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ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING
of
THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to members of the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (“OHVAG” or “Group”) and the public that OHVAG will hold a Teleconference Meeting **scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020.**

Due to COVID-19 concerns and per guidance from the Arizona Department of Health Services and the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention that individuals avoid gatherings of more than 10 persons, this meeting will be held by telephonic means only. Members of the public can listen to the meeting by following these steps:

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Please note: During a call to the public, persons who wish to make statements to the Committee, will be asked to identify themselves each time they begin speaking.

The Group 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 22, 2020 OHVAG Meeting** – The Group will review and may consider action to approve the OHVAG meeting minutes from April 22, 2020.
- 2. 2021 Motorized Funding Opportunity: (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, GIS/Intern Coordinator).** Staff will provide an update on current funding available for motorized projects. This agenda item is for information only.
- 3. Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Motorized Grant Applications. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)** The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$620,812.00

2021 Motorized Grant Applications		
Sponsor	Project	Request
Tonto National Forest, Mesa RD	Mesa Ranger District OHV Rehabilitation and Improvement Project - Phase III	\$360,985.00
Tonto National Forest, Globe RD	Globe Ranger District Staging Area and OHV Patrols	\$205,680.00
National Off-Highway Vehicle Outdoor Conservation Council	Mechanized Trail Equipment Operator Training	\$54,147.00
Total		\$620,812.00

4. **Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Motorized Supplemental Grant Applications. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)**
The following grant application has been submitted for funding totaling \$59,421.00.

2021 Motorized Supplemental Grant Applications		
Sponsor	Project	Request
Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Strip	Arizona Strip, Vermilion Cliffs OHV Enforcement	\$29,500.00
Gila County	Gila County Law Enforcement and Equipment Grant	\$29,921.00
Total		\$59,421.00

5. **Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Motorized Recreational Trails Safety and Environmental Education(SEE) Grant Applications. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)** The following grant application has been submitted for funding totaling \$9,912.00.

2021 Motorized Supplemental Grant Applications		
Sponsor	Project	Request
National Off-Highway Vehicle Outdoor Conservation Council	Great Trails Workshop	\$9,912.00
Total		\$9,912.00

6. **Review and possible action to recommend approval of Arizona State Parks 2020-2024 Trails Plan. (Presenter: Dawn Collins, Office of Continuous Improvement).** Staff will present the final version of the Arizona State Parks 2020-2024 Trails Plan ("Plan") and OHVAG members may comment on the Plan. OHVAG may consider action to recommend approval of the Plan for future consideration by the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission and the Arizona State Parks Board.
7. **Motorized Emergency Mitigation Project Updates: (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).** The Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator will update the Group on staff approved motorized emergency mitigation projects, Bureau of Land Management Tank Pass Emergency Repair, and State Lands Adamsville Mitigation. This agenda item is for information only.

- 8. Update On Proposed Bouse Staging Area Update. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).** Staff will update the Group on the status of the proposed Bouse Staging Area. This agenda item is for information only.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Group 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 Group 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 Group. 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 acknowledgment of comments and suggestions from the public will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration later.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Group members will discuss potential future meeting dates.

I. ADJOURNMENT

A copy of this agenda and any background material provided to Group Members is available for public inspection at Arizona State Parks & Trails, 23751 N. 23rd Ave., Phoenix, Arizona 85085. For additional information, contact Mickey Rogers at (602) 542-6942.

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Bob Broscheid: Executive Director



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DRAFT MINUTES
of
THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP
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APRIL 22, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

Members Present by Phone: *David Quine, Geoff Chain, Jason Cobb, Todd Davis, Holly Irwin, Chuck Wood*

Staff Present by Phone: *Bob Broscheid, Matt Eberhart, Nancy Jasculca, Mickey Rogers*

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the January 31, 2020 OHVAG Meeting.

Chuck Wood moved to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2020 Meeting. Todd Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Motorized Grant Applications. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Coordinator) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$1,150,267.00

- i) Jason Cobb Moved to approve the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest: Lakeside Ranger District – Maverick Trail Project in the amount of \$290,594. Chuck Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- ii) Chuck Wood moved to approve the Arizona State Parks and Trails: Great Western Trail Project in the amount of \$692,000. Geoff Chain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- iii) Chuck Wood moved to approve the Bureau of Land Management: Grant Canyon/Parashant Facility Project in the amount of \$102,195. Jason Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- iv) Chuck Wood moved to approve the Bureau of Land Management: Boulders OHV Area Dust Abatement Project in the amount of \$65,478. Jason Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

3. Update on the Impact to Arizona State Parks and Trails as a Result of COVID-19: (Presenter: Bob Broscheid, Executive Director).

Director Broscheid provided an update on the state of recreation in Arizona and the importance of keeping trails open and providing the most positive recreation opportunities to our neighboring states in these uncertain times.

4. OHV Coordinator Updates: (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator).

The OHV Coordinator provided updates on the OHV Ambassador Program's social media presence, website improvements, meeting with the non-profit organization Off-road Riders for Veterans and possibly partnering with them for future events. In addition, the Coordinator provided updates on the non-resident OHV decal program and it's how much it has contributed to the overall OHV recreation fund revenue.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members would like to further discuss marketing within the OHV program.

Members would like an update on the OHV Laws and Places to Ride Brochure.

Members would like an update on current grant projects.

Members would like an update on the Bouse Staging are Project.

Trails Plan 2020 Update

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Members discussed the increase use in OHVs with the current pandemic and shared with one another the various closures, meeting/event cancellations, and changes that have experienced since the last meeting in January. Members are optimistic about keeping OHV recreation open to the public and continuing to stay positively engaged with the riding community throughout the coming months as the nation addresses COVID-19.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests from the public to speak

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next OHVAG meeting will be held between May 18th and 22nd of 2020

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 12:02 p.m.



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Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



Date: May 20, 2020

To: David Quine, Chair, Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group
From: Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Subject: 2021 Motorized Grant Applications

Background:

The Recreational Trails Program provides grant funding for constructing and maintaining motorized trails and trailhead facilities. Each fiscal year a minimum of 30% of appropriated Recreational Trails Funds, \$574,654.00 must be used for for motorized projects. In addition each fiscal year \$1.5 million is also available from the Off-Highway Vehicle Decal Program. For this meeting three (3) projects have been submitted. The total funding request is \$620,812.00

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails staff reviewed all three (3) applications and feel that they each fit the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2015 State Trails Plan and should receive funding.

2021 Motorized Grant Applications		
Sponsor	Project	Request
Tonto National Forest, Mesa RD	Mesa RD OHV Rehabilitation and Improvement Project - Phase III	\$360,985.00
Tonto National Forest, Globe RD	Globe RD Staging Area and OHV Patrols	\$205,680.00
NOHVCC	Mechanized Trail Equipment Operator Training	\$54,174.00
Total Funding Request		\$620,812.00

Recommended Motion:

I move to approve funding for the 2021 Motorized Grant Applications as follows: Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District _____, Tonto National Forest, Globe Ranger District _____, and NOHVCC _____.

Prepared by: Matt Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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Executive Director



Date: May 20, 2020

To: David Quine, Chair, Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group
From: Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Subject: Supplemental Grant Applications

Background:

The Off-Highway Vehicle Decal Supplemental Grant Program provides funding for small projects, signage, mitigation, and law enforcement. These grants can be submitted for review at any time throughout the fiscal year and are reviewed on a quarterly basis. These projects are funded through the OHV Decal Program. For this quarter, two Law Enforcement Grants were submitted for a total request of \$59,421.00. Enforcement Grants were awarded at a total of

Sponsor	Request	Staff
Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Strip	\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00
Gila County Sheriff's Office	\$29,921.00	\$29,921.00
TOTAL	\$59,421.00	\$59,491.00

Recommendation:

The Arizona State Parks and Trails Grants and Trails team reviewed the application and made funding recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2015 State Trails Plan and project need.

Recommended Motion:

I move to approve funding for the Supplemental Law Enforcement Grant applications as follows; Bureau of Land Management: Arizona Strip in the amount of \$_____, and Gila County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$_____.

Prepared by: Matt Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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Date: May 20, 2020

To: David Quine, Chair, Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group
From: Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Subject: Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Grants

Background:

The Recreational Trails Program provides funds for motorized, non-motorized and diverse projects. Up to 5% of apportioned funds (\$95,776.00) can be used for safety and education grants as they relate to trails. A project sponsor can apply for up to \$10,000 per grant and must have a minimum of a 5.7% match for each project.

- 1 project was submitted for a total funding request of \$9,912.00

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails staff reviewed one (1) applications and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2015 State Trails Plan and project need.

2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Fund Requests		
Sponsor	Request	Recommendation
National Off-Highway Vehicle Outdoor Conservation Council	\$9,912.00	\$9,912.00
Total	\$9,912.00	\$9,912.00

Recommended Motion:

I move to recommend to approve funding for the 2021 Safety and Environmental Education application as follows: National Off-Highway Vehicle Outdoor Conservation Council in the amount of _____.

Prepared by: Matt Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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Date: May 20, 2020

To: David Quine, Chair, Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group
From: Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Subject: Arizona Trails 2020: A Statewide Motorized and Non-Motorized Trails Plan Approval and Recommendation

Background:

Arizona State Parks and Trails is responsible for the completion of Arizona’s Motorized and Non-motorized Trails Plan every five years per statute. The Trails Plan is a compilation of information statewide on motorized and non-motorized trail use and trail issues in Arizona.

The Arizona Trails 2020: A Statewide Motorized and Non-Motorized Trails Plan has been developed, using data collected from Arizona residents, the recreating public and land managers across the state. The Plan is now ready for review and approval by the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT), the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG), the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) and the Arizona State Parks Board. This Plan will then inform grant criteria for the distribution of the federal Recreational Trails Program and state Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund and will guide trail-related decision-making, resource allocation and management decisions statewide, across agencies and jurisdictions.

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails recommends that the OHVAG approve the Arizona Trails 2020 Plan and recommend approval to the AORCC.

Actions	Initiation Date
Arizona Trails 2020 Working Group formed	Aug 2018
ASPT applied for LWCF and OHV Administrative funding to support Arizona Trails 2020 Plan & Economic Value of Trails in Arizona analysis and report.	Dec 2018
ASPT partnered with Partners in Brainstorm and University of Arizona to collect data on trail use, issues and priorities from a random sample of Arizona residents 18 and over. This data reflects both state and county or region levels.	March - April 2019
ASPT collected data from Land Managers for Arizona Trails 2020 Plan	April-May 2019
Data collected by Partners in Brainstorm (Random Sample survey) & ASPT (Public Online Survey) primarily from Arizona residents	July – November 2019
The Draft plan was available for public review and comment	March – April 2020

Recommended Motion: I move to approve the Arizona Trails 2020: A Statewide Motorized and Non-Motorized Trails Plan, and forward it to the AORCC for approval.

Prepared by: Dawn Collins, Office of Continuous Improvement, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Approved:



Bob Broscheid, Executive Director

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Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG)

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

David Quine - Chair

Ben Alteneder, Jason Cobb, Geoff Chain, Todd Davis,
Holly Irwin, Charles Wood

AGENDA – A

Call to Order



AGENDA - B

Pledge of Allegiance

Member Roll Call

David Quine

Ben Alteneder

Geoff Chain

Jason Cobb

Todd Davis

Holly Irwin

Charles Wood

Meeting Minutes

The Group will review and may consider action to approve the Group meeting minutes from April 22, 2020.

AGENDA – D1

Motion:

I move to approve the meeting minutes of the April 22, 2020 meeting.

AGENDA – D2

2021 Motorized Funding Opportunity

Staff will provide an update on current funding available for motorized projects.

AGENDA – D2

2020 Recreational Trails Funding			
Non-Motorized			
472002 Apache-Sitgreaves NF	Historic Ventures on the Apache	\$	55,953.00
472003 Red Rock State Park	Bunkhouse/Eastgate ADA Trail Upgrade	\$	51,050.00
472028 Boyce Thompson	Main Trail Maintenance Project	\$	31,000.00
	Total	\$	138,003.00
Non-Motorized Diverse			
472011 Dolan Springs Trail System	Sierra Vista Trail Project	\$	36,980.00
472014 Pinal County	Lost Goldmine Trail	\$	24,320.00
472016 Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund	Bear Mountain Trail	\$	29,222.00
472018 City of Buckeye	Canal Trail Project	\$	80,000.00
472029 Cottonwood *	Riverfront Parks Gateway Project	\$	54,500.00
472030 Cottonwood Economic Development*	Pinal and 4th Street Gateway Project	\$	53,250.00
472034 Kingman	White Trails Cliff Project	\$	30,000.00
472035 Arizona State Parks	Picacho State Park Trail Project	\$	118,628.00
472036 Maricopa Foundation	Trail Maintenance Project	\$	145,000.00
472037 Arizona Trail Association	Passage 25 Trail Project	\$	114,856.00
472038 Arizona Trail Association	Passage 25 Trail Maintenance	\$	50,000.00
	Total	\$	736,756.00
Motorized Diverse			
472020 Arizona State Parks and Trails	OHV Training Range Improvements	\$	577,654.00
472039 BLM Grand Parschant	OHV Trail Project	\$	102,195.00
472040 BLM State Office	Boulders Dust Abatement	\$	80,000.00
	Total	\$	759,849.00
Safety and Education			
472021 Town of Pinetop	Trailhead/Kiosk SEE Project		\$7,357.00
472022 Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund	Kiosk Trailhead SEE Project		\$10,000.00
472023 Verde Valley Cyclists	Bike Patrol Training Grant		\$2,700.00
472024 Arizona State Parks and Trails	Cave Tour Signing Project		\$4,800.00
472025 Backpacking Roots	Wild West Bikepacking Route Resource Project		\$7,045.00
472027 Association of 4WD Clubs	Information/Communication Grant		\$18,050.00
	Total		\$49,952.00
	Total Grant Funding		\$1,684,560.00
Administration		\$	135,440.00
	Grand Total		\$1,820,000.00

AGENDA – D2

2021 Funding		REC TRAILS	OHV Funded
	Funding Available	\$ 1,820,000.00	\$ 2,497,631.00
	Non-motor		
Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area	Trail Development Project	\$ 79,842.00	
City of Sedona	Posse Grounds Trail Project	\$ 78,240.00	
Town of Cave Creek	Gateway Trail Project	\$ 74,498.00	
Sonoran Desert Mountain	Goat Trail Rehab Project	\$ 74,707.00	
Tonto NF Highline Trails	TM	\$ 50,000.00	
Apache-Sitgraves	Clifton RD	\$ 50,000.00	
Yuma	Regional Park	\$ 139,000.00	
Grand Canyon Conservancy	South Kaibab Trail	\$ 147,600.00	
Peoria	Maya Way ADA Trail	\$ 142,247.00	
	Total	\$ 836,134.00	
	Motor		
Apache sitgreaves	Maverick Trail	\$ 290,594.00	
Tonto Globe	OHV Project	\$ 205,680.00	
Tonto Mesa	OHV Rehab III	\$ 289,336.00	\$ 71,649.00
NOHVCC	Equipment Training		\$ 54,147.00
Arizona State Parks	Great Western Trail		\$ 692,000.00
Gila County	LE Grant		\$ 29,921.00
Arizona Strip	LE Grant		\$ 29,500.00
	Total	\$ 785,610.00	
SEE			
Verde Valley Cyclists	Bike and Bell	\$8,535.00	
U of A	Hiking Fluid Study	\$9,430.00	
Lost Dutchman	Exploration Packs	\$7,880.00	
Game and Fish	Birding Trail	\$10,000.00	
ATA	Trail Summit	\$9,996.00	
NOHVC	Great trails workshop	\$9,912.00	
Sonoran Mountain Bike	"Be Cool"	\$7,063.00	
	Total	\$62,816.00	
	Admin	\$ 135,440.00	
	Balance	\$ -	\$ 1,692,063.00

AGENDA – D3

2021 Motorized Grant Applications

Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Motorized Grant Applications.

AGENDA – D3

2021 Motorized RTP Grant Applications

Sponsor	Project	Request	Score
Tonto National Forest, Mesa RD	Mesa Ranger District OHV Rehabilitation Project	\$360,985.00	34.2
Tonto National Forest, Globe RD	Globe Ranger District Staging Area and OHV Patrols	\$205,680.00	32.5
NOHVCC	Mechanized Trail Equipment Operator Training	\$54,147.00	41.4
Totals		\$620,812.00	

AGENDA – D3

Motion:

I move to recommend funding the submitted 2021 Motorized Grant Applications as follows: Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District in the amount of _____, Tonto National Forest, Globe Ranger District in the amount of _____, and NOHVCC in the amount of _____.

2021 Motorized Supplemental Grant Applications

Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Motorized Supplemental Grant Applications.

AGENDA – D4

2021 Motorized Supplemental Grant Applications

Sponsor	Project	Request
Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Strip	Arizona Strip, Vermilion Cliffs OHV Enforcement	\$29,500.00
Gila County Sheriff's Office	Gila County Law Enforcement and Equipment Grant	\$29,921.00
Total		\$59,421.00

AGENDA – D4

Motion:

I move to recommend funding the submitted 2021 Motorized Supplemental Grant Applications as follows: Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Strip in the amount of _____, and Gila County Sherriff's Office in the amount of _____.

AGENDA – D5

2021 Motorized Recreational Trails Safety and Education Grant Applications

Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Motorized Recreational Trails Safety and Education Grant Applications.

AGENDA – D5

2021 Motorized Supplemental Grant Applications

Sponsor	Project	Request
National Off-Highway Vehicle Outdoor Conservation Council	Great Trails Workshop	\$9,912.00
Total		\$9,912.00

AGENDA – D5

Motion:

I move to recommend funding the submitted 2021 Motorized Recreational Trails Safety and Environmental Grant Applications as follows:
National Off-Highway Vehicle Outdoor Conservation Council in the amount of _____.

AGENDA – D6

Arizona State Parks 2020-2024 Trails Plan

- Dawn Collins, Office of Continuous Improvement

AGENDA – D6

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to everyone involved in the planning process!
 - Arizona State Parks and Trails staff
 - Claire Kredens, Trails Plan Intern / ASU GA
 - Guest Authors
 - Committees and Boards
 - ALL Survey Takers
 - Working Group Members
 - Our Contractors
 - Partners in Brainstorm
 - University of Arizona, Agricultural & Resource Economics and Cooperative Extension

What's Changed Since Arizona Trails 2015 Plan?

- Guest authored pieces
 - Professional perspectives on trail issues
- Literature Review
 - Compared AZ priorities and areas of interest to other plans
 - More in-depth academic literature review
- Organization around 4 SCORP pillars
 - To be consistent with overall 2018 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)
 - Increased focus on Accessibility and Inclusion / ADA focus
- Action Items
 - Include best practices, stories of success from the trails community as examples
- Priorities
 - Added new priorities based on SCORP and Working Group feedback

What's Changed Since the Last Draft?

- Public comment (Mar 12 - Apr 13, 2020)
 - 80 comments
 - Issues addressed: obtaining land, new trails, single versus multi-use trails, enforcement, etc.
- Single versus multi-use trails white paper
- Release of U of A report “Economic Value of Trails in Arizona”
- Inclusion of COVID-19 impacts on recreation
- More action items
 - Based on public comment, Trails Summit, survey open-ended comments, etc.
- Clarification of concepts throughout document as requested (e.g., in Ch. 1 & 2: methods and intended use of the plan)
- E-bike analysis of survey respondents' comments
- More guest authored pieces
 - Arizona State Land Department, Latinx community and trails

Plan Outline Review

- Chapter 1
 - Executive Summary, Planning Priorities, Literature Review
- Chapter 2
 - The Public Involvement Process (Surveys, Public Comment, Collaboration)
- Chapter 3
 - Motorized Trails Overview, Survey Results, Priorities and Action Items
- Chapter 4
 - Non-Motorized Trails Overview, Survey Results, Priorities and Action Items
- Chapter 5
 - Grants and Funding

AGENDA – D6

Chapter 1

- Comparison of key concepts/concerns to other recommended state plans
 - CO, UT, WA, FL, MN, OR, MI, WI, CA
- Aligning with regional AZ plans
 - Ex: Sun Corridor, AZ Trail, Pima County, Maricopa County, etc.
- Current research and agency guest pieces on topics:
 - Technology and trail use
 - Diversity, inclusion, and accessibility
 - Sustainable trails
 - Crowding and unauthorized trails
 - Connectivity, stewardship, cultural resources
 - Safety and education programs

Chapter 2

- Random Sample Survey (5,014 completed)
 - Partner with Partners in Brainstorm
 - Mirrors the Census for accurate representation of Arizona
- Public Online Survey (4,576 completed)
 - Open to anyone who wanted to take it
 - Does not mirror the Census, but these are more invested users
- Land Manager (61 responses)
 - More non-motorized managers than motorized

AGENDA – D6

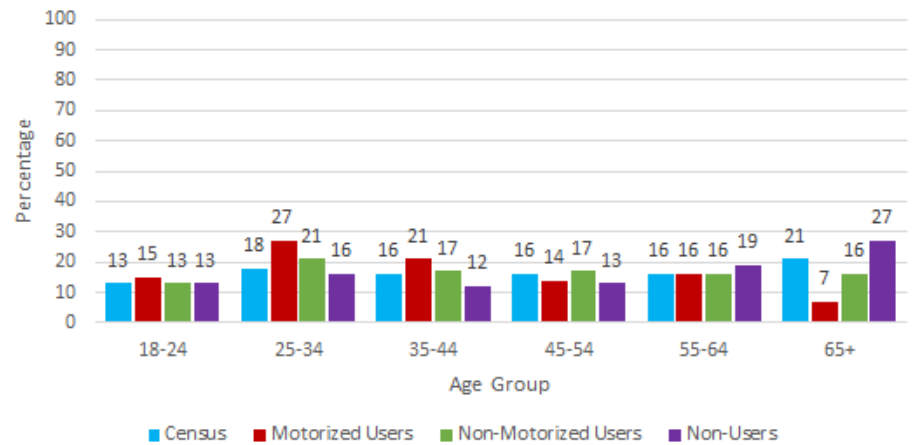
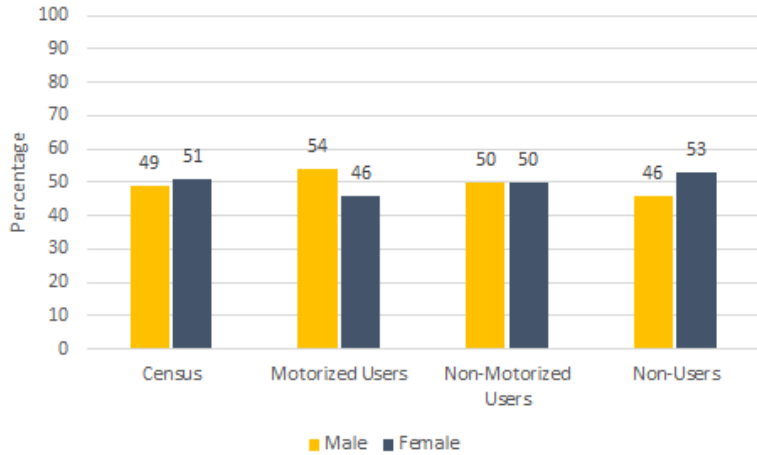
Chapter 3: Motorized Trails

•Random Sample Survey

- 24.4% have used trails for motorized recreation in the last year (n=1,223)
- 15.1% are **core** motorized users (n=757)

•Public Online Survey

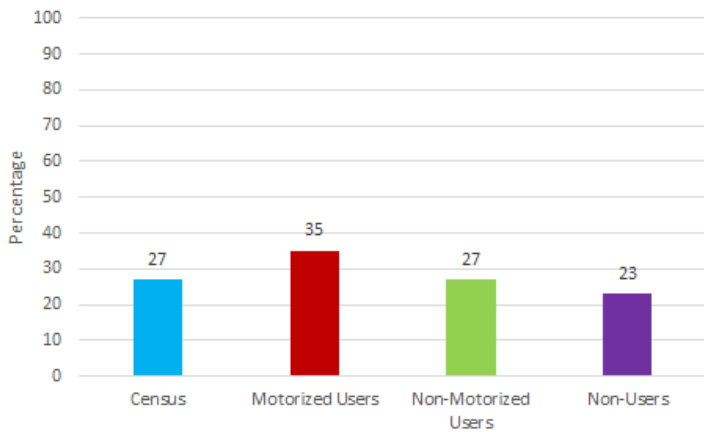
- 49% have used trails for motorized recreation in the last year (n=2,225)
- 32% are **core** motorized users (n=1,481)



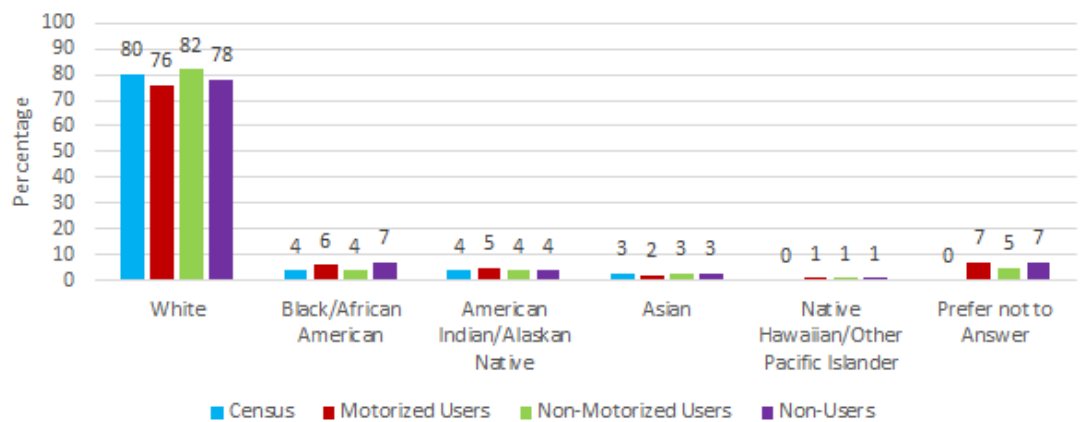
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Demographics of Random Sample Survey Respondents Compared to the Census

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin

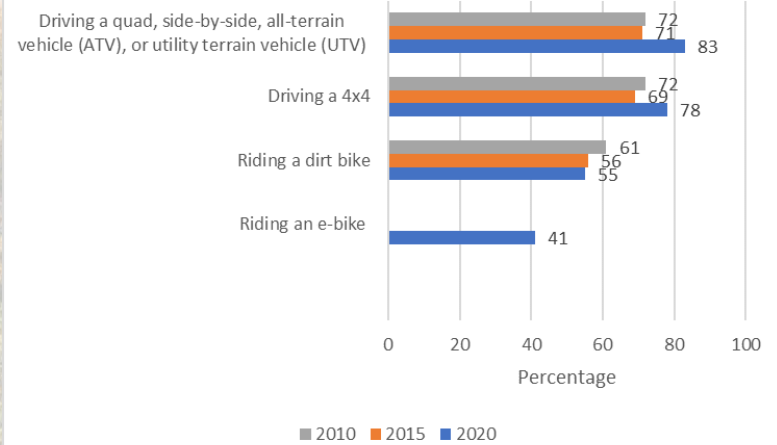
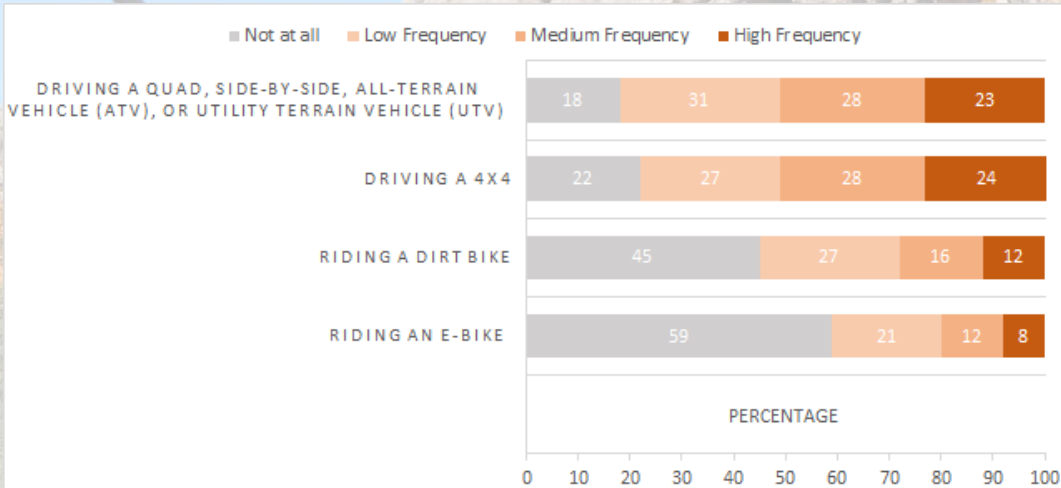


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AGENDA – D6

Participation Rates in Motorized Recreation Activities



AGENDA – D6

Favorite, Most Frequent, and Furthest Trails

Random Sample Survey (Green)
Public Online Survey (Blue)

Table 5: Favorite, Most Frequent, and Furthest Motorized Recreation Trails by Core Random Sample Survey

Rank	Favorite Trail	Most Frequent Trail	Furthest Trail
1st	Apache Junction	Apache Junction	Apache Junction
2nd	Yuma	Yuma	Yuma
3rd	Tucson	Arizona City	Flagstaff
4th	Alpine	Bullhead City	Arizona City
5th	Bullhead City	Tucson	Tucson

This data also analyzed for the
“Economic Value of Trails in Arizona”
Report conducted by University of
Arizona.

Table 5: Favorite, Most Frequent, and Furthest Motorized Recreation Trails by Core Public Online Respondents

Rank	Favorite Trail	Most Frequent Trail	Furthest Trail
1st	Lake Havasu City	Lake Havasu City	Flagstaff
2nd	Flagstaff	Tucson	Lake Havasu City
3rd	Tucson	Peoria	Alpine
4th	Prescott	Flagstaff	Sedona
5th	Payson	Apache Junction	Happy Jack

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Environmental Concerns

Land Managers

- 1.Erosion
- 2.Damage to vegetation
- 3.Litter/trash dumping

RSS:

- 1.Litter/trash dumping
- 2.Erosion
- 3.Amount of dust in the air

Public Online:

- 1.Litter/trash dumping
- 2.Erosion
- 3.Damage to historical/archaeological sites

Social Concerns

Land Managers

- 1.Users not staying on trails
- 2.Destruction/removal of signs
- 3.Poor etiquette

RSS

- 1.Poor etiquette
- 2.Vandalism
- 3.Closure of trails

Pubic Online

- 1.Closure of trails
- 2.Urban development limiting access/use
- 3.Vandalism

Management Priorities

Land Managers:

- 1.Enforce existing rules and regulations
- 2.Maintain existing trails
- 3.Prevent and/or repair damage to environmental and cultural sites near trails

RSS:

- 1.Maintain existing trails
- 2.Prevent and/or repair damage to environmental and cultural sites near trails
- 3.Provide trail signs

Public Online:

- 1.Obtain land for trails and trail access
- 2.Maintain existing trails
- 3.Construct new trails

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Motorized Priorities

2015

First Level Priority
Protect access to trails/acquire land for public access
Maintain and renovate existing trails and routes
Provide and install trail/route signs
Establish and designate motorized trails, routes, and areas
Second Level Priority
Develop support facilities
Provide maps and trail/route information
Mitigate and restore damage to areas surrounding trails, routes and areas
Third Level Priority
Provide educational programs
Completion of environmental/cultural clearance and compliance activities
Increase on the ground management presence and law enforcement

2020

First Level Priority
<i>Connect trails to other trails, parks and communities</i>
Maintain existing trails
<i>Prevent or repair damage to environmental and cultural sites near trails</i>
Provide trail maps and information
Second Level Priority
<i>Complete environmental/cultural clearance and compliance</i>
<i>Promote safe and responsible recreation programs</i>
Provide facilities like restrooms, parking, campsites near trails and develop trails and facilities to <i>increase accessibility for people with disabilities</i>
<i>Provide trail signs</i>
Third Level Priority
<i>Construct new trails</i>
Enforce existing rules and regulations in trail areas
<i>Obtain land for trails and trail access</i>

Key:

RED = decrease in importance since 2015

BLACK = stayed the same since 2015

GREEN = increase in importance since 2015

ITALICS = new since 2015

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There is probably no better time to get out and about on your Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) than now, and no better place to ride than on a trail made for that purpose. Going on a trail is purely about the experience, sightseeing, nature, trees, hills, gravel, dust, mudding, wildlife, in a word, fun!

The Arizona Game & Fish Departments OHV safety education program is to provide the OHV community with safety education programs that teach the basic knowledge for safe and responsible use of OHVs in which to achieve fun while using the wonderful approved trails in Arizona. Currently, we offer two online courses designed for users of any age, as well as a school youth-based program called Quail Kids, OHV.

In addition to all of the listed offerings, the Department also offers a hands-on skill based utility terrain vehicle (UTV) or better known as a side-by-side (5x5) training. Participants are instructed on safe handling techniques on a designated course, allowing students to get a feel for where their capabilities are and what the machines they are driving are capable of doing.

One major issue addressed in all of our OHV safety education classes is to enjoy access to natural public spaces. While it may be tempting to go off the beaten path in a blaze of speed over jolting terrain, doing so can cause long-lasting damage to the habitat. Wet weather increases the need to make good choices when off-roading. It is easy to see the draw that wet areas like meadows, shorelines, and muddy water tanks used by cattle and wildlife alike can have on the off-road enthusiast. However, most of us can see past the temporary fun of flinging mud to the long-term consequences of tearing up such fragile areas with our fat tires and powerful machines. Even a lighter-weight OHV with low-pressure tires can cause lasting damage to an area.

The promotion of safe operation of OHVs and emphasizing the protection of the environment resources is the responsibility of all OHVs enthusiast. There are numerous opportunities for OHV recreation in Arizona depending on what you are looking for.

For more information on responsible OHV use or to sign up for a safety education course, visit azgfd.gov/OHV.



What's Next for Arizona Trails 2020 Plan?

- Implementation & Evaluation of the Plan
 - How can OHVAG work with ASPT staff, the larger trails community and others to support plan implementation and evaluation efforts?
 - Discussion / brainstorming on next agenda?
- Internal goals and objectives for the plan - ASPT focus
- Release of data at county/region levels
- Develop talking points for Economic Value of Trails in Arizona report
- Communication/Feedback From Statewide Recreation Plan Customers
 - What do they want to see out of the plan?
 - How can we make the plan more effective?

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Motion:

I move to recommend approval of the 2020-2024 Trails Plan.

Motorized Emergency Mitigation Project Updates.

The OHV Coordinator will provide updates on staff approved motorized emergency mitigation projects.

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Proposed Bouse Staging Area Update

The Group will be updated on the status of the proposed Bouse Staging Area and the State Parks Board decision to delay action for the proposed project.

Proposed Bouse Trailhead Update



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Future Agenda Items

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

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Current Events

Group members will discuss 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.

Call to the Public

The chair will recognize those wishing to address the Group.

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**Tentative 2020
Meeting Dates:
TBD**

An aerial photograph of a desert landscape with a dirt trail winding through it. Several cyclists are visible on the trail. The terrain is covered with sparse vegetation, including cacti and shrubs. The overall scene is bright and clear.

THANK YOU!