

**Doug Ducey** Governor



**Bob Broscheid**Executive Director



#### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

## of THE ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS (ASCOT) of THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to members of the Arizona State Committee on Trails ("ASCOT" or "Committee") and the public that the Committee will hold a meeting on **Tuesday**, **May 25, 2021**, beginning at 10:00 am. ASCOT members may attend the meeting in person or participate telephonically. The meeting will be held at the Arizona State Parks & Trails Office located at 23751 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Suite 190, Phoenix, AZ 85085. The meeting will be available via Google Meet: meet.google.com/qkc-sgye-htb.

Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting via telephone may call in as follows:

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- Enter Participant Passcode: 613038

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 are speaking. Please ensure that phones are muted when not speaking.

The meeting is open to the public; however, the Committee may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda items at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3). Items on the agenda may be discussed out of order unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a certain time. Public comment will be taken.

#### **AGENDA**

(The Chair reserves the right to set the order of the agenda.)

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. COMMITTEE MEMBER ROLL CALL
- D. AGENDA ITEMS
- 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the April 27, 2021, ASCOT Meeting The Committee will review and may consider action to approve the ASCOT meeting minutes from April 27, 2021.
- 2. ASCOT Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant application has been submitted for funding totaling \$150,000.00. ASCOT may recommend that the Board approve, modify, or deny funding for the following grant application:

2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Fund Grant Application					
Sponsor	Project	Request	<b>Staff Recommendations</b>	Score	
Verde Valley	Native American Heritage Trail	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	19	
Archaeology Center	Improvements	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00	19	
Total \$150,000.00 \$150,000.00					

3. ASCOT Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the Submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education (SEE) Grants. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$10,683.00.

2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Education Grant Applications					
Sponsor Project Request Staff Recommendation					
Tucson Audubon Society	Cuckoo Corridor Trail Signage	\$3,185.00	\$3,185.00		
Legends of Superior Trails	LOST Trailer, Tools and Training	\$7,498.00	\$7,498.00		
	Total	\$10,683.00	\$10,683.00		

- 4. Election of Arizona Premier Trail System Subcommittee 2021 Vice-Chair. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The Committee will nominate and elect a Vice-Chair to the Arizona Premier Trails Subcommittee.
- 5. Report on Recently Completed Non-Motorized, Trail Maintenance, And Safety and Environmental Education Projects. Staff will update the Committee on non-motorized, trail maintenance, and safety and environmental education grant projects completed since April 27, 2021. This agenda item is for information only.
- 6. State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Update: (Presenter, Dawn Collins, Office of Continuous Improvement) Staff will update ASCOT on the progress of Arizona's 2023-2027 SCORP. This agenda item is for information only.
- 7. Discussion of The Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT) Annual Achievement Awards: (Presenter, Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) Staff will discuss The Coalition for Recreational Trails, and potential projects to submit on behalf of the State of Arizona. This agenda item is for information only.

#### E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

#### F. CURRENT EVENTS

Committee members may present a summary of current events and /or recent experiences of interest to the outdoor recreation community and/or the status of any projects with which they may be involved. The Committee will not discuss or take any action on any current event summary.

#### G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Chair will recognize those wishing to address the Committee. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization and the time allotted by the Chair. Action taken because of

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

**TBD** 

#### I. ADJOURNMENT

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

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#### **DRAFT MINUTES**

# of THE ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS (ASCOT) of THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS APRIL 27, 2021

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Adams, Chair of the Arizona State Committee on Trails called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

#### **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Kevin Adams led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### C. COMMITTEE MEMBER ROLL CALL

<u>Members Present:</u> Kevin Adams, Hezekiah Allen, Mare Czinar, Jan Hancock (Arrived Late), Beth Keune, Matthew Nelson, Cynthia Nemeth, Tammy Pike, Evan Pilling, Bob Stinson, Mary Van Rooy, Sherri Zendri.

Staff Present: Mickey Rogers, Jeff Schmidt

#### D. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the February 23, 2021, ASCOT Meeting.

  Mary Van Rooy moved to approve minutes of the February 23, 2021 ASCOT Meeting. Mare Czinar seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Mare Czinar approved. Beth Keune approved. Matthew Nelson approved. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Tammy Pike approved. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. Sherri Zendri approved. The motion passed.
- 2. ASCOT Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications.

Matthew Nelson moved to approve the City of Apache Junction, Silly Mountain in the amount of \$82,000.00, the City of Kingman, White Cliffs Wagon Wheel Phase II in the amount of \$144,910.00, the City of Scottsdale, McDowell Sonoran Preserve Trail Maintenance in the amount of \$47,300.00, the City of Show Low, Phase II – ADA Meadow Trail in the amount of \$133,952.00, and the City of Sierra Vista, Garden Wash Trail in the amount of \$150,000.00. Mary Van Rooy seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Mare Czinar approved. Beth Keune approved. Matthew Nelson approved. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Tammy Pike approved. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. Sherri Zendri approved. The motion passed.

Mary Van Rooy moved to approve the Arizona Trail Association, Passage 4 – Temporal Gulch in the amount of \$149,990.00. Beth Keune seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Mare Czinar approved. Beth Keune approved. Matthew Nelson abstained. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Tammy Pike approved. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. Sherri Zendri approved. The motion passed.

3. ASCOT Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the Submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education (SEE) Grant.

Jan Hancock moved to approve the Verde Search and Rescue Posse, Bike Unit Safety Training in the amount of \$900.00. Mary Van Rooy seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Mare Czinar approved. Jan Hancock approved. Beth Keune approved. Matthew Nelson approved. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Tammy Pike approved. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. Sherri Zendri approved. The motion passed.

Bob Stinson moved to approve the Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition, Trailhead Map Replacements in the amount of \$10,000.00. Hezekiah Allen seconded the motion. Kevin Adams abstained. Hezekiah Allen approved. Mare Czinar approved. Jan Hancock approved. Beth Keune approved. Matthew Nelson approved. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Tammy Pike approved. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. Sherri Zendri approved. The motion passed.

4. ASCOT Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant Applications.

Mary Van Rooy moved to approve the Arizona Trail Association, Passage 21 Maintenance in the amount of \$48,000.00. Mare Czinar seconded the motion. Kevin Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Mare Czinar approved. Jan Hancock approved. Beth Keune approved. Matthew Nelson abstained. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Tammy Pike approved. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. Sherri Zendri approved. The motion passed.

5. Report on Non-Motorized, Trail Maintenance, And Safety and Environmental Education Projects Completed During 2020.

Staff updated the Committee on non-motorized, trail maintenance, and safety and environmental education grant projects completed during 2020.

6. Discussion on the Premier Trail System and the Public Outreach Subcommittee.

Staff and ASCOT Members discussed possible changes and roles that the Premier Trail System and the Public Outreach Subcommittee may adopt to promote Arizona's Trails.

#### E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Evan Pilling requested the Committee discuss the proliferation of unauthorized trails throughout Arizona.

#### F. CURRENT EVENTS

Committee members discussed current events.

#### G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to speak.

#### H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

State Parks Staff proposed May 25. 2021 as the next ASCOT Meeting date.

#### I. ADJOURNMENT

Kevin Adams adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.



#### Doug Ducey Governor







**Date:** May 25, 2021

**To:** Kevin Adams, Chair, Arizona State Committee on Trails

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. One (1) project has been submitted. The total funding request is \$150,000.00.

#### **Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails staff reviewed one (1) non-motorized application and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2020 State Trails Plan and project need.

2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications					
Sponsor Project Request Staff S					
Verde Valley Archaeology	Native American Heritage Trail	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	19	
Center	Improvements	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00	19	
Total Funding Request		\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	·	

#### **Recommended Motion:**

I move to recommend to approve funding for the 2021 Non-Motorized Grant Applications as
follows: Verde Valley Archaeology Center, Native American Heritage Trail Improvements in th
amount of

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

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



Doug Ducey Governor



Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



**Date:** May 25, 2021

**To:** Kevin Adams, Chair, Arizona State Committee on Trails

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.

• Two (2) projects were submitted for a total funding request of \$10,683.00.

#### **Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails staff reviewed two (2) applications and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2020 State Trails Plan and project need.

2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Fund Requests				
Sponsor	Request	Staff		
Tucson Audubon Society	Cuckoo Corridor Trail Signage	3,185.00	3,185.00	
Legends of Superior Trails	LOST Trailer, Tools and Training	\$7,498.00	\$7,498.00	
Total		\$10,683.00	\$10,683.00	

<b>Recommended Motion:</b> I mov	we to recommend to approve funding for the 2021 Safety and
Environmental Education applies	cations as follows: Tucson Audubon Society, Cuckoo Corridor
Trail Signage in the amount of	, and Legends of Superior Trails, LOST Trailer, Tools
and Training in the amount of _	

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

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



# Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) May 25, 2021

Kevin Adams, Hezekiah Allen, Justin Azevedo, Mare Czinar, Jan Hancock, Beth Keune, Marshall Masayesva, Adriana Garcia Maximiliano, Matthew Nelson, Cynthia Nemeth, Tammy Pike, Evan Pilling, Bob Stinson, Mary Van Rooy, Sherri Zendri



## AGENDA – A



## AGENDA – B

Pledge of Allegiance



#### AGENDA - C

## **Member Roll Call**

Kevin Adams
Hezekiah Allen
Justin Azevedo
Mare Czinar
Jan Hancock
Beth Keune
Marshall Masayesva
Adriana Garcia-Maximiliano

Matthew Nelson
Cynthia Nemeth
Tammy Pike
Evan Pilling
Bob Stinson
Mary Van Rooy
Sherri Zendri



## **Approval of Minutes**

ASCOT will review and may consider action to approve the meeting minutes from April 27, 2021.



#### AGENDA - D1

## **Motion:**

I move to approve the ASCOT meeting minutes from April 27, 2021.



## 2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications

The Committee will consider and may take action on a recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to approve, modify, or deny funding for the submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized grant applications.



#### **2021** Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Requests

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	Score
Verde Valley Archaeology Center	Native American Heritage Trail Improvements	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	19
	Total	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	



#### **Motion:**

I move that ASCOT recommend that the Arizona State Parks
Board approve funding for the submitted 2021 NonMotorized grant applications as follows: Verde Valley
Archaeology Center, Native American Heritage Trail
Improvements in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_.



# 2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education (SEE) Grant Applications

The Committee will consider and may take action on a recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to approve, modify, or deny funding for the submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education grant applications.



#### **2021** Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education (SEE) Grant Requests

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff
Tucson Audubon Society	Cuckoo Corridor Trail Signage	\$3,185.00	\$3,185.00
Legends of Superior Trails (LOST)	LOST Trailer, Tools and Training	\$7,498.00	\$7,498.00
	Total	\$10,683.00	\$10,683.00



#### AGENDA - D3

#### **Motion:**

I move that ASCOT recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education grant applications as follows: Tucson Audubon Society, Cuckoo Corridor Trail Signage in the amount of , and Legends of Superior Trails, LOST Trailer, Tools and Training in the amount of



## **2021 Approved Projects**

Draiget # Spancer	Project Title	Grant Award	Match	Total
Project # Sponsor Non-Motorized	Project fitte	Grant Award	iviatch	Total
1 1 1 1 1	Mountain Meadows ADA Trail	¢ 00 000 00	ć 4.03F.63	¢ 04 025 62
472201 Pinetop Lakeside		,,	\$ 4,835.63	\$ 84,835.63
472202 Granite Mountain Hotshot Memorial Park	Trail Improvement/Intern		\$ 8,250.80	\$ 144,750.80
472203 Lake Havasu State Park	Sunrise ADA Trail	/	\$ 7,585.90	\$ 133,085.90
472204 Show Low	ADA Meadow Trail Phase II	/	\$ 8,096.78	\$ 142,048.78
472205 Arizona Historical Society	Pioneer Museum Trail	/	\$ 4,234.68	\$ 74,292.68
472206 Verde Valley Archeological Center	Native American Heritage Trail Improvements		\$ 9,066.81	\$ 159,066.81
	Total	\$ 696,010.00	\$ 20,672.32	\$ 716,682.32
Non-Motorized Diverse				
472007 Arizona Trail Association	Passage 21 Trail Maintenance	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 2,901.38	\$ 50,901.38
472008 Arizona Trail Association	Passage 4 Temporal Gulch	\$ 149,990.00	\$ 9,066.20	\$ 159,056.20
472009 Apache Junction	Silly Mountain	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 4,956.52	\$ 86,956.52
472010 Kingman	White Cliffs Wagon Wheel Phase II	\$ 144,310.00	\$ 8,722.87	\$ 153,032.87
472211 Scottsdale	McDowell Sonoran Preserve Trail	\$ 47,300.00	\$ 2,859.07	\$ 50,159.07
472212 Sierra Vista	Garden Canyon Trail	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 9,066.81	\$ 159,066.81
	Total	\$ 621,600.00	\$ 37,572.85	\$ 659,172.85
Safety and Education				
472216 Flagstaff Trails Initiative	Etiquette and Stewardship Campaign	\$9,065.00	\$ 547.94	\$ 9,612.94
472217 Verde Valley Wheel Fun	Coordinator Position	\$10,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
472218 Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest	Volunteer Support Project	\$9,996.00	\$ 604.21	\$ 10,600.21
472219 Camp Verde	Urban Upland Trail Guide	\$7,500.00	\$ 453.34	\$ 7,953.34
472220 Verde Search and Rescue	Bike Unit Safety Training	\$900.00	\$ 54.40	\$ 954.40
472221 Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition	Trailhead Map Replacement	\$10,000.00	\$ 604.45	\$ 10,604.45
472222 Tucson Audobon Society	Cuckoo Corridor Trail Signage	\$3,185.00	\$ 192.52	\$ 3,377.52
472223 Legends of Superior Trails	LOST Trailer, Tools and Training	\$7,498.00	\$ 453.22	\$ 7,951.22
	Total	\$58,144.00	\$16,456.86	\$ 74,600.86



#### AGENDA - D4

# Election of the Arizona Premier Trail System Subcommittee 2021 Vice-Chair.

The Committee will nominate consider and elect a Vice-Chair to the Arizona Premier Trail System Subcommittee.



#### AGENDA - D4

## **Motion:**

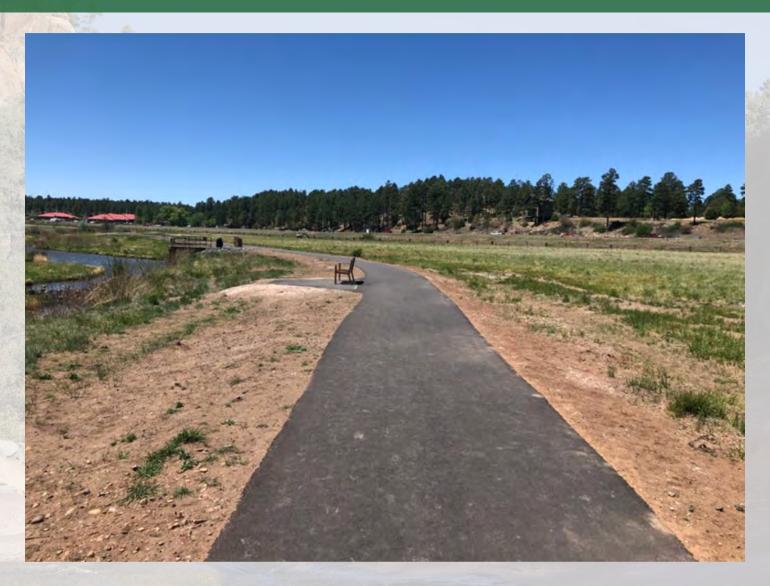
I move to approve \_\_\_\_\_ as Vice-Chair of the Arizona Premier Trail System Subcommittee.



Overview of Non-Motorized, Trail Maintenance, and Safety and Environmental Education Projects.

Staff will update the Committee on Non-Motorized, Trail Maintenance, and safety and environmental education grant projects completed since April 27, 2021. This agenda item is for information only.

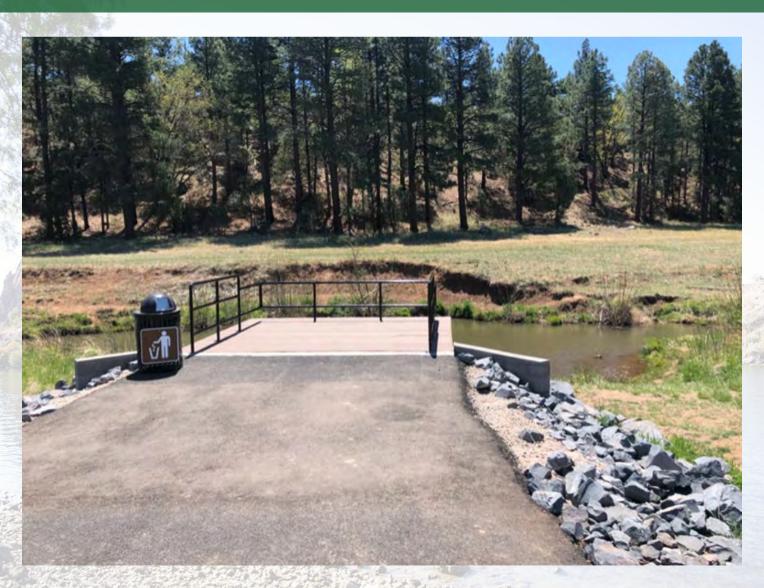








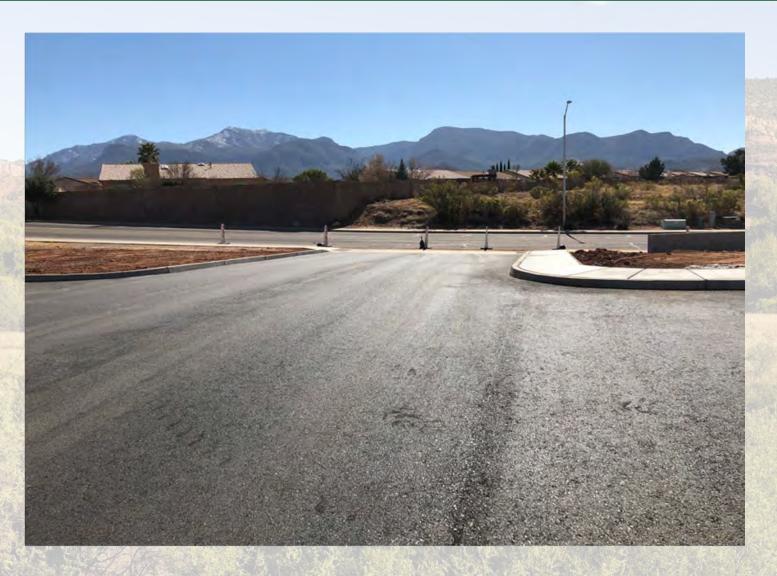




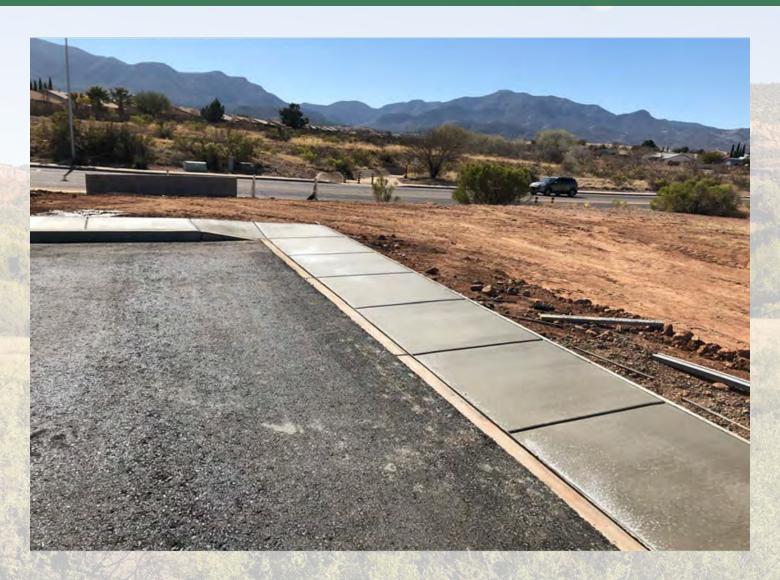






































# State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Update

Staff will update ASCOT on the progress of Arizona's 2023-2027 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. This agenda item if for discussion only.



# Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT) Award Discussion

Staff will discuss the Coalition for Recreational Trails, and potential projects to submit on behalf of the State of Arizona. This agenda item is for information only.



Maintenance and Rehabilitation – maintaining, repairing damage to, or upgrading the quality of a trail to improve the trail experience, increase user safety, and/or enhance protection of the environment, including wildlife.

Construction and Design – planning and building a trail, portions of a trail (e.g., a bridge), or trail-related facilities (e.g., a trailhead, shelter, etc.).

Public-Private Partnerships and Access to/Use of Public Lands – facilitating and/or encouraging cost-effective partnerships between public and private entities, especially to increase access to and use of federal, state and local public lands, including parks, forests and wildlife refuges.

Community Linkage – providing and/or enhancing opportunities for trail-based recreation and transportation within or near local communities.

Education and Communication – utilizing a variety of established and/or technologically innovative communications tools (e.g., web sites, social media and peer-to-peer information sharing) to increase environmental awareness, promote trail-related safety, encourage trail-related outdoor recreation and, overall, enhance trail use and enjoyment.

Multiple-Use Management and Corridor Sharing – facilitating and/or encouraging the use of a trail corridor by more than one type of trail enthusiast, particularly those enthusiasts that do not ordinarily share trails or trail-related facilities.

Accessibility Enhancement – facilitating and/or encouraging increased access to trail-related recreation opportunities for people with disabilities.

Youth Conservation/Service Corps and Community Outreach – making effective use of the services and skills of qualified youth conservation or service corps and other community organizations as project partners and supporters.

Engaging Public-Sector Partners – engaging and garnering the support of public-sector officials including local, state and federal elected officials or agency personnel for RTP-funded projects or the overall continuation/advancement of the RTP.

Enhancement of Federal Lands – planning and building a trail or maintaining and rehabilitating a trail on federally managed lands to enhance the public use and enjoyment of those lands.







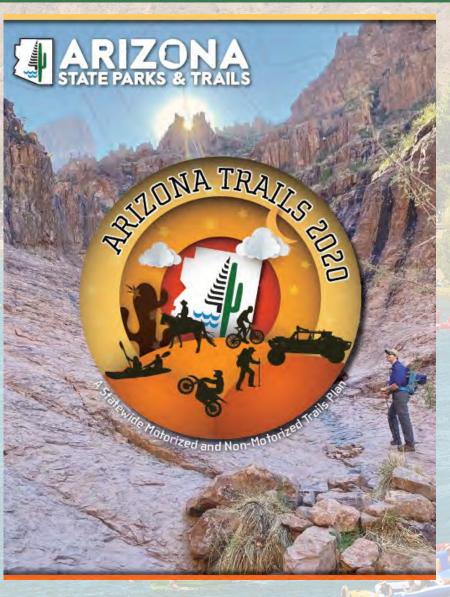


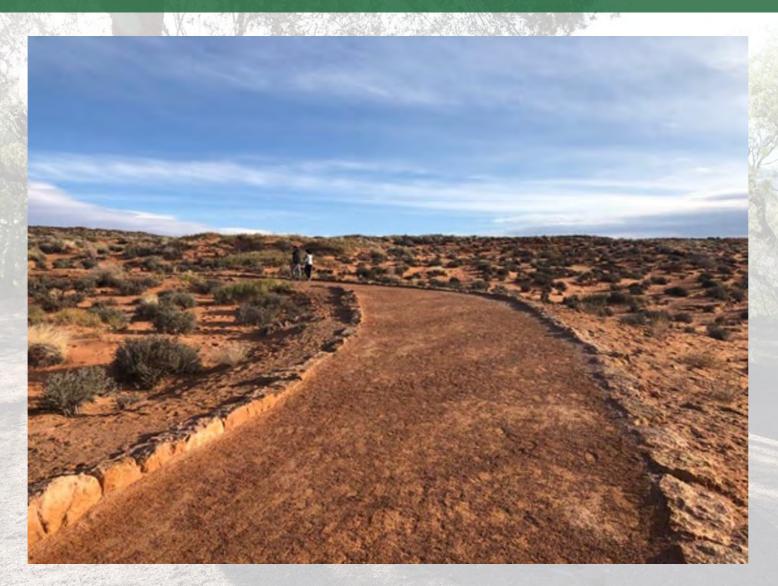








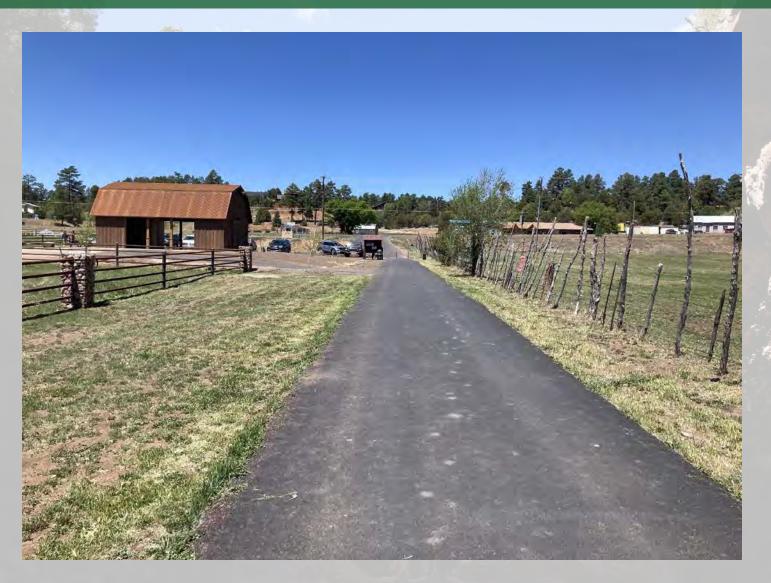




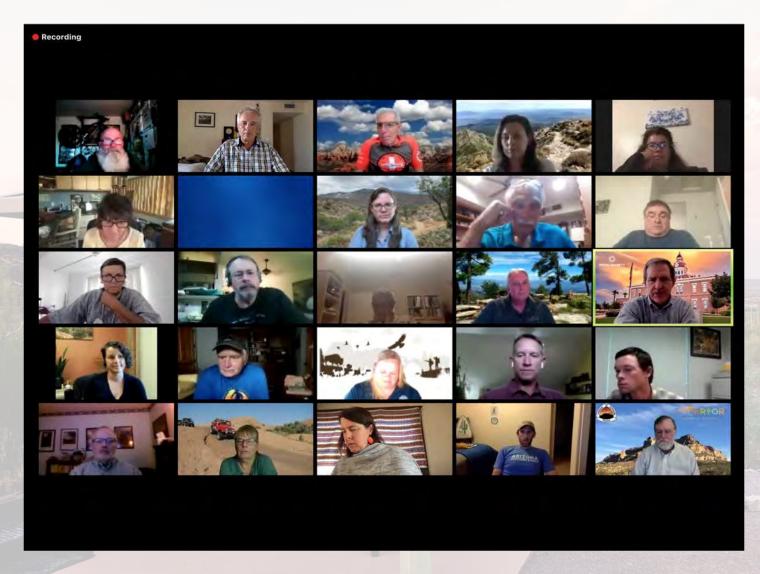












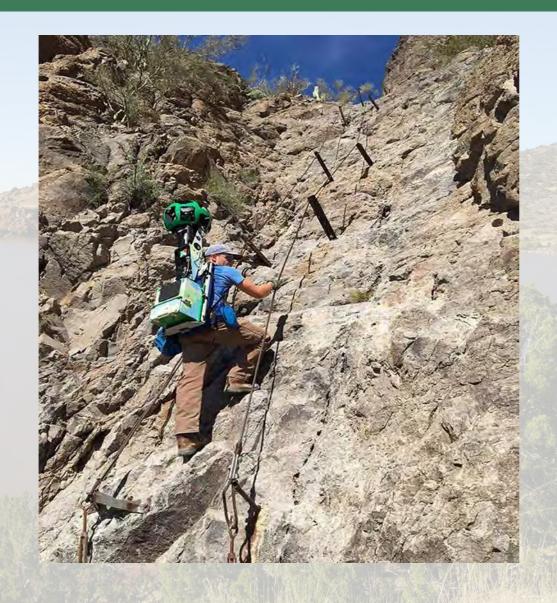














#### AGENDA - E

## **Future Agenda Items**

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



#### AGENDA – F

#### **Current Events**

ASCOT 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. ASCOT will not discuss or take action on any current events.



#### AGENDA – G



The Chair will recognize those wishing to address the Committee.



#### AGENDA – H







#### **Recently Submitted Non-Motorized Applications**

#### **Verde Valley Archaeology Center – Native American Heritage Trail Improvements Requested Amount - \$150,000**

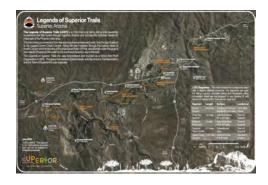
Verde Valley Archaeology Center is requesting funds to improve the Native American Heritage Trail, which will repair damage caused by monsoons and vandals driving trucks on the trail but primarily to make the trail fully ADA (wheelchair) compliant, and provide a concrete ADA parking lot pad. Funding will also be used to develop a permanent two-stall ADA compliant restroom to replace the current portable ADA toilet. The Center property in Camp Verde contains a prehistoric pit house village. While one pit house was excavated, the Center decided to leave the property undeveloped and designated as a Native American Heritage Preserve with an educational pathway and garden. The .41-mile pathway is part of the Verde River "String of Pearls" system along the Verde River.





#### **Legends of Superior Trails – LOST Trailer, Tools and Training Requested Amount - \$7,498**

Grant funds will be used to purchase a trailer, which will allow maintenance crews to get to the trails more efficiently, hence more servicing more trails, where the crew will identify any needed trail improvements, repair erosion which might pose a danger, clear debris and maintain safe, clean, quality trails and recreation for all visitors. A 2-day training session with a trail consultant, will include both classroom and outdoor education on tool selection and safe operating techniques, trail design, maintenance and team coordination. The tools purchased will provide the crew with the correct implements needed for trail work and the hands-on training will not only teach proper usage and selection of tools, but will also prevent injury. This safety and environmental education program grant, would assure that more trails will be efficiently maintained and restored.





#### Tucson Audubon Society – Cuckoo Corridor Trail Signage Requested Amount - \$2,925

The Cuckoo Corridor for Patagonia is a newly created 0.25-mile connector trail between the Patagonia Montessori Elementary School and Tucson Audubon's Paton Center for Hummingbirds. The trail contributes to a 6.3-mile continuous walking and nature-viewing experience in the town of Patagonia. Tucson Audubon's Cuckoo Corridor project connects multiple popular community walking trails in Patagonia, and endeavors to provide an environmental education opportunity in the form of new interpretive signage. With the funds received, Tucson Audubon will design and install one interpretive panel that introduce the trail, and provide pamphlets guiding users through 30 interpretive stations. The stations will include QR codes that link to audio files to provide interpretation in multiple languages and for users with visual impairments. These stations will highlight ecological points of interest, and will provide opportunities for inclusion in Montessori school curriculum, as well as content for visitors of all ages. Tucson Audubon will collaborate with an existing volunteer corps of Patagonia-area residents to install the trail head panels and numbered signs.



