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NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE 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 ASCOT will hold a Teleconference Meeting **scheduled to begin at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 28, 2020.**

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

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

The 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. MEMBER ROLL CALL

D. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the May 7, 2020 ASCOT Meeting** – The Committee will review and may consider action to approve the ASCOT meeting minutes from May 7, 2020.
- 2. New Member Introductions:** Newly appointed members, Mare Czinar, Kevin Adams and Justin Azevedo will introduce themselves. This agenda item is information and discussion only.
- 3. 2021 Non-Motorized Funding Opportunity: (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails.)** Staff will provide an update on current funding available for non-motorized projects. This agenda item is for information only.

4. **Review and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)** The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$376,442.00.00.

2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Fund Requests		
Sponsor	Project	Request
Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District	Sonoran Desert Trail System	\$102,667.00
Verde Valley Institute	On-Site River Ambassador	\$29,775.00
Yuma	Regional Park Trail Improvements	\$139,000.00
Peoria	New River Trail Connection Phase I	\$105,000.00
Total		\$376,442.00

5. **Review and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education (SEE) Grant Applications. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)** The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$45,133.00.

2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Fund Requests		
Sponsor	Project	Request
Arizona Trail Association	Network for Arizona Trail and Summit for Arizona Trails	\$9,996.00
Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists	Be Cool Campaign	\$7,763.00
Benefactors of Red Rock	Interpretive Signage for Red Rock State Park	\$10,000.00
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Watchable Wildlife Experience	\$8,960.00
Lost Dutchman State Park	Interpretive Signage Project	\$8,414.00
Total		\$45,133.00

6. **ASCOT Roles and Responsibilities. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails).** Staff will discuss the role of ASCOT to include the state trail system, subcommittee's roles and responsibilities, grant reviews, project inspections, and non-motorized scoring criteria. This agenda item is for informational purposes 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 the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

To be determined.

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. 23rd Ave., Phoenix, Arizona 85085. For additional information, contact Mickey Rogers at (602) 542-6942.

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DRAFT MINUTES

of
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MAY 7, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER

The telephonic meeting was called to order at 10:04 A.M.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL (All members on phone)

Members Present: *Jan Hancock, Marshall Masayesva, Adriana Garcia-Maximilliano, Claire Miller, Adam Milnor, Matt Nelson, Evan Pilling, Bob Stinson, Mary Van Rooy*

Staff Present: *Bob Broscheid (phone), Nancy Jasculca(phone), Mickey Rogers, Dawn Collins, Jeff Schmidt*

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the December 13, 2019 ASCOT Meeting.

Jan Hancock moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2019 ASCOT Meeting. Bob Stinson seconded the motion. Jan Hancock approved. Marshall Masayesva approved. Adriana Garcia-Maximilliano approved. Claire Miller approved. Adam Milnor approved. Matt Nelson approved. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. The motion passed.

2. Review and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Applications.

Matt Nelson moved to recommend funding the Maricopa Trail and Parks Foundation in the amount of \$145,111.00. Mary Van Rooy seconded the motion. Jan Hancock abstained. Marshall Masayesva approved. Adriana Garcia-Maximilliano approved. Claire Miller approved. Matt Nelson approved. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. The motion passed.

Mary Van Rooy moved to recommend funding the Arizona Trail Association in the amount of \$114,856.00. Evan Pilling seconded the motion. Jan Hancock approved. Marshall Masayesva approved. Adriana Garcia-Maximilliano approved. Claire Miller approved. Matt Nelson abstained. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. The motion passed.

Mary Van Rooy moved to recommend funding Arizona State Parks and Trails in the amount of \$115,000.00, City of Peoria in the amount of \$142,247.00, and Grand Canyon Conservancy in the amount of \$147,600.00. Bob Stinson seconded the motion. Jan Hancock approved. Marshall Masayesva approved. Adriana Garcia-Maximilliano approved. Claire Miller approved. Adam Milnor approved. Matt Nelson approved. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. The motion passed.

3. Review and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Trail Maintenance Grant Applications.

Mary Van Rooy moved to recommend funding the Arizona Trail Association in the amount of \$50,000.00. Marshall Masayesva seconded the motion. Jan Hancock approved. Marshall Masayesva approved. Adriana Garcia-Maximilliano approved. Claire Miller approved. Adam Milnor approved. Matt Nelson abstained. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. The motion passed.

Mary Van Rooy moved to recommend funding Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Clifton Ranger District in the amount of \$50,000.00, Tonto National Forest, Payson Ranger District in the amount of \$50,000.00. Jan Hancock seconded the motion. Jan Hancock approved. Marshall Masayesva approved. Adriana Garcia-Maximilliano approved. Claire Miller approved. Adam Milnor approved. Matt Nelson abstained. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. The motion passed.

4. Review and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education (SEE) Grant Applications.

Adam Milnor moved to recommend funding the Arizona Trail Association in the amount of \$9,972.00. Bob Stinson seconded the motion. Jan Hancock approved. Marshall Masayesva approved. Adriana Garcia-Maximilliano approved. Claire Miller approved. Adam Milnor approved. Matt Nelson abstained. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. The motion passed.

Mary Van Rooy moved to recommend funding the Verde Valley Cyclists in the amount of \$8,515.00, Arizona Board of Regents in the amount of \$9,430.00, Lost Dutchman State Park in the amount of \$7,880.00, and Arizona Game and Fish Department in the amount of \$10,000. Jan Hancock seconded the motion. Jan Hancock approved. Marshall Masayesva approved. Adriana Garcia-Maximilliano approved. Claire Miller approved. Adam Milnor approved. Matt Nelson approved. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. The motion passed.

5. Review and possible action to recommend approval of Arizona State Parks 2020-2024 Trails Plan.

Dawn Collins presented the final version of the Arizona State Parks 2020-2024 Trails Plan. Jan Hancock moved to recommend approval of the Arizona State Parks 2020-2024 Trails Plan. Mary Van Rooy seconded the motion. Jan Hancock approved. Marshall Masayesva approved. Adriana Garcia-Maximilliano approved. Claire Miller approved. Adam Milnor approved. Matt Nelson approved. Evan Pilling approved. Bob Stinson approved. Mary Van Rooy approved. The motion passed.

6. Updates on ASCOT Membership Opportunities.

Mickey Rogers provided ASCOT with an update on new member submissions. Mickey informed the Committee that staff had received multiple applications from individuals who have expressed interest in serving on ASCOT. Mickey informed the Committee that staff will reach out to the applicants to discuss their interest.

7. Update on impacts to Arizona State Parks and Trails as a result of COVID-19:

Bob Broscheid updated the Committee on responses and actions of Arizona State Parks and Trails, including state park operations, during COVID-19.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jan Hancock requested a discussion on E-bikes. Evan Pilling stated that he would like to discuss logistics surrounding volunteer events during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Matt Nelson discussed the proposed section of border wall to be built in the Coronado National Monument,

dissecting the Arizona National Trail, and urged members to voice their concerns to their local representatives.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Several members of the public spoke on behalf of their proposed projects.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

ASCOT members discussed future meeting dates. State Parks staff said they would send out a poll to determine the next meeting date.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 P.M.



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Bob Broscheid
Executive Director



Date: May 28, 2020
To: Claire Miller, 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. To date one (4) projects have been submitted. The total funding request is \$376,442.00.

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails staff reviewed four (4) non-motorized application 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
Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District	Sonoran Desert Trail System	\$102,667.00	\$102,667.00
Verde Valley Institute	On-Site River Ambassador	\$29,775.00	\$29,775.00
Yuma	Regional Park Trail Improvements	\$139,000.00	\$139,000.00
Peoria	New River Trail Connection Phase I	\$105,000.00	\$0
Total Funding Request		\$376,442.00	\$271,442.00

Recommended Motion:

I move to recommend to approve funding for the 2021 Non-Motorized Grant Applications as follows: Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District in the amount of _____, the Verde Valley Institute in the amount of _____, Yuma in the amount of _____ and Peoria in the amount of _____.

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

Approved:


Bob Broscheid, Executive Director

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Date: May 28, 2020

To: Claire Miller, 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.

- 5 projects were submitted for a total funding request of \$45,133.00

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails staff reviewed five (5) applications and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2015 State Trails Plan and project need.

2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Fund Requests		
Sponsor	Request	Recommendation
Arizona Trail Association	\$9,996.00	\$9,996.00
Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists	\$7,763.00	\$7,763.00
Benefactors of Red Rock	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Arizona Game and Fish Department	\$8,960.00	\$8,960.00
Lost Dutchman State Park	\$8,414.00	\$0
Total	\$45,133.00	\$36,719.00

Recommended Motion: I move to recommend to approve funding for the 2021 Safety and Environmental Education applications as follows: Arizona Trail Association _____, Sonoran Mountain Bicyclists _____, Benefactors of Red Rock _____, Arizona Game and Fish Department _____ and Lost Dutchman State Park _____.

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

Approved:



Bob Broscheid, Executive Director

RTP Non-Motorized Grants

1. Arizona Trail Association – Arizona Trail Passage 25 Alder Ridge Project



Total Grant Request: \$114,856.00

Total Match/In-kind: \$12,363.00

Total Cost: \$129,219.00

Project Description:

AZT Passage 25 Alder Ridge Project will construct 6.7 miles of new single-track trail. This will provide a more direct route through the area, replacing 8.2 miles of road and 2.2 miles of the existing trail. The project is located 6 miles southwest of Pine, AZ in the extreme northeast corner of the Mazatzal Wilderness Area. Access is via graded road to within two miles, then over a rough two-track trail to and along the east end of the project. The project will remove the Arizona National Scenic Trail from a powerline road where motorized interface conflicts with the nature and purpose of the Arizona National Scenic Trail and the National Trails System Act. The current alignment detracts significantly from the trail user experience, especially considering the high-quality trail and primitive hiking experience available for trail users in the Mazatzal Wilderness and along the Highline Recreation Trail.

2. Maricopa Trail and Parks Foundation - Maricopa Trail Maintenance and Stewardship Program 2020-2023



Total Grant Request: \$145,111.40

Total Match/In-kind: \$115,840.00

Total Cost: \$260,951.40

Project Description:

The Maricopa Trail Segment Stewardship Program requires a minimum of two scheduled semi-annual trail and trailhead maintenance events per year. This project has targeted approximately 228.6 miles of the total 315 miles of existing trail for sustainable trail and trailhead maintenance. Funding will be used for the following: Maricopa Trail and Trailhead Volunteer and Youth Corps Crew light trail and trailhead

maintenance, recruiting and training a cadre of volunteer Segment Stewards and hiring Youth Corps crews to maintain 228.6 miles of the Maricopa Trail and linked trailheads, purchase and sharpening of volunteer trail maintenance hand tools and personal protective equipment, purchase of liability insurance, purchase and printing of educational and training materials and the costs associated with hiring the project's volunteer instructor for two training sessions between 2020-2023, purchase and volunteer posting of Maricopa Trail signs, kiosk's and panel inserts, directional stickers, Leave No Trace and other trail rules and regulations, management of the project by a part-time project manager and a seasonal part-time project manager assistant and their project travel mileage reimbursements.

3. Arizona State Parks and Trails - Picacho Peak State Park Trail System Rehabilitation



Total Grant Request: \$115,000.00
Total Match/In-kind: \$12,788.84
Total Cost: \$127,788.84

Project Description:

Project funds will be used to maintain the trail system at Picacho Peak State Park. A state contracted trail crew will be brought in to conduct routine trail maintenance on the extent of trails, with the exception of the portion of Sunset Vista trail, which is located on State Trust Land. Maintenance activities will include brushing, tread work, drainage.

4. City of Peoria - ADA Connection to Maya Way



Total Grant Request: \$142,247.00
Total Match/In-kind: \$47,549.00
Total Cost: \$189,796.00

Project Description:

This project will provide for ADA connectivity at WestWing Park by constructing an 8-foot wide concrete path from Maya Way to the existing sidewalk system at the southwest corner of the park. Additional ADA connectivity will be provided by constructing a new 8-foot concrete path from the north side of Maya Way along an existing dirt trail alignment at approximately the midpoint of WestWing Park, north

to a new concrete circle, then west connecting to the east side of the Westwing Park parking lot. The improvements will include clearing and grubbing, grading, concrete path, small retaining wall, decomposed granite, and restoration of landscape and irrigation system.

5. Grand Canyon Conservancy - Grand Canyon South Kaibab Trail



Total Grant Request: \$147,600.00
Total Match/In-kind: \$9,000.00
Total Cost: \$156,600.00

Project Description:

With the assistance of a local conservation corps over a period of approximately four months, a trail crew will complete work up to one mile near the top of this trail. Specifically, the area known as Ooh-Aah Point (approximately ¾ mile from the Rim) is a “problem” area for concession and Park livestock. This is a popular destination for South Kaibab Trail hikers, with daily park interpretative hikes occurring there. This area is steep, rocky, with inadequate structures to assure ease of travel. Project work would include removing degraded trail structures and rebuilding them according to NPS Trail Standards. The second project will be in-depth tread rehabilitation between Cedar Ridge and Mormon Flats, including O’Neill Butte. Sections of the trail in this area are heavily degraded and need tread rehabilitation and replenishment.

6. City of Peoria - New River Trail Connections Phase I



Total Grant Request: \$105,000.00
Total Match/In-kind: \$31,200.00
Total Cost: \$136,200.00

Project Description:

The project will establish 3 new trail connections to provide connectivity between existing high-density residential developments and the New River Trail. The connections will meet current ADA guidelines and will be in accordance with City of Peoria and MAG Standard Details. Coordination with adjacent property owners and private utilities will be done throughout the design and construction process. The

connections are located inside the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (District) property, therefore coordination with the District will be required. Improvements shall include clearing and grubbing, concrete sidewalk, concrete stairs, and restoration of landscaping and irrigation where needed. Project will also include signage.

7. Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District - Sonoran Desert Trail System Renovation



Total Grant Request: \$105,000.00
Total Match/In-kind: \$31,200.00
Total Cost: \$136,200.00

Project Description:

Grant funds will be to define and sign the Goldfield Trails. The Goldfields make up a large portion of the Sonoran Desert Trail System, a system of trails totaling approximately 75 miles of multiple user type, non-motorized trails stretching from the Lower Salt River, through and around Utery Park and toward AZ88, finishing just west of the Superstition Wilderness. There has been growing interest in this area both in use and volunteerism. Funds would be used to hire 4 youth corps hitches to help us install the Kiosks, intersection signs and fiberglass markers. Additionally, we will need a few, very minor reroutes in dangerous sections, as well as obliterate and rehabilitate unsanctioned trails that are damaging the areas. This include seeds, native vegetation and boulders.

8. City of Yuma - Yuma Riverfront Regional Park Trail Extension



Total Grant Request: \$139,000.00
Total Match/In-kind: \$17,460.00
Total Cost: \$156,460.00

Project Description:

The City will design, purchase, and install 2 kiosks and 10 signs along the trail. The City will procure a contractor to complete the following programmatic activities in the defined project area: Design of a meandering multi-use trail from Centennial Beach to the 4th Avenue Bridge (demarcating trail grades for every segment using marking whiskers; Removal of green waste, woodland debris, and residual tree roots through mechanical and manual, clear-cutting and foliar herbicidal application; and Construction of 8' wide decomposed granite trails (Sub-base-6" of compacted 3/4" ABC in 2" lifts, Trail surface- 2" of compacted 1/4" crushed aggregate) according to a design pre-approved by the City.

9. Verde River Institute - Verde River at Clarkdale On-River



Total Grant Request: \$29,775.00

Total Match/In-kind: \$6,262.50

Total Cost: \$36,037.50

Project Description:

Funds will be used to support an on-river Ambassador – one who travels between the parks in a kayak, engaging users and teaching river ethics, social distancing, boating a river safely, and the hazards of this stretch. This would allow a more personal, targeted interaction with the boating public. The on-river Ambassador would pick up trash and encourage other boaters to do the same. Ambassadors will carry loaner PFDs for people who need one, and will be qualified kayakers, with CPR and first-aid training. The Verde River Institute has experts in river ecology, hydrology, boating safety, and minimizing riparian impacts. We will also create and post signs along the river that tell boaters where they are, what hazards lie ahead, how to navigate hazards safely, and where the next take-out is.

RTP Trail Maintenance Applications

1. Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Clifton RD – Clifton Ranger District Trail Maintenance Phase 1



Total Grant Request: \$50,000.00

Total Match/In-kind: \$2,850.00

Total Cost: \$52,850.00

Project Description:

The Grand Enchantment Trail which connects Phoenix to Albuquerque is a popular trail for those seeking adventure. The GET crosses the Clifton Ranger District East and West utilizing portions of 10 of the District's trails. Due to a lack of funding and personnel, many of the District's trails have not been maintained in over 15 years and need heavy maintenance. We propose to use grant funding to hire a trail crew to complete trail maintenance on the portions of trails that make up the GET on the District. A trail crew will be hired to complete maintenance on as many miles as they can accomplish with the funds that are secured. The subsequent phase of this project would include maintenance on any miles not completed in the first phase. Volunteers will help in brushing and trash removal of these trails as well.

2. Arizona Trail Association – Arizona Trail Passage 25 Maintenance



Total Grant Request: \$50,000.00

Total Match/In-kind: \$10,000.00

Total Cost: \$60,000.00

Project Description:

The project consists of Conservation Corps crews performing routine trail maintenance on 6.5 miles of the long-neglected Saddle Ridge Trail #14/Arizona National Scenic Trail (AZT). The project area lies approximately 11 miles west-northwest of Payson, AZ, and extends north from the East Verde River to

a point where a to-be-constructed trail will join the existing AZT. Crews will remove rocks and debris from the tread, construct cairns that stand above the vegetation, clean out existing drainage structures, construct new ones where needed and cut back encroaching grass, limbs and brush.

3. Tonto National Forest, Payson RD – Highline Trail #31 Maintenance



Total Grant Request: \$50,000.00

Total Match/In-kind: \$3,000.00

Total Cost: \$53,000.00

Project Description:

The Payson Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest along with its partners have identified several miles of existing trail on the Highline Trail #31 that is a National Recreation Trail and that overlaps with the AZ Trail that need routine trail maintenance. Both the Payson Ranger District and its partners the AZ Trail Association have worked with both ACE and AZCC on many other projects including trail maintenance and would support the use of these crews for this work. Both the Payson Ranger District and the AZ Trail Association would provide oversight to the crews during the work project. Conservation Corps members will perform maintenance, much of it rather significant, over segments totaling over two miles of the Highline National Recreation/Arizona National Scenic trail, FS trail number 31. The overall project area extends over 4 miles and lies between a point near Sycamore Creek and the access road (FR32) at Mail Creek. Maintenance tasks include cleaning and enlarging countless plugged drains, installing numerous additional drainage structures, replacing many decaying log water bars with rock structures, installing rock check steps, removing loose rock and back slope sluff from hundreds of yards of trail, and in general grooming and restoring a long-neglected trail that lies on an easily erodible soil layer. In several locations the work will involve significant rock work. In some locations the trail is deeply incised and will require filling with large amounts of fill and dirt.

RTP Safety and Environmental Education Applications

1. Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition – Red Rock Mountain Bike Patrol Expansion and Bike Bell Program



Total Grant Request: \$10,000.00

Total Match/In-kind: \$620.00

Total Cost: \$10,620.00

Project Description:

This proposal will support the Red Rock Mountain Bike Patrol (RRMBP), an all-volunteer patrol based upon the highly successful model of Nordic ski patrols. RRMBP Patrollers interact with all trail users emphasizing peer education and outreach as a tool to teach land ethics, safe practices, monitor trail use and educate users regarding safety, rules and regulations. In the first five and a half months of Federal fiscal year 2020, the patrol has logged over 4,200 patrol hours in 1,400+ patrols. The RRMBP's primary focus is to educate, assist and inform all trail users to enhance their enjoyment of the Red Rock Ranger District (RRRD) of the Coconino National Forest. Enforcement is NOT a function of the RRMBP. Funding will be used to equip the RRMBP volunteers and increase trail safety by purchasing uniforms, backpacks, first aid kits, windbreakers and bike bells.

2. Arizona Board of Regents – Hiking Fluid Decision Study



Total Grant Request: \$9,430.00

Total Match/In-kind: \$570.00

Total Cost: \$10,000.00

Project Description:

The objective of this project is to develop and evaluate a short educational video that provides specific hydration recommendations for hikers in hot, dry climates. The video will discuss fluid loss and the negative implications of poor hydration status during hiking, and provide ways for hikers to come up with personalized fluid recommendations. For the evaluation of the video, we plan to recruit 170 hikers

over a period of 4 months during spring and summer 2020 to watch the video just before the start of a hike at one of the selected trails. At the end of the video, hikers will be asked if they think they brought enough fluid for their hike. Hikers will then have the opportunity to add fluid to their personal stock from our stockpile, as they see fit. We will determine hikers' individual fluid needs by gathering pre-hike and post-hike urine samples, body weight and fluid intake. Additionally, we will continuously measure core temperature using a non-invasive telemetric core temperature sensor to determine the experienced heat stress of the hikers as we expect that this is the main factor driving fluid needs. Finally, participants will answer a short questionnaire about the severity of complaints experienced throughout the hike. These combined results will allow us to assess if the video is effective to influence whether hikers made the correct decision to stock up on fluids or not. We can also determine if hikers consumed adequate fluid during the hike.

3. Lost Dutchman State Park – Lost Dutchman Exploration Packs



Total Grant Request: \$7,880.00

Total Match/In-kind: \$2,463.00

Total Cost: \$10,343.00

Project Description:

The funding requested will be used to purchase materials and supplies for the on-going interpretive program at Lost Dutchman State Park. These exploration packs will provide resources for students and children the opportunity to better understand what Lost Dutchman State Park has to offer while at the park. This would include binoculars to view wildlife, books to research wildlife that is at the park, and to view the night skies at the park. Lost Dutchman State Park is one of Arizona's most heavily used state parks offering hiking, biking, picnicking, camping and outdoor recreational opportunities. Park staff and volunteers will enhance opportunities at the park by expanding its current interpretive program.

4. Arizona Game and Fish Department - The Arizona Birding Trail



THE ARIZONA BIRDING TRAIL



THE STATE'S PREMIERE BIRDING AND WATCHABLE WILDLIFE RESOURCE

Total Grant Request: \$10,000.00

Total Match/In-kind: \$50,450.00

Total Cost: \$60,450.00

Project Description:

The purpose of this grant application is to obtain seed funding that will help finance the development and launch of the AZBT website. AZ Game and Fish will be working with CryBaby Design out of Colorado, a small web design company with a strong record of creating birding trail and other eco-centric websites. Pending adequate funding, the anticipated launch of the website is in spring of 2021. This grant funding will help ensure AZBT comes to life in a timely fashion and becomes the go-to resource that meets the expectations of the birding community in Arizona and beyond.

5. Arizona Trail Association - Trail Skills Institute Video Series Development



Total Grant Request: \$10,000.00
Total Match/In-kind: \$50,450.00
Total Cost: \$60,450.00

Project Description:

This grant will fund the development and distribution of a series of short online training videos for the ATA's Trail Skills Institute (TSI). This online content will complement the on-the-ground modules and expand the availability of trail skills training to a larger, more diverse population of potential volunteers. The focus of the video series will include skills for individuals or small groups, encouraging activities most likely to be successful within restrictions of the COVID-19 crisis. The program includes funding for establishing an initial series of five videos, each five to six minutes in length to optimize viewer engagement. In addition to the specific topic, each video will cover safety and environmental awareness. Topics for the initial videos will include: Why do we build and maintain trails, Basic brushing - desert shrubs, cacti and grasses, Basic brushing - large shrubs and trees, Evaluation - what is erosion and how can I tell it's a problem, Treadwork - Slough, berm and entrenched tread.

6. Arizona Trail Association - Network for Arizona Trails and Summit for Arizona Trails



Total Grant Request: \$9,996.00
Total Match/In-kind: \$14,272.00
Total Cost: \$24,268.00

Project Description:

This grant would support the continued work to create and organize a "Network for Arizona Trails:" a group creating an ongoing collaborative space for trail builders, planners, managers, advocates and other stakeholders to share expertise, leverage resources, work on common challenges, advocate for trails, and as a result, elevate Arizona's trail system. We propose a survey and a set of interviews to gain insight and perspectives on response strategies and a set of virtual collaborative meetings. Key outcomes of this work would be up-to-date information available to trail and recreation managers across Arizona, and a regular virtual statewide forum for exchange and problem solving. The second focus of this proposal is continuing the collaborative work of the first Summit through supporting teams to work on priority issues, and culminating in the 2nd annual Summit.

7. Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists - Be Cool Campaign



Total Grant Request: \$7,763.20

Total Match/In-kind: \$700.00

Total Cost: \$8,463.20

Project Description:

Be Cool outreach campaign to remind the mountain bike user community to follow proper trail etiquette. The three major elements of the campaign are: 1) "Slow Your Roll" - control your speed, especially on trails with short sight-lines, 2) "Respect Others" - yielding to all other trail users and uphill riders, and 3) "Pay Attention" - watch out for other trail users at all times and don't ride up on someone at high speed, and always use a bell to let other users know you are approaching. We hope to expand the Be Cool campaign in 2020/2021 and beyond using RTP funds. Grant funds will be used to 1) expand outreach efforts in the 2020/2021 season through a dedicated set of Be Cool outreach equipment, 2) design and produce additional outreach materials (including trail etiquette informational signage/handouts and bike bells), and 3) design, print, and install dedicated Be Cool trail etiquette signs at all major non-motorized trailheads managed by Pima County.

8. Arizona Game and Fish Department - Arizona Watchable Wildlife Experience Coordinator Position



Total Grant Request: \$8,960.00
Total Match/In-kind: \$8,849.00
Total Cost: \$ 7,809.00

Project Description:

The Verde Front, a multi-stakeholder sustainable recreation collaborative, has been working with the Flagstaff AWWWE partners to develop a strategic plan for watchable wildlife in the Verde Valley, identifying current and potential site amenities, wildlife viewing opportunities, and visitor experience for each site, designing signage, and drafting a logo. AWWWE would like to fund a coordinator position for one year to assist the Verde Front partners in finalizing and implementing the strategic plan. The coordinator would support the partners to increase awareness about this program and the sites, and promote the sites to the public. The responsibilities of the person in this position would include designing signs to be installed at the sites, monitoring trail conditions, creating and distributing promotional materials such as maps and brochures, promoting watchable wildlife events, and managing a website. We also seek funding for a laptop for this person, as well as money for travel reimbursement for the position.

9. Arizona State Parks and Trails - Interpretive and Safety Signage



Total Grant Request: \$8,414.00
Total Match/In-kind: \$1,477.80
Total Cost: \$ 9,891.80

Project Description:

To ensure safety and enhance experience of our guests, Lost Dutchman will use funds for updated safety and interpretive signage to include "You are Here" maps on the trailheads, hiker preparedness and terrain information, behavioral expectations, a mountain orientation display, plant identification and other interpretive signage. While updating the park map displays and adding safety signage, Lost Dutchman also needs to update decades-old plant identification and interpretive signage, as well as offer new in-color displays of current flora, fauna, history, etc.

10. Benefactors of Red Rock State Park - Interpretive Trail Signage for Red Rock State Park



Total Grant Request: \$10,000.00

Total Match/In-kind: \$4,430.00

Total Cost: \$14,430.00

Project Description:

Red Rock State Park is 286-acre Nature Preserve and Environmental Education facility. With the goal of increasing our guest's environmental education about Flora, Fauna, Geology and Archeology we wish to install interpretive signage along our most traveled trails. We wish to purchase qty. 12 - 12"X9" aluminized signs. Six signs will be placed on The Smoke trail and 6 signs will be placed on the Bunk House Trail. They will provide information including colored graphics on the following topics which are all popular with our guest. We also wished to purchase qty 4 - 2'X3' signs. Three will be placed on the Bunkhouse trail and one will be placed on King Fisher bridge. The ones on the Bunkhouse trail will provide information on. The sign on King Fisher bridge will be mounted on the bridge and will not require excavation.

11. National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council - NOHVCC Great Trails Workshop



Total Grant Request: \$9,912.50

Total Match/In-kind: \$1,950.00

Total Cost: \$11,862.50

Project Description:

The National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC), a 501(c)(3) educational foundation, will conduct an OHV Great Trails training workshop on the Tonto National Forest during the second half of FY18. The workshop includes one day of intensive classroom sessions and two days of hands-on field sessions. Curriculum is based on the book *Great Trails: Providing Quality OHV Trails and Experiences*. The training workshop will focus on the design, layout, construction, maintenance and management of sustainable Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails. Hands-on field training will be

emphasized. The intended audience is federal, state and local trail managers; trail construction and maintenance supervisors and crews; engineering staff involved in trail planning, design, maintenance and construction; trail contractors; OHV club trail volunteers; and other interested stakeholders.



ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT)

May 28, 2020

Kevin Adams, Justin Azevedo, Jan Hancock, Mare Czinar, Marshall Masayeva, Adriana Garcia Maximiliano, Bernadine McCollum, Claire Miller, Adam Milnor, Matthew Nelson, Evan Pilling, Bob Stinson, Mary Van Rooy, Angela Villa, Loren Worthington

AGENDA – A

Call to Order



AGENDA – B

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA – C

Member Roll Call

Kevin Adams

Justin Azevedo

Mare Czinar

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Marshall Masayesva

Adriana Garcia Maximiliano

Bernadine McCollum

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Approval of Minutes

ASCOT will review and may consider action to approve the meeting minutes from May 7, 2020.

AGENDA – D1

Motion:

I move to approve the ASCOT meeting minutes from May 7, 2020.

AGENDA – D2

New Member Introductions

Kevin Adams

Justin Azevedo

Mare Czinar

2021 Non-Motorized Funding Opportunity

- Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails

AGENDA – D3

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

AGENDA – D3

2021 Funding		REC TRAILS	OHV Funded	
	Funding Available	\$ 1,820,000.00	\$ 2,497,631.00	
	Non-motor			
Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area	Trail Development Project	\$ 79,842.00		Carry Over
City of Sedona	Posse Grounds Trail Project	\$ 78,240.00		Carry Over
Town of Cave Creek	Gateway Trail Project	\$ 74,498.00		Carry Over
Sonoran Desert Mountain	Goat Trail Rehab Project	\$ 74,707.00		Carry Over
Tonto NF Highline Trails	TM	\$ 50,000.00		
Apache-Sitgraves	Clifton RD	\$ 50,000.00		
Yuma	Regional Park	\$ 139,000.00		
Grand Canyon Conservancy	South Kaibab Trail	\$ 147,600.00		
Peoria	Maya Way ADA Trail	\$ 142,247.00		
Tonto Mesa	Sonoran Desert Trail system	\$ 102,667.00		
Peoria	New River Trail Connection Phase I	\$ 105,000.00		
Verde Valley Institute	On-River Ambassador	\$ 29,775.00		
	Total	\$ 1,073,576.00		
	Motor			
Apache sitgreaves	Maverick Trail	\$ 290,594.00		
Tonto Globe	OHV Project	\$ 205,680.00		
Tonto Mesa	OHV Rehab III	\$ 127,262.00	\$ 233,733.00	
NOHVCC	Equipment Training		\$ 54,147.00	
Arizona State Parks	Great Western Trail		\$ 692,000.00	
Gila County	LE Grant		\$ 29,921.00	
Arizona Strip	LE Grant		\$ 29,500.00	
	Total	\$ 623,536.00		
SEE				
Verde Valley Cyclists	Bike and Bell		\$8,535.00	
U of A	Hiking Fluid Study		\$9,430.00	
Lost Dutchman	Exploration Packs		\$7,880.00	
Game and Fish	Birding Trail		\$10,000.00	
ATA	Trails Skills Institute Video		\$9,972.00	
ATA	Trail Summit		\$9,996.00	
NOHVC	Great trails workshop		\$9,912.00	
Sonoran Mountain Bike	"Be Cool"		\$7,763.00	
Game and Fish	Watchable Wildlife	\$ 8,960.00		
Benafactors of Red Rock	Intepretive Signage	\$ 10,000.00		
Lost Dutchman	Intepretive Signage	\$ 8,414.00		
	Total		\$100,862.00	
	Admin	\$ 135,440.00		
	Balance	\$ (113,414.00)	\$ 1,458,330.00	

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	Recommendation
Tonto National Forest-Mesa Ranger District	Sonoran Desert Trail System	\$102,667.00	\$102,667.00
Verde River Institute	On-Site River Ambassador	\$29,775.00	\$29,775.00
Yuma	Regional Park Trail Improvements	\$139,000.00	\$139,000.00
Peoria	New River Trail Connection	\$105,000.00	\$0
Total		\$376,442.00	\$271,442.00

AGENDA – D4

Motion:

I move to recommend funding the 2021 Non-Motorized Grant Applications as follows: Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District in the amount of _____, the Verde River Institute in the amount of _____, and Yuma in the amount of _____ and Peoria in the amount of _____.

2021 Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications

- Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails

AGENDA – D5

2021 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Requests

Sponsor	Project	Request	Recommended Funding
Arizona Trail Association	Network for Arizona Trail and Summit for Arizona Trails	\$9,996.00	\$9,996.00
Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists	Be Cool Campaign	\$7,763.00	\$7,763.00
Benefactors of Red Rock	Interpretive Signage for Red Rock State Park	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Watchable Wildlife Experience	\$8,960.00	\$8,960.00
Lost Dutchman State Park	Interpretive Signage Project	\$8,414.00	\$0
Total		\$45,133.00	\$36,719.00

AGENDA – D5

Motion:

I move to recommend funding the 2021 Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications as follows: Arizona Trail Association in the amount of _____, Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists in the amount of _____, Benefactors of Red Rock State Park in the amount of _____, Arizona Game and Fish Department in the amount of _____ and Lost Dutchman State Park in the amount of _____.

ASCOT Roles and Responsibilities



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

Call to the Public

The chair will recognize those wishing to address the Committee.

AGENDA – H

**Tentative 2020
Meeting Dates:
TBD**

THANK YOU!