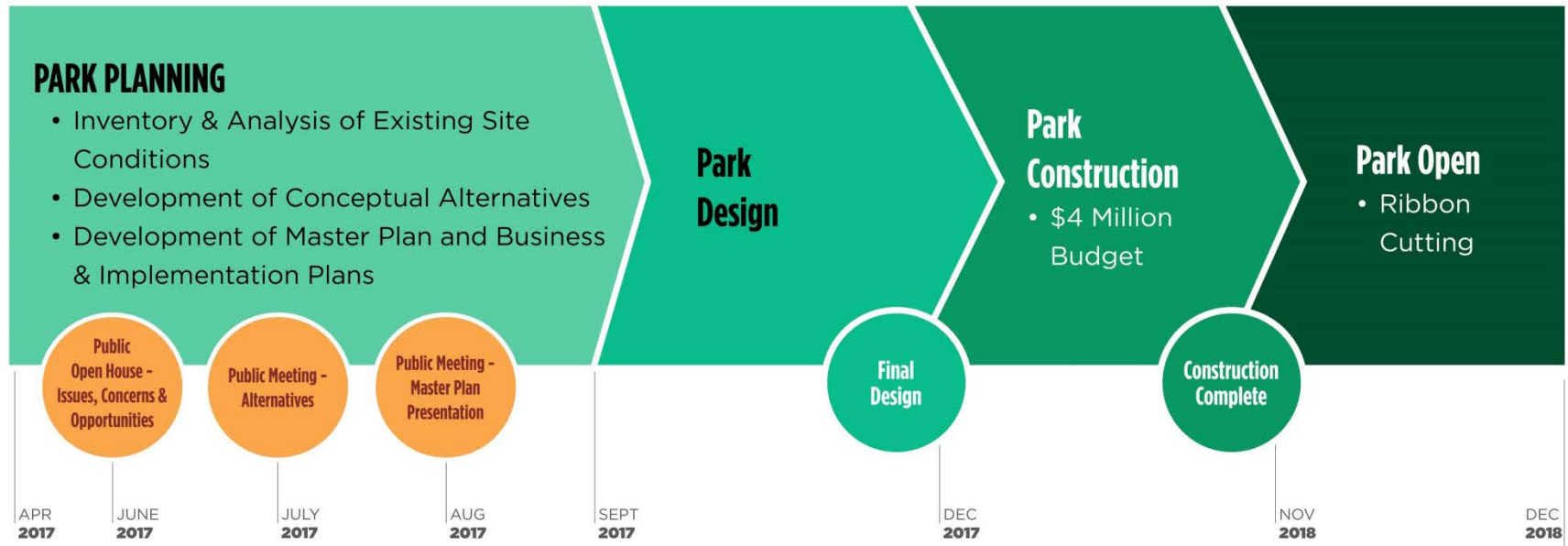
1. Planning Process/Schedule Overview
2. Summary of June 1st Open House Public Comments
3. Salt Mine Road
4. Inventory and Analysis
5. Proposed Recreation Program
6. Presentation of Site Plan Alternatives
7. *Break*
8. Questions and Answers
9. Next Steps

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Planning Objectives

- Balance between recreation experience and environmental preservation
- Preservation of the historic Verde Ranch ambiance
- Design a state park that the citizens love, enjoy, and are proud of
- Provide a sustainable revenue stream for ASPT to maintain the Park
- Build the project—on time and on budget



Summary of June 1st Open House Public Comments

- 103 people signed in
- 41 people submitted comments
- Comments centered around the potential impacts to:
 - Salt Mine Road created by increase in traffic, RVs, and large trailers
 - Adjacent private landowners
 - Preservation of riparian and riverine area and wildlife

Summary of June 1st Open House

Public Comments

- Uses to consider:
 - Trails
 - Fishing
 - Boat-in camping
 - Tent camping
 - Day use only
 - River access
 - Restrooms
 - Limited area for RVs
 - Full hook-ups for RVs
 - Education facilities and programs
 - Small-event areas (wedding venues, banquets, retreat center, small parades)
 - Adequate parking
 - Equestrian facility with polo field and arena
 - Dog park area
 - Wildlife viewing areas
 - Adventure course
 - Birding facilities

Summary of June 1st Open House Public Comments

- Existing facilities to keep:
 - Keep the horses
 - Keep the pastures
 - Preserve ranch buildings

Summary of June 1st Open House Public Comments

- Do not consider or limit use of:
 - Remove pastures
 - Horse use should not be primary focus
 - Limit access of motorized vehicles
 - Limit number of cabins
 - Limit parking
 - No ATV rentals
 - No ATVs
 - No barbeque grills and limited picnicking area in mesquite bosque
 - No firearms
 - No ORV trails
 - No RVs
 - Limit horse trailers

Summary of June 1st Open House

Public Comments

- Issues/concerns:
 - Increased traffic on Salt Mine Road
 - Trash accumulation and pollution
 - Pollution from non-restroom uses
 - Medical emergency coverage/response time
 - Mixing horses and visitors—safety
 - Not enough water to fight fires
 - Fires from campers—Salt Mine Road is only exit
 - Enforcement within pristine areas
 - Parking containment
 - Controlling trespassing
 - Limiting rafting companies
 - Effect of development on wildlife
 - Snakes and ants in camping areas
 - Waste and sewage disposal
 - Existing infrastructure capacity of Park
 - Sufficient parking

Salt Mine Road

Steve Ayers

Town of Camp Verde

Inventory and Analysis

The background of the cover is a photograph of a river flowing through a lush, green landscape with mountains in the distance. In the foreground, several horses are wading through the water. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue gradient that curves across the bottom and right sides.

DRAFT INVENTORY & ANALYSIS REPORT FOR THE ROCKIN' RIVER RANCH STATE PARK MASTER PLAN

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Recreation Program

- High-demand uses and activities:
 - Trails
 - Camping (RV, group, tent, equestrian, etc.)
 - Cabins
 - Day use (picnics, ramadas, fishing, etc.)
 - Equestrian activities
 - Wildlife viewing
 - Educational/interpretive
 - Special events (jamborees, festivals, shows, photography, etc.)

Concept Alternative A



ROCKIN' RIVER RANCH STATE PARK

Site Plan - Concept A

SCALE: 1" = 200'
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Concept Alternative B



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Site Plan - Concept B

SCALE: 1" = 200'
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Concept Alternative C



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Site Plan - Concept C



Break

Rockin' River Ranch Website
www.azstateparks.com/rockin-river

Questions and Answers



Next Steps

