

Doug Ducey Governor



Bob Broscheid Executive Director



NOTICE OF PUBLIC 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 meeting on **Monday**, **November 29, 2021** beginning at 12:00 pm. OHVAG 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 1.402.644.1631 and entering PIN: 990.878.010# or via Google Meet: meet.google.com/bem-jkqp-vmx

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 Group 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 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 November **5**, 2021 OHVAG Meeting The Group will review and may consider action to approve the OHVAG meeting minutes from November **5**, 2021.
- 2. 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 2022 Motorized Grant Application. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator) The following grant application has been submitted for funding totaling \$259,900.00.

2022 Motorized Grant Application					
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Natural Restorations	OHV Area Cleanups	\$259,900.00	\$259,900.00	24	
TOTAL		\$259,900.00	\$259,900.00		

3. Chevelon Canyon Emergency and Mitigation Project. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

Members will be provided an update on the Chevelon Canyon Emergency and Mitigation grant request from the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

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 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

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, 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/ohvag

Bob Broscheid: Executive Director



Doug Ducey Governor



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

November 5, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Chuck Wood called the meeting to order at 10:02a.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chuck Wood Let the Group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

<u>Members Present:</u> Chuck Wood (in person), Ben Alteneder (virtual), Geoff Chain (virtual), Todd Davis (virtual), Holly Irwin (virtual), Tom Murphy (virtual)

Staff Present: Matthew Eberhart (in person), Mickey Rogers (in person), Jeff Schmidt (virtual)

D. AGENDA ITEMS

- **1.** Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the September 27, 2021, OHVAG Meeting Holly Irwin moved to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2021 OHVAG meeting. Ben Alteneder Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. 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 2022 Motorized Grant Application. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

Matthew Eberhart, the State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator provided a project and budget overview of the Bureau of Land Management: State Office, Travel Management Planning Competitive Motorized Grant. Chuck Wood asked what a Route Evaluation was. It was determined that a Route Evaluation is used to determine the eligibility of a route to be added to the BLM system as open, closed, or limited after looking into all aspects of the trail. Holly Irwin asked if there was going to be additional staffing brought on to assist in these evaluations and completing them in a timely manner. BLM plans to bring on a contractor to assist in completing environmental assessments and the field offices have been directed by the state office to provide assistance to Tammy Pike as requested. Tom Murphy asked how long a route evaluation typically takes. Tammy Pike of the State BLM Office informed members that it typically takes 6 to 8 weeks to complete a review/evaluation depending on the complexity of the route. Holly Irwin also asked if BLM had planned to include feedback from the OHV community. Tammy Pike informed the Group that there would be public involvement through route inventory as well as public comment once evaluations have been completed. Chuck Wood moved to that the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve the Bureau of Land Management: State Office, Travel Management Plan Project in the amount of \$412,969.00. Holly Irwin Seconded the motion. Tom Murphy was apprehensive in approving such a large amount for planning efforts. Todd Davis informed the group that being involved with Travel Management Planning with the *Coronado National Forest getting routes formally evaluated and designated is what will help to allocate* monies for future maintenance and allow them to remain open for use and possibly add additional

routes in the future. Holly Irwin expressed the importance of BLM completing these Travel Management Plans for the given areas so that over time, the Arizona Peace Trail can be recognized as a nationally designated trail. Tammy Pike also provided input that the funding request is not just for evaluations but also provides funds for a contractor to complete the environmental assessments. Ben Alteneder approved, Geoff Chain approved, Todd Davis approved, Holly Irwin approved, Tom Murphy approved, Chuck Wood approved.

3. County Supervisors Association OHV Legislation Update (Presenter, Holly Irwin OHVAG member).

Holly Irwin provided an update on the recent Yavapai County Off-Highway Vehicle Legislation proposal that was presented at the County Supervisors Association Summit in September. The Association voted to remove the legislative proposal from this current session and to have it possibly reviewed in the future. Yavapai County was looking to establish fee use areas and bring forward route restrictions on the number of vehicles that could access specific trails at a given time.

4. Great Western Trail Master Plan Update. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) Mickey Rogers provided an update on the Great Western Trail Master Plan. The plan had legislative

funds set aside to establish the master plan. Arizona State Parks and Trails staff hired a contractor to help with the master plan. Mickey and several founding members of the Arizona portion of the Great Western Trail road the trail in its entirety to ground truth it. The current plan is to review the master plan and make revisions, solicit feedback from OHVAG, AORCC, and the State Parks Board as well as public comment. Following the public comment process Arizona State Parks and Trails will have funds to assist land managers in signing the trail and maintaining the various segments. Geoff Chain was appreciative to see this project coming forward and progress being made on it.

5. State OHV Coordinator Updates. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator)

Matthew Eberhart, the State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator provide an update on member Alteneder, Chain, Irwin, and Wood term's expiring at the end of the calendar year. Members Chain, Irwin, and Wood expressed an interest in serving a second term and member Alteneder expressed being able to help with a potential sportsman member. Matthew Eberhart also provided an update on the Quartzsite Staging Area which celebrated its opening with a ribbon cutting on October 19th. The area has 22 pull through spots, a picnic area, restrooms, security lighting, a host site to enforce site rules, and the staging area is already receiving great reviews and is being actively used. Chuck Wood asked if the host position was voluntary which it is.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Tom Murphy requested an update on the OHV Dealership program. No other members had future agenda item requests.

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Member Tom Murphy expressed excitement for the upcoming dealership program once the materials are available and has offered his clubs assistance in preparing materials to be distributed.

Holly Irwin informed the group that the Arizona Peace Trail is hosting their first public meeting in some time on November 17th in Parker, AZ. The Power/Light posts are installed at the Hippy Hole Staging Area in Cibola.

Chuck Wood provided an update on the Arizona Alpine Trail. The group has submitted its paperwork to

become an official non-profit. Meetings are ongoing with the US Forest Service. The group has decided to move forward with level 2 roads as they have already been designated and it will likely speed up the process of designating the entire route. Arizona Alpine Trail name and logo have also been Trademarked and the web address and Facebook pages have been locked in for this name.

Todd Davis provided an update for the Southern Arizona Community Foodbank Ride "There Will Be Dust".

Mickey Rogers also provided an update on the Tonto National Forest Travel Management Plan having been signed on October 3, 2021.

Geoff Chain provided an update on the NOHVCC Mechanized Equipment Training which will likely be taking place from March 23^{rd} to 27^{th} . The training will either be held at Alto Pit or Hayfield Draw. The class will be capped at 12 people.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to speak.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

November 29, 2021 from 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:52a.m.





Bob Broscheid Executive Director



Date: November 29, 2021

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

Subject: 2022 Motorized Grant Applications

Background:

The Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund provides grant funding for the planning and development of motorized trails, trailhead facilities, law enforcement, and education. There is currently \$4,000,000 in funding available for submitted grant applications. For the November 29, 2021 OHVAG meeting there was one (1) project submitted with a total funding request of \$259,900.00.

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff reviewed one (1) Motorized application(s) and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2020 State Trails Plan and project need.

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Recommended Motion:

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

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director

Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Applications

Natural Restorations: OHV Area Cleanups Requested Funding – \$259,900.00

Our project addresses the long-standing issues of trash, illegal dumping of household & construction debris, & graffiti on rocks & boulders in OHV areas. The last 18 months have seen a massive increase in the number of people recreating in OHV areas, including new users, & users who are not practicing responsible recreation. As a result, there has been an increase in the amount of trash and graffiti left behind in OHV areas. We fill a need to keep existing trails free from trash & graffiti to ensure they remain open to the OHV community; if we turn our backs on this problem, land management agencies will seek to close them. It takes a continuous effort to maintain our trails if we want them to remain open & accessible to current & future generations.

Our restorations enhance the quality of the experience OHV trails provide because clean trails are safer, attractive, & inviting. We immediately improve the appearance & usability of the OHV areas in our proposal. We also help educate communities across the state, including youth & new OHV trail users, on responsible recreation through our volunteer events and by sharing our team projects on our website and social media pages.

During this project, our Dedicated Restoration Team will complete 19 trash and graffiti removal restoration projects & we will host 2 volunteer events in OHV areas. Volunteer events will provide close to home opportunities for youth, the OHV community, non-OHV community members, & State Parks employees. We hope to add additional volunteer events as matches as it becomes easier to host events on public lands without restrictions.







Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) Monday, November 29, 2021

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



AGENDA – A

Call to Order



AGENDA - B

Pledge of Allegiance



AGENDA – C

Member Roll Call

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



Meeting Minutes

The Group will review and may consider action to approve the Group meeting minutes from November 5, 2021.



Motion: I move to approve the meeting minutes of the November 5, 2021 meeting.



2022 Motorized Grant Applications 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 2022 Motorized Grant Applications.



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Natural Restorations: OHV Cleanups









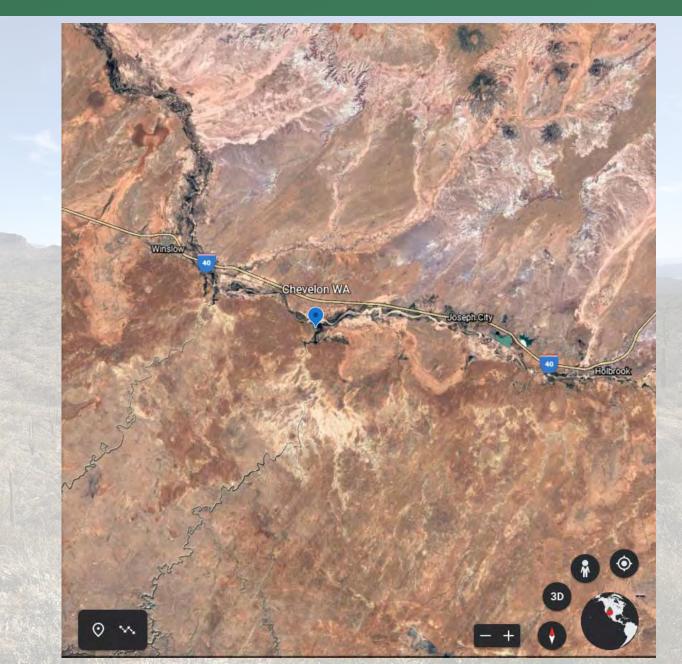
Motion:

I move that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board Approve the Natural Restorations, OHV Area Cleanups Project in the amount of ______.

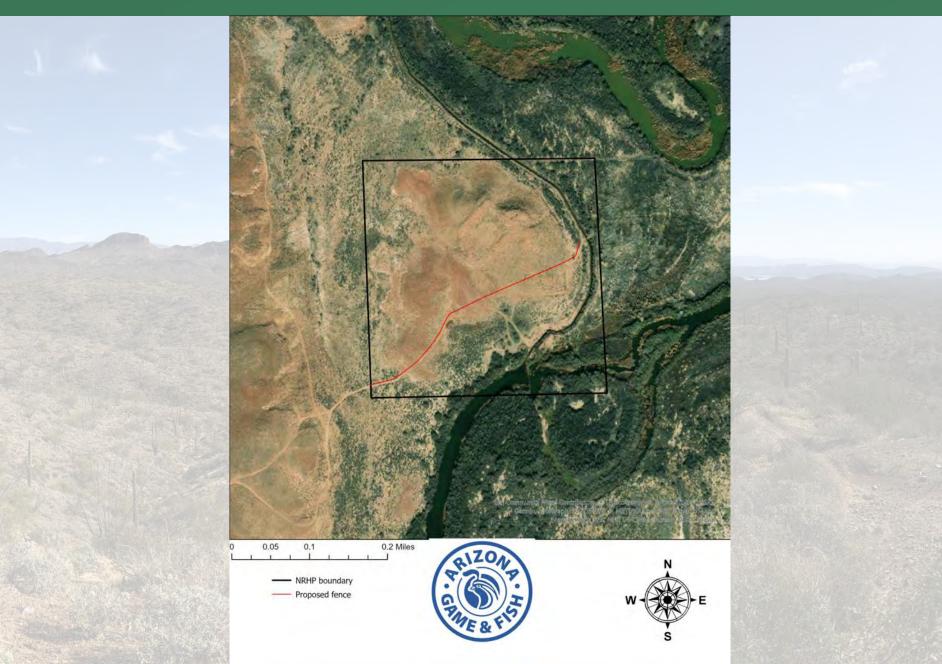


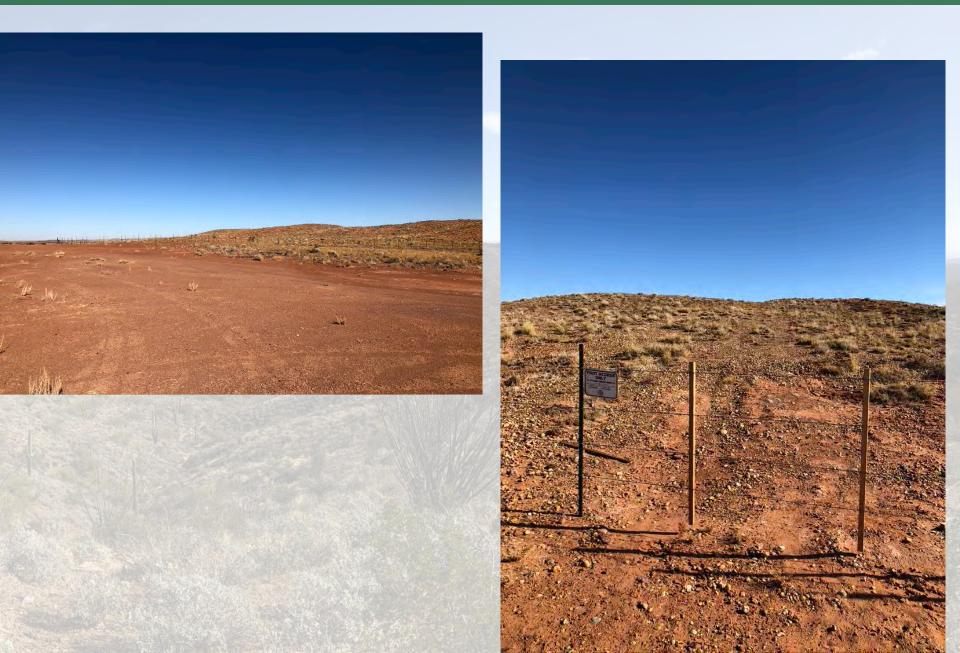
Chevelon Canyon Emergency and Mitigation Project Update State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator, Matthew Eberhart will provide members and update on the **Emergency and Mitigation grant** request.











AGENDA – E

Future Agenda Items

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AGENDA – F

Current Events

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AGENDA – G

Call to the Public

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AGENDA – H

Future Meeting Dates: TBD



