



Doug Ducey
Governor

ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING
of
THE ARIZONA OUTDOOR RECREATION COORDINATING COMMISSION
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to members of the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (“AORCC” or “Commission”) and the public that the Commission will hold a Teleconference Meeting **scheduled to begin at 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.**

Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19 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 Commission will be asked to identify themselves each time they are speaking.

The Commission 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 28th, 2020, AORCC Meeting –** The Commission will review and may consider action to approve the Commission meeting minutes from April 28, 2020.
- 2. 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	SCORE
Tonto National Forest-Mesa Ranger District	Mesa Ranger District OHV Rehabilitation Improvement Project	\$360,985.00	34.3
Tonto National Forest—Globe Ranger District	Globe Ranger District Staging Area and OHV Patrols	\$205,680.00	32.4
National Off Highway Vehicle Outdoor Conservation Council	Mechanized Trail Equipment Training	\$54,147.00	35.4
Total		\$620,812.00	

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

2021 Off-Highway Vehicle Supplemental Motorized Requests		
Sponsor	Project	Request
Bureau of Land Management, AZ 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

4. **Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Non-Motorized Grant Applications. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)** The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$929,917.00.

2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Requests			
Sponsor	Project	Request	Score
Yuma	Riverfront Park Trail Project	\$139,000.00	16.6
Grand Canyon Conservancy	South Kaibab Trail	\$147,600.00	16
Peoria	Maya Way ADA Trail	\$142,247.00	18.8
Verde River Institute	On-Site River Ambassador	\$29,775.00	27.3
Peoria	New River Trail Connection	\$105,000.00	19.2
Picacho Peak State Park	Trail Rehabilitation Project	\$118,628.00	31.5
Maricopa Trail and Park Foundation	Maricopa Trail Maintenance and Stewardship Program 2020-2023	\$145,000.00	40
Tonto NF-Mesa RD	Sonoran Desert Trail System	\$102,667.00	67.1
Total		\$929,917.00	

5. **Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Applications. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails).** The following grant application has been submitted for funding totaling \$750,000.00.

2021 Recreational Land and Water Conservation Fund Requests		
Sponsor	Project	Request
Chandler	Homestead North Park Development	\$750,000.00
Total		\$750,000.00

6. **Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails).** The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$65,045.00.

2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Requests		
Sponsor	Project	Request
Arizona Trail Association	Trails Skills Institute Video Series	\$10,000.00
National Off-Highway Vehicle Outdoor Conservation Council	Great Trails Workshop	\$9,912.00
Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists	Be Cool Campaign	\$7,763.00
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Watchable Wildlife Experience	\$8,960.00
Benefactors of Red Rock	Interpretive Signage for Red Rock State Park	\$10,000.00
Arizona Trail Association	Network for Arizona Trail and Summit for Arizona Trails	\$9,996.00
Lost Dutchman State Park	Interpretive Signage Project	\$8,414.00
Total		\$65,045.00

7. **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 AORCC members may comment on the plan. AORCC may consider action to recommend approval of the Plan for future consideration by the Arizona State Parks Board.
8. **Motorized Emergency Mitigation Project Updates: (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).** The Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator will update the Commission on staff approved a motorized emergency mitigation project: The Bureau of Land Management Tank Pass Emergency Repair. This agenda item is for information only.

9. **Update on Proposed Bouse Staging Area. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).** Staff will update the Commission on the status of the proposed Bouse Staging Area. This agenda item is for information only.
10. **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)—Legacy Program. (Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails).** Staff will update the Commission on the status of the LWCF Legacy Program funding opportunity. This agenda item is for information only.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Commission 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 Commission. 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 the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Commission members will discuss potential future meeting dates.

I. ADJOURNMENT

A copy of this agenda and any background material provided to Commission 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. Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Arizona State Parks & Trails does not discriminate based on a disability regarding admission to public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the ADA Coordinator Mickey Rogers at (602) 542-6942; or email mrogers@azstateparks.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. For technical difficulties during the teleconference meeting, please contact Jeff Schmidt at (602) 542-7124 or via email jschmidt@azstateparks.gov.

Posted at: Arizona State Parks and Trails
23751 N. 23rd Ave., Suite 190, Phoenix, AZ 85085

And at: <https://azstateparks.com/aorcc>

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Bob Broscheid: Executive Director



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DRAFT MINUTES
of
THE ARIZONA OUTDOOR RECREATION COORDINATING COMMISSION
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS
APRIL 28, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Broberg called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commission Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

Members Present by Phone: *Tiffany Broberg, Joseph Baynes, Bob Broscheid, Ty Gray, John Sefton, and Kent Taylor*

Staff Present by Phone: *Matt Eberhart, Nancy Jасulca, Jeff Schmidt, Mickey Rogers*

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the March 31st, 2020 AORCC Meeting.

Member Sefton moved to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2020 AORCC meeting. Member Taylor seconded the motion. Joe Baynes approved. Tiffany Broberg approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Ty Gray approved. John Sefton approved. Kent Taylor approved. The motion passed.

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

Member Baynes moved to approve the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest: Lakeside Ranger District in the amount of \$290,594, Arizona State Parks and Trails in the amount of \$692,000, the Bureau of Land Management: Grand Canyon-Parashant in the amount of \$102,195, and the Bureau of Land Management: State Office in the amount of \$65,478. Member Sefton seconded the motion. Joe Baynes approved. Tiffany Broberg approved. Bob Broscheid abstained. Ty Gray approved. John Sefton approved. Kent Taylor approved. The motion passed.

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

Member Broberg moved to approve the Arizona Trail Association in the amount of \$114,856. Member Broscheid seconded the motion. Joe Baynes approved. Tiffany Broberg approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Ty Gray approved. John Sefton approved. Kent Taylor approved. The motion passed.

4. Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications.

John Sefton moved to approve Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Clifton Ranger District in the amount of \$50,000, Arizona Trail Association in the amount of \$50,000 and the Tonto National Forest Payson Ranger District in the amount of \$50,000. Member Baynes seconded the motion. Joe Baynes

approved. Tiffany Broberg approved. Bob Broscheid approved. Ty Gray approved. John Sefton approved. Kent Taylor approved. The motion passed.

5. Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications.

Member Taylor moved to approve the Verde Valley Cyclists in the amount of \$8,515, Arizona Board of Regents in the amount of \$9,430, Lost Dutchman State Park in the amount of \$7,880, and Arizona Game and Fish Department in the amount of \$10,000. Member Sefton seconded the motion. Joe Baynes approved. Tiffany Broberg approved. Bob Broscheid abstained. Ty Gray abstained. John Sefton approved. Kent Taylor approved. The motion passed.

6. Updates on the continued impact to Arizona State Parks and Trails as a result of COVID-19:

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. Director Broscheid also expressed that all state agencies will continue to work with the Governor's Office on a plan to safely reopen the state's economy.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The commission had no items they wished to have addressed at future meetings.

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Members did not have any current events to discuss.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public that requested to speak.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Proposed meeting for June 2nd.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.



Doug Ducey
Governor

ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



Date: June 2, 2020

To: Tiffany Broberg, Chair, Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission
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 and the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group 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	Recommend
Tonto National Forest, Mesa RD	Mesa RD OHV Rehabilitation and Improvement Project - Phase III	\$360,985.00	\$360,985.00
Tonto National Forest, Globe RD	Globe RD Staging Area and OHV Patrols	\$205,680.00	\$205,680.00
National Off Highway Vehicle Outdoor Conservation Council	Mechanized Trail Equipment Operator Training	\$54,174.00	\$54,174.00
Total Funding Request		\$620,812.00	\$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 National Off Highway Vehicle Outdoor Conservation Council _____.

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

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



Date: June 2, 2020

To: Tiffany Broberg, Chair, Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission
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 (2) Law Enforcement Grants were submitted for a total request of \$59,421.00

2021 Supplemental Grant Applications		
Sponsor	Request	Recommendation
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 staff and the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group reviewed the applications 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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Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



Date: June 2, 2020

To: Tiffany Broberg, Chair, Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission

From: Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Subject: 2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-motorized 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 non-motorized projects. To date eight (8) projects has been submitted. The total funding request is \$929,917.00.

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails staff and ASCOT reviewed eight (8) non-motorized applications and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2015 State Trails Plan and project need.

2021 Non-Motorized Grant Applications			
Sponsor	Project	Request	Recommend
City of Yuma	Riverfront Park Trail Project	\$139,000.00	\$139,000.00
Grand Canyon Conservancy	South Kaibab Trail	\$147,600.00	\$147,600.00
City of Peoria	Maya Way ADA Trail	\$142,247.00	\$142,247.00
Verde River Institute	On-Site River Ambassador	\$29,775.00	\$29,775.00
City of Peoria	New River Trail Connections	\$105,000.00	\$0
Picacho Peak State Park	Trail Rehabilitation Project	\$118,628.00	\$118,628.00
Maricopa Trail and Parks Foundation	Maricopa Trail Maintenance and Stewardship Program 2020-2023	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00
Tonto National Forest, Mesa RD	Sonoran Desert Trail System	\$102,667.00	\$102,667.00
Total Funding Request		\$929,917.00	\$824,914.00

Recommended Motion:

I move to recommend to approve funding for the 2021 Non-Motorized Grant Applications as follows: City of Yuma in the amount of _____, Grand Canyon Conservancy in the amount of _____, City of Peoria Maya Way ADA Trail in the amount of _____, Verde River Institute in the amount of _____, City of Peoria New River Trail Connections in the amount of _____, Picacho Peak State Park in the amount of _____, Maricopa Trail and Parks

Foundation in the amount of _____, and Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District in the amount of _____.

Prepared by: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trail, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Approved:

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Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



Date: June 2, 2020

To: Tiffany Broberg, Chair, Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission
From: Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Subject: Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects

Background:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund provides matching grants for acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation facilities. All LWCF funding requires a minimum 50/50 match.

Arizona State Parks and Trails opened a competitive grant cycle in October 2019. To date, there have been three projects approved. Since the last AORCC meeting, one more project has been submitted.

Sponsor	Request	Recommendation	Score
Chandler, City of	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	70.75
Total	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails staff has reviewed and recommends the approval of LWCF funding for the City of Chandler in the amount of \$750,000.00.

Recommended Motion:

I move to recommend to approve funding for the 2020 LWCF applications as follows: City of Chandler in the amount of _____.

Prepared by: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



Date: June 2, 2020

To: Tiffany Broberg, Chair, Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission
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.

- 7 projects were submitted for a total funding request of \$65,045.00

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails staff, the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT), and the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) reviewed seven (7) applications and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2015 State Trails Plan and project need.

Sponsor	Project	Request	Recommendation
Arizona Trail Association	Trails Skills Institute	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
NOHVCC	Great Trails Workshop	\$9,912.00	\$9,912.00
Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists	Be Cool Campaign	\$7,763.00	\$7,763.00
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Watchable Wildlife Experience	\$8,960.00	\$8,960.00
Benefactors of Red Rock State Park	Interpretive Signage for Red Rock State Park	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Arizona Trail Association	Network for Arizona Trail And Summit For Arizona Trails	\$9,996.00	\$9,996.00
Lost Dutchman State Park	Interpretive Signage Project	\$8,414.00	\$0
Total		\$65,045.00	\$56,631.00

Recommended Motion: I move to recommend to approve funding for the 2021 Safety and Environmental Education applications as follows: Arizona Trail Association: Trails Skills Institute in the amount of _____, National Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinating Council Great Trails Workshop in the amount of _____, Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists Be Cool Campaign in the amount of _____, Arizona Game and Fish Department Watchable Wildlife in the amount of _____, Benefactors of Red Rock State Park Interpretive Signage for Red Rock State Park in the amount of _____, Arizona Trail Association Network for Arizona Trail and

Summit for Arizona Trails in the amount of _____, and Lost Dutchman State Park Interpretive Signage Project in the amount of _____.

Prepared by: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Approved:

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Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



Doug Ducey
Governor

ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



Date: June 2, 2020

To: Tiffany Broberg, Chair, Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission

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 has been reviewed and approved by the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) and the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG), and is now ready for review by 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, OHVAG and ASCOT recommend that the AORCC approve the Arizona Trails 2020 Plan and recommend approval to the State Parks Board.

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 State Parks Board for final approval.

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

Approved:

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Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC)

June 2, 2020

Tiffany Broberg – Chair

Joseph Baynes, Bob Broscheid, Ty Gray

John Sefton, Kent Taylor

AGENDA – A

Call to Order



Pledge of Allegiance

Member Roll Call

Tiffany Broberg (Chair)

Joseph Baynes

Bob Broscheid

Ty Gray

John Sefton

Kent Taylor

AGENDA – D1

Approval of Minutes

AORCC will review and may consider action to approve the meeting minutes from April 28, 2020.

AGENDA – D1

Motion:

I move to approve the AORCC meeting minutes from April 28, 2020.

AGENDA – D2

2021 Motorized Grant Applications

- Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle
Coordinator

AGENDA – D2

2021 Motorized Grant Applications

Sponsor	Project	Request	Score
Tonto National Forest – Mesa Ranger District	Mesa Ranger District OHV Rehabilitation Improvement Project	\$360,985.00	34.3
Tonto National Forest – Globe Ranger District	Globe Ranger District Staging Area and OHV Patrols	\$205,680.00	32.4
National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council	Mechanized Trail Equipment Training	\$54,147.00	35.4
Total		\$620,812.00	

AGENDA – D2

Motion:

I move to recommend funding the 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 National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council in the amount of _____.

2021 Motorized Supplemental Grant Applications

- Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator

AGENDA – D3

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 – D3

Motion:

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

AGENDA – D4

2021 Non-Motorized Grant Applications - Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails



AGENDA – D4

2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Requests

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ASCOT	Score
Yuma, City of	Riverfront Park Trail Project	\$139,000.00	\$139,000.00	16.6
Grand Canyon Conservancy	South Kaibab Trail	\$147,600.00	\$147,600.00	16.0
Peoria, City of	Maya Way ADA Trail	\$142,247.00	\$142,247.00	18.8
Verde River Institute	On-Site River Ambassador	\$29,775.00	\$29,775.00	27.3
Peoria, City of	New River Trail Connections	\$105,000.00		19.2
Picacho Peak State Park	Trail Rehabilitation Project	\$118,628.00	\$118,628.00	31.5
Maricopa Trail and Parks Foundation	Maricopa Trail Maintenance and Stewardship Program 2020-2023	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00	40.0
Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District	Sonoran Desert Trail System	\$102,667.00	\$102,667.00	67.1
Total		\$929,917.00	\$824,914.00	

AGENDA – D4

Motion:

I move to recommend funding the 2021 Non-Motorized Grant Applications as follows: City of Yuma in the amount of _____, Grand Canyon Conservancy in the amount of _____, City of Peoria Maya Way ADA Trail in the amount of _____, Verde River Institute in the amount of _____, City of Peoria New River Trail Connection in the amount of _____, Picacho Peak State Park in the amount of _____, Maricopa Trail and Parks Foundation in the amount of _____, and Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District in the amount of _____.

2021 Land and Water Conservation Fund Applications

- Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails

AGENDA – D5

2021 Land and Water Conservation Fund Applications

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff
Chandler, City of	Homestead North Park Development	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00
Total		\$750,000.00	

AGENDA – D5

Motion:

I move to recommend funding the 2021 Land and Water Conservation Fund Applications as follows: City of Chandler in the amount of

_____.

2021 Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications

- Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails

AGENDA – D6

2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Requests

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ASCOT/OHVAG
Arizona Trail Association	Trails Skills Institute Video Series	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
National Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinating Council	Great Trails Workshop	\$9,912.00	\$9,912.00
Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists	Be Cool Campaign	\$7,763.00	\$7,763.00
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Watchable Wildlife Experience	\$8,960.00	\$8,960.00
Benefactors of Red Rock State Park	Interpretive Signage for Red Rock State Park	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Arizona Trail Association	Network for Arizona Trail and Summit for Arizona Trails	\$9,996.00	\$9,996.00
Lost Dutchman State Park	Interpretive Signage Project	\$8,414.00	\$0
Total		\$65,045.00	\$56,631

AGENDA – D6

Motion:

I move to recommend funding the 2021 Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications as follows: Arizona Trail Association Trails Skills Institute in the amount of _____, National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council Great Trails Workshop in the amount of _____, Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists Be Cool Campaign in the amount of _____, Arizona Game and Fish Department Watchable Wildlife in the amount of _____, Benefactors of Red Rock State Park Interpretive Signage in the amount of _____, Arizona Trail Association Summit for Arizona Trails in the amount of _____, and Lost Dutchman State Park Interpretive Signage in the amount of _____.

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Arizona State Parks 2020-2024 Trails Plan

- Dawn Collins, Office of Continuous Improvement

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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

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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

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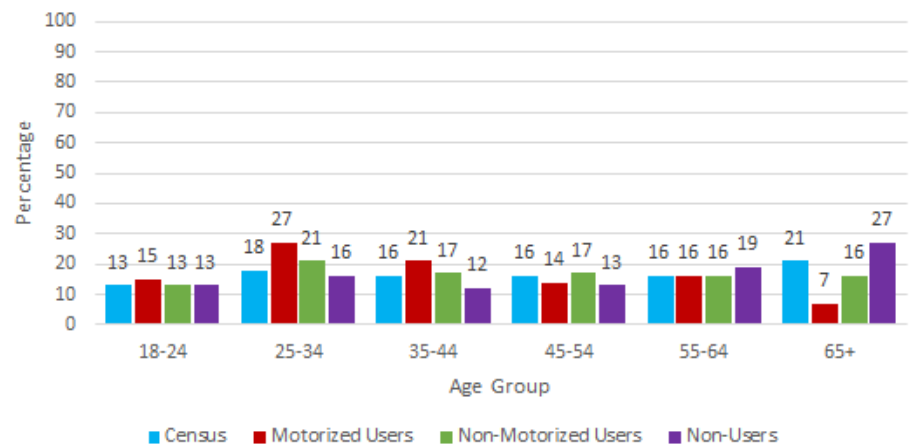
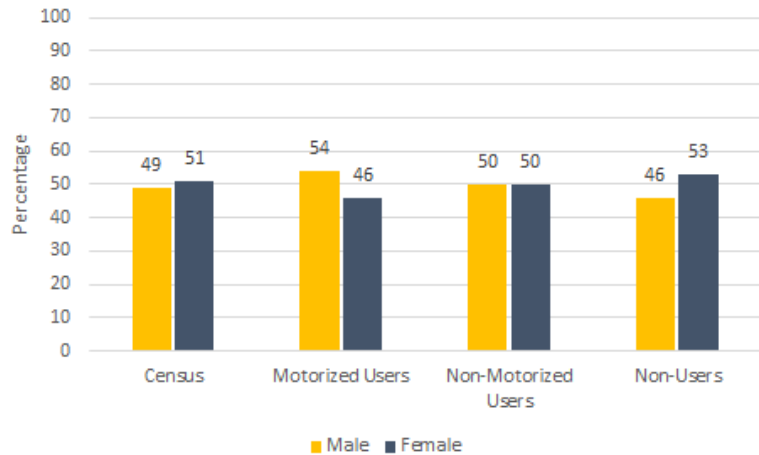
Chapter 3: Motorized Trails

•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

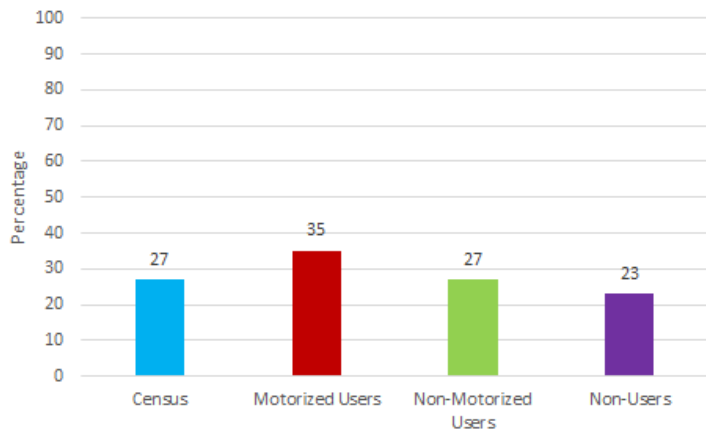
- 49% have used trails for motorized recreation in the last year (n=2,225)
- 32% are **core** motorized users (n=1,481)



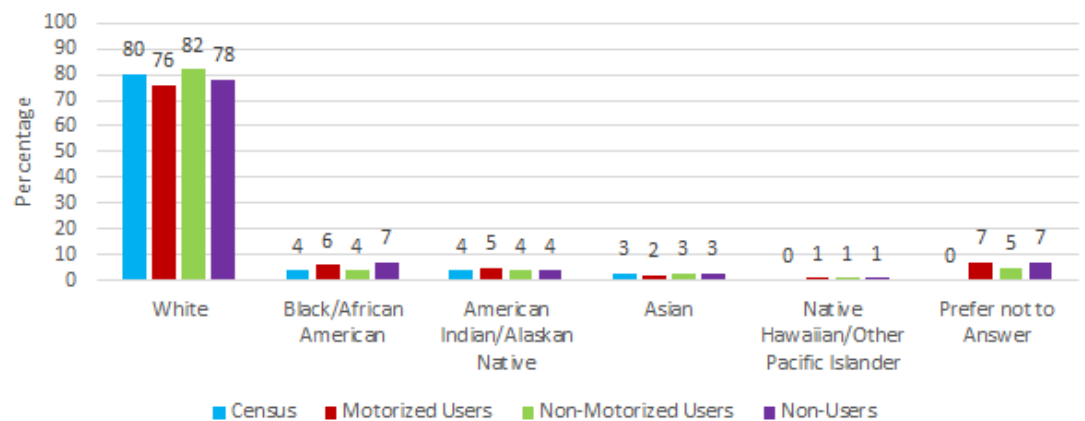
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Demographics of Random Sample Survey Respondents Compared to the Census

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin

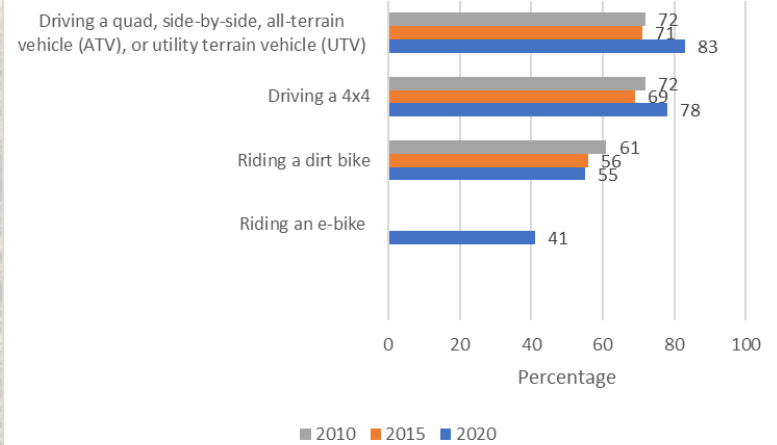
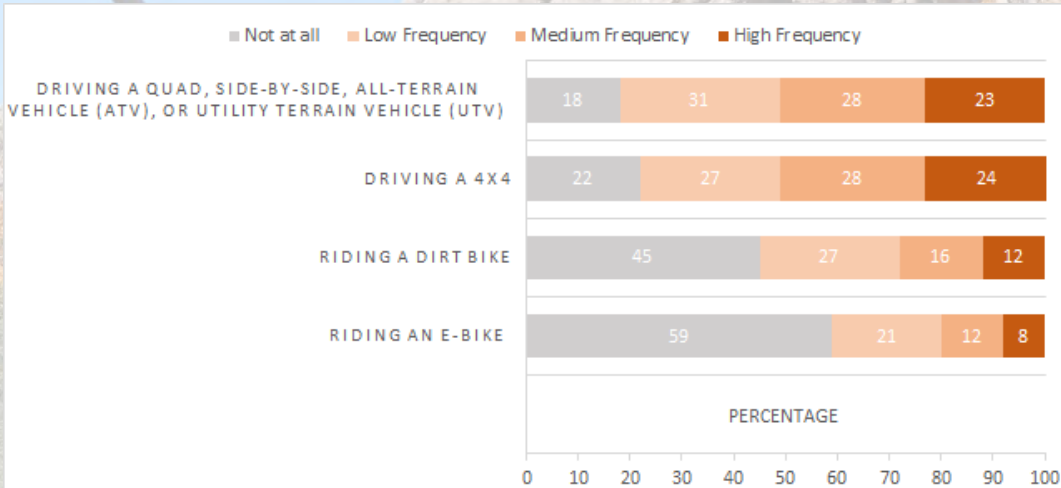


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Participation Rates in Motorized Recreation Activities



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Favorite, Most Frequent, and Furthest Trails

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

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 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

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

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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GUEST AUTHOR – OHV Education

Kim Jackson, Boating and OHV Safety Education Program Manager, Arizona Game and Fish Department

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 approve the Arizona Trails 2020: A Statewide Motorized and Non-Motorized Trails Plan, and forward it to the Arizona State Parks Board for approval.

Motorized Emergency Mitigation Project Updates.

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

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Tank Pass Motorized Emergency Project: Before



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Tank Pass Motorized Emergency Project: After



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Proposed Bouse Staging Area Update

The Commission will be updated on the status of the proposed Bouse Staging Area.

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2021 LWCF Legacy Grant Applications - Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails

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Future Agenda Items

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

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Current Events

AORCC members may present a brief 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. This item is for information purposes only. AORCC will not discuss or take action on any current events.

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Call to the Public

The chair will recognize those wishing to address the Commission.

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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!