



ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Arizona State Parks Board

June 11, 2020

Dale Larsen – Chair

John Sefton – Vice Chair, Lisa Atkins, Jeffrey Buchanan,
Debbie Johnson, Shawn Orme, Terri Palmberg

AGENDA – A

Call to Order



AGENDA – B

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA – C

Member Roll Call

Dale Larsen (Chair)

John Sefton (Vice-Chair)

Lisa Atkins

Jeffrey Buchanan

Debbie Johnson

Shawn Orme

Terri Palmberg

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Mission Statement

“As Board members we are gathered today to be the stewards and voice of the Arizona State Parks and its Mission Statement to manage and conserve Arizona’s natural, cultural and recreation resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners.”

AGENDA – D1

Approval of Minutes

The Board will review and may consider action to approve the meeting minutes from May 14, 2020.

AGENDA – D1

Motion:

I move to approve the Board meeting minutes from May 14, 2020.

AGENDA – D2

Arizona State Parks 2020-2024 Trails Plan

- Dawn Collins, Office of Continuous Improvement

AGENDA – D2

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

AGENDA – D2

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
- Additional information about where and how often survey respondents are using trails in Arizona communities
- 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

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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

AGENDA – D2

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

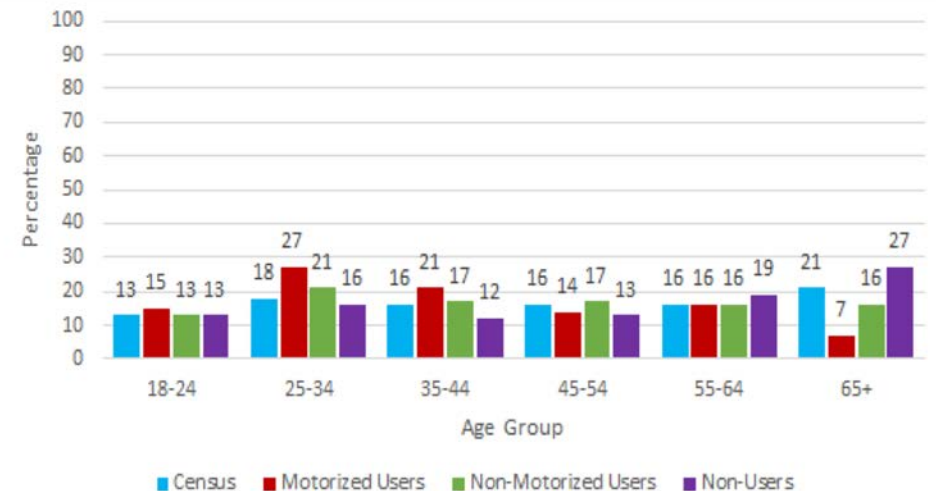
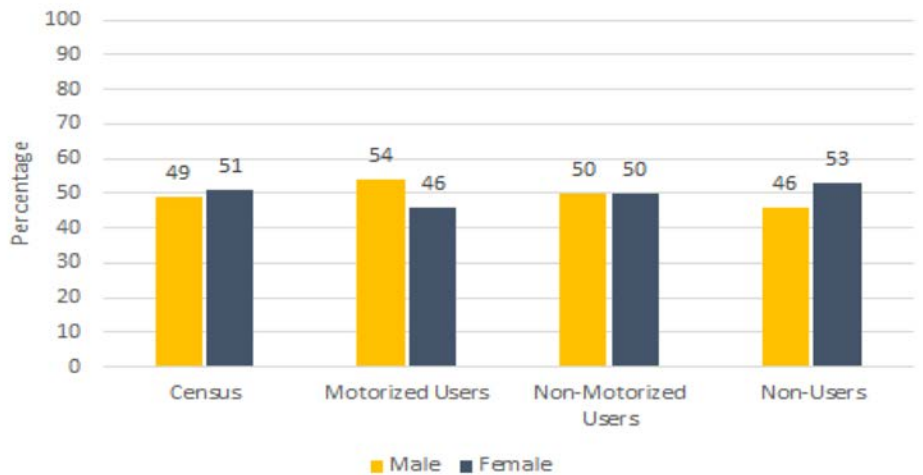
- Comparison of key concepts/concerns to other recommended state plans
 - CO, UT, WA, FL, MN, OR, MI, WI, CA
- Aligning with regional AZ plans
 - Ex: Sun Corridor, AZ Trail, Pima County, Maricopa County, etc.
- Current research and agency guest pieces on topics:
 - Technology and trail use
 - Diversity, 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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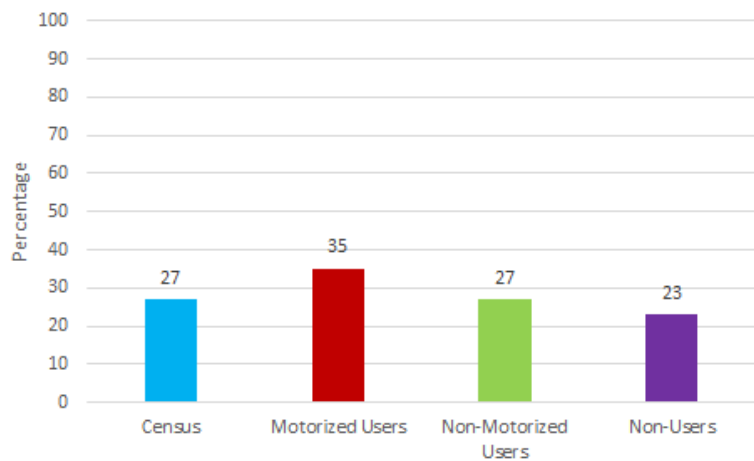
Chapter 2: Demographics of Random Sample Survey Respondents Compared to Census Data



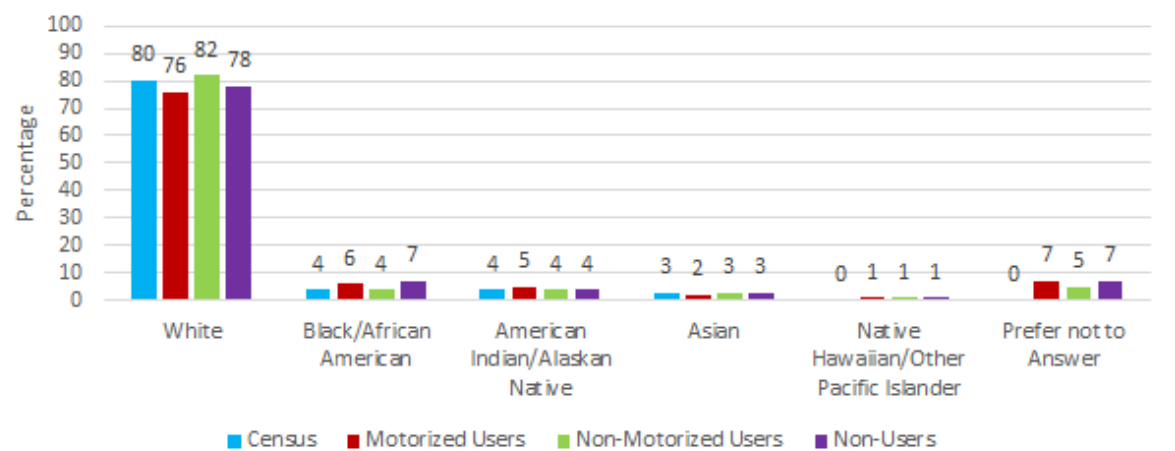
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Demographics of Random Sample Survey Respondents Compared to the Census

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin



Race

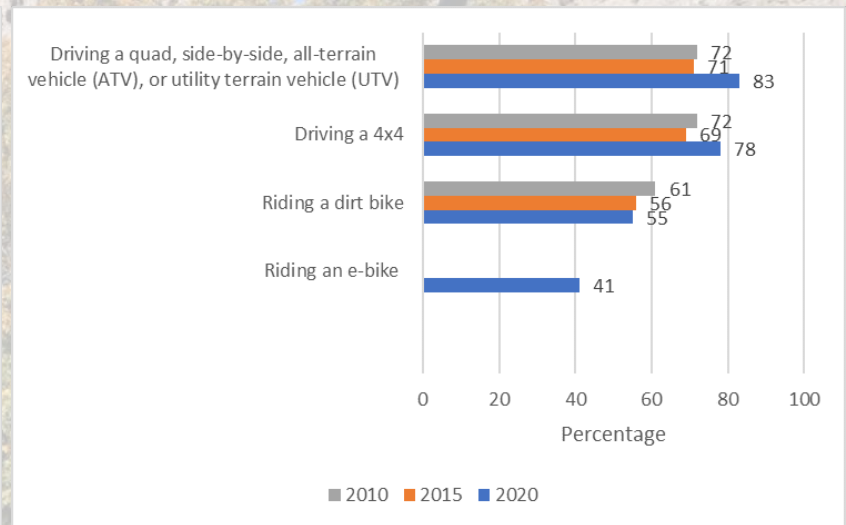
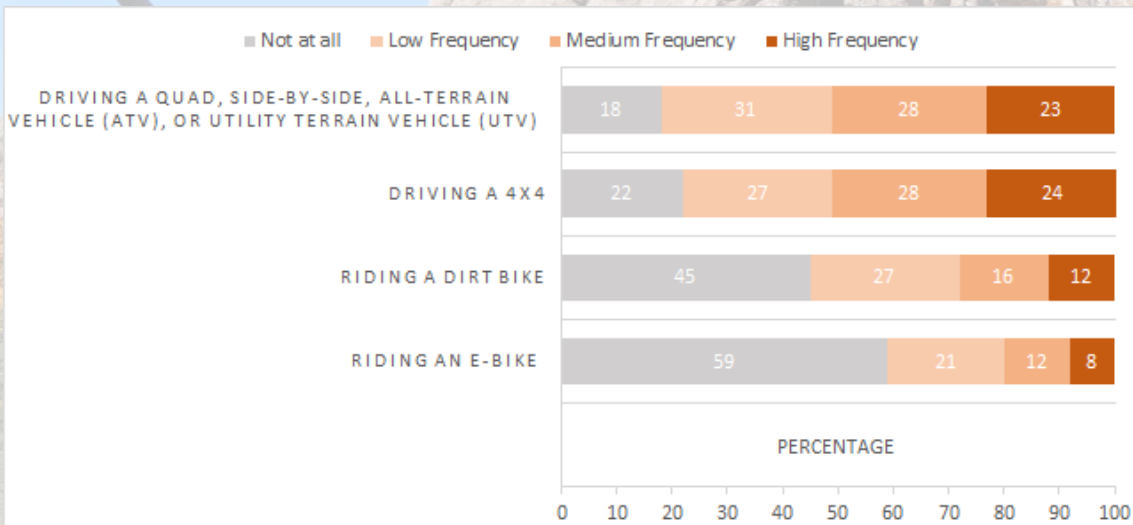


Chapter 3: Motorized Trails

- 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)
- E-bikes included in this chapter
 - Participation rate
 - Guest authored content contains analysis of agency/user perspectives
 - Summary of public comment perspectives provided

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Participation Rates in Motorized Recreation Activities



E-Bikes Information

- 41% of motorized core random sample survey participants reported riding an e-bike in the last 12 months at least once
- 42 comments about e-bikes received on public online survey
 - 10 categorized e-bikes as motorized
 - 8 categorized e-bikes as non-motorized
 - 3 people agree that class 1 should be non-motorized and classes 2 and 3 should be motorized
- Insight: e-bikes are often used by the aging cyclist and mountain biking communities or people with disabilities/less physical ability
- Some polarized and passionate comments
- See pages 26-28 for 2 guest authored pieces on e-bikes

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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 to <i>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

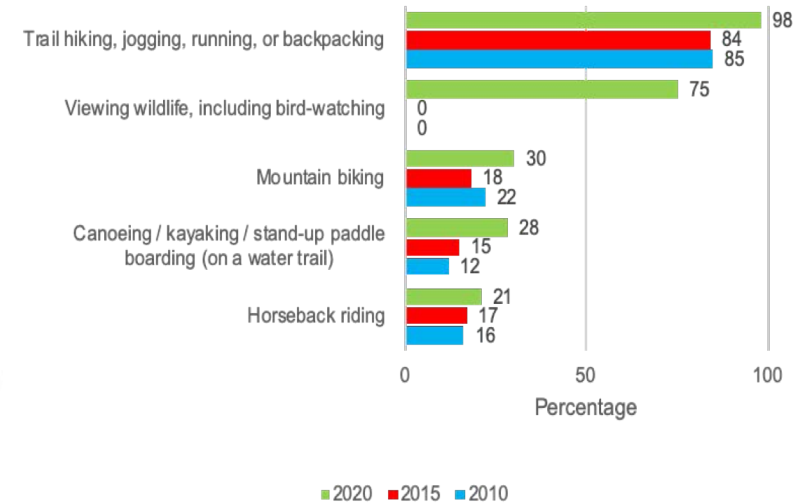
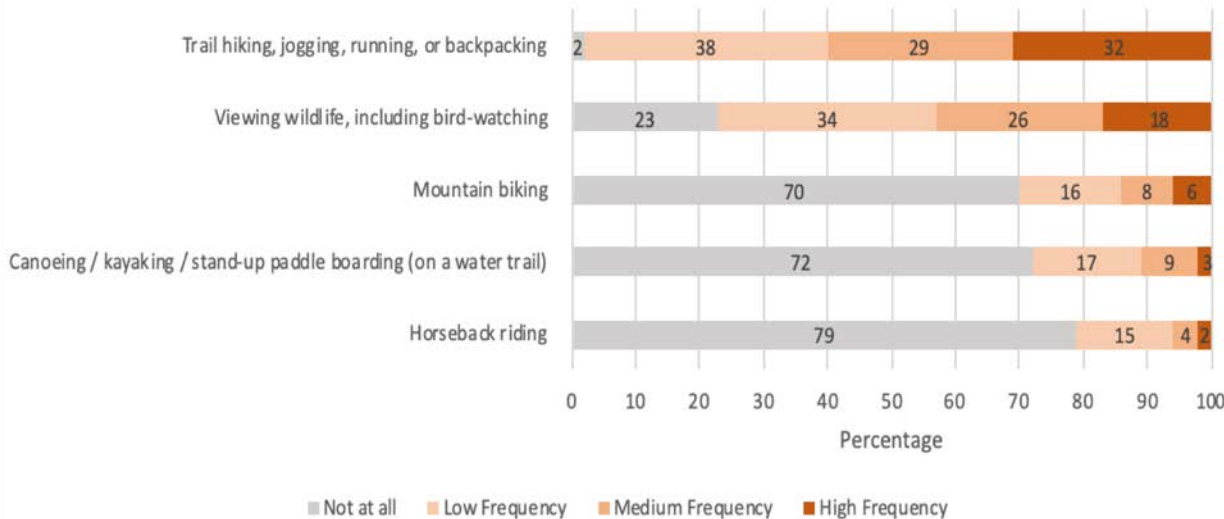
GREEN = increase in importance since 2015

ITALICS = new since 2015

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Chapter 4: Non-Motorized Trails

- Random Sample Survey
 - 59.2% used trails for non-motorized recreation in last 12 months (n=2,968)
 - 47.5% are **core** non-motorized users (n=2,381)
- Public Online Survey
 - 93% used trails for non-motorized recreation in the last 12 months (n=4,242)
 - 78% are **core** non-motorized users (n=3,564)



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Location of Favorite, Most Frequently Used and Furthest Trails (Non-Motorized)

- Based on Random Sample Survey responses
- This data also analyzed for the “Economic Value of Trails in Arizona” report conducted by University of Arizona.

RANK	FAVORITE TRAIL	MOST FREQUENT TRAIL	FURTHEST TRAIL
1ST	TUCSON	TUCSON	FLAGSTAFF
2ND	FLAGSTAFF	FLAGSTAFF	GRAND CANYON
3RD	SEDONA	PHOENIX	SEDONA
4TH	PHOENIX	YUMA	TUCSON
5TH	APACHE JUNCTION	PRESCOTT	PHOENIX

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Non-Motorized Priorities

2015

First Level Priority
Routine maintenance of trails
Renovation of existing trails and support facilities
Acquire property or easements for trail access
Mitigate and restore damage to areas surrounding trails
Second Level Priority
Construct new trails
Develop support facilities
Provide and install trail signs
Provide educational programs
Third Level Priority
Enforce existing rules and regulations
Provide maps and trail information

2020

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

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What's Next for Arizona Trails 2020 Plan?

- Implementation & Evaluation of the Plan
 - How can ASPT staff work with advisory committees, the larger trails community and others to support plan implementation and evaluation efforts?
- 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?

AGENDA – D2

Motion:

I move to approve the Arizona Trails 2020: A Statewide Motorized and Non-Motorized Trails Plan.

AGENDA – D3

2021 Motorized Grant Applications

- Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle
Coordinator

AGENDA – D3

2021 Motorized Grant Applications

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/OHVAG/ AORCC	Score
Tonto National Forest – Mesa Ranger District	Mesa Ranger District OHV Rehabilitation Improvement Project	\$360,985.00	\$360,985.00	34.3
Tonto National Forest – Globe Ranger District	Globe Ranger District Staging Area and OHV Patrols	\$205,680.00	\$205,680.00	32.4
National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council	Mechanized Trail Equipment Training	\$54,147.00	\$0	35.4
Total		\$620,812.00	\$566,665.00	

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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 _____.

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2021 Motorized Supplemental Grant Applications

- Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator

AGENDA – D4

2021 Motorized Supplemental Grant Applications

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

AGENDA – D4

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 _____.

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

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2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Requests

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ASCOT/ AORCC	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
Verde River Institute	On-Site River Ambassador	\$29,775.00	\$29,775.00	27.3
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
Peoria, City of	Maya Way ADA Trail	\$142,247.00	\$142,247.00	18.8
Peoria, City of	New River Trail Connections	\$105,000.00	\$0	19.2
Total		\$929,917.00	\$824,917.00	

AGENDA – D5

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 _____, Verde River Institute in the amount of _____, Picacho Peak State Park in the amount of _____, Maricopa Trail and Parks Foundation in the amount of _____, Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District in the amount of _____ City of Peoria Maya Way ADA Trail in the amount of _____ and City of Peoria New River Trail Connection in the amount of _____.

2021 Land and Water Conservation Fund Applications

- Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails

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2021 Land and Water Conservation Fund Applications

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

AGENDA – D6

Motion:

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

_____.

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2021 Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications

- Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails

AGENDA – D7

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	\$10,000.00
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	\$56,631.00

AGENDA – D7

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 in the amount of _____, Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists in the amount of _____, Arizona Game and Fish Department Watchable Wildlife in the amount of _____, Benefactors of Red Rock State Park in the amount of _____, Arizona Trail Association Network for Arizona Trail and Trails Summit in the amount of _____, and Lost Dutchman State Park in the amount of _____.

AGENDA – D8

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



AGENDA – D8

Tank Pass Motorized Emergency Project: After



AGENDA – D9

Proposed Bouse Staging Area



AGENDA – D9

Proposed Bouse Staging Area Update

I move to rescind the motion of the Board made on December 31, 2018 that authorizes the release of funds and delegation of authority to purchase real property to the proposed Bouse Staging Area/Development.

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Arizona State Park Updates

AGENDA – E

Future Agenda Items

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

AGENDA – F

Current Events

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

AGENDA – G

Call to the Public

The chair will recognize those wishing to address the Board.

AGENDA – H

Tentative 2020

Meeting Dates:

August 13, 2020

September 17, 2020

October 15, 2020

November 12, 2020

December 10, 2020

An aerial photograph of a desert landscape with a dirt trail. Two cyclists are visible on the trail, one in the lower left and one in the lower right. The terrain is covered with sparse vegetation, including cacti and shrubs. The overall scene is hazy and has a soft, muted color palette.

THANK YOU!