



**Bob Broscheid** Executive Director



# `NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING of THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD 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 Parks Board ("Board") and the public that the Board will hold a Teleconference Meeting scheduled to begin at 10:00 am on Thursday, June 11, 2020.

Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19 this meeting will be held via <u>telephonic</u> means only. Members of the public can listen to the meeting by following these steps:

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#### **AGENDA**

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

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. BOARD MEMBERS ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT

"As Board members, we are gathered today to be the stewards and voice of Arizona State Parks and its mission statement to manage and conserve Arizona's natural, cultural and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners."

#### D. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the May 14, 2020, Board Meeting The Board will review and may consider action to approve the Board meeting minutes from May 14, 2020.
- 2. Review and possible action to approve Arizona Trails 2020 Plan: (Presenter: Dawn Collins, Office of Continuous Improvement). Staff will present the final version of the 2020 Arizona State Trails Plan: A Statewide Motorized and Non-Motorized Trails Plan ("Plan") and Board members may comment on the Plan. The Board may consider action to approve the Plan.
- 3. Review, discussion and possible action to approve funding for the submitted 2021 Motorized Grant Applications. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$620,812.00.

2021 Motorized Grant Applications				
Sponsor	Request	SCORE		
Tonto National Forest-Mesa Ranger District	Mesa Ranger District OHV Rehabilitation Improvement Project	\$360,985.00	34.3	
Tonto National Forest—Globe Ranger District	Globe Ranger District Staging Area and OHV Patrols	\$205,680.00	32.4	
National Off Highway Vehicle Outdoor Conservation Council			35.4	
Total		\$620,812.00		

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

2021 Off-Highway Vehicle Supplemental Motorized Requests			
Sponsor Project Reques			
Bureau of Land Management, AZ Strip	Arizona Strip, Vermilion Cliffs OHV Enforcement	\$29,500.00	
Gila County Law Enforcement and Equipment Grant		\$29,921.00	
Total		\$59,421.00	

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

2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Requests			
Sponsor	Request	Score	
Yuma	Riverfront Park Trail Project	\$139,000.00	16.6
Grand Canyon Conservancy	South Kaibab Trail	\$147,600.00	16.0
Verde River Institute	On-Site River Ambassador	\$29,775.00	27.3
Picacho Peak State Park	Trail Rehabilitation Project	\$118,628.00	31.5
Maricopa Trail and Park Foundation	Maricopa Trail Maintenance and Stewardship Program 2020-2023	\$145,000.00	40.0
Tonto NF-Mesa RD	Sonoran Desert Trail System	\$102,667.00	67.1
Peoria	Maya Way ADA Trail	\$142,247.00	18.8
Peoria	New River Trail Connection	\$105,000.00	19.2
Total		\$929,917.00	

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

2021 Land and Water Conservation Fund Requests			
Sponsor Project Request			
Chandler Homestead North Park Development \$750,000.0			
Total \$750,000.00			

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

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

- 8. Motorized Emergency Mitigation Project Updates: (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator). The Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator will update the Board on staff approved a motorized emergency mitigation project: The Bureau of Land Management Tank Pass Emergency Repair. This agenda item is for information only.
- 9. Discussion and Possible Action on Staff's Recommendation Regarding Purchase of Real Property for Proposed Bouse Staging Area/Staging Development. Staff will update the Board that the below described properties are no longer available for purchase by the Board and recommend that the Board rescind the motion of December 13, 2018, that authorized the release of funds and delegation of authority to the Executive Director to negotiate and purchase real property to the proposed Bouse Staging Area/Staging Development. The Board will discuss and may take action on staff's recommendation.

County	Parcel Number	Address	Acreage
La Paz	30717006J	44815 Joshua Dr.	20 Acres
		Bouse, Arizona 85325	
La Paz	30717006E	44575 Joshua Dr.	51 Acres
		Bouse, Arizona 85325	

10. Updates on the Continued Impact to Arizona State Parks and Trails as a Result of COVID-19: (Presenter: Bob Broscheid, Executive Director). The Executive Director will update the Board on state park operations with regards to the impact of COVID-19. This agenda item is for information only.

## E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

## F. CURRENT EVENTS

Board 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 Board 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 Board. 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

No Meeting July, 2020 Thursday, August 13, 2020 Thursday, September 17, 2020 Thursday, October 15, 2020 Thursday, November 12, 2020 Thursday, December 10, 2020

#### I. ADJOURNMENT

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**Bob Broscheid** Executive Director



## **DRAFT MINUTES**

# of THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD of THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS MAY 14, 2020

## A. CALL TO ORDER

Dale Larsen, Chairman of the Arizona State Parks Board called the meeting to order at 10:01am. Chairman Larsen recognized new Board Member Jeffrey Buchanan, and asked him to introduce himself. Member Buchanan provided a brief introduction.

## **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Buchanan led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

## C. BOARD MEMBERS ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT

<u>Members Present:</u> (Due to COVID-19 all Members participated telephonically). Dale Larsen, John Sefton, Lisa Atkins, Jeffrey Buchanan, Shawn Orme, Terri Palmberg.

<u>Staff Present:</u> Bob Broscheid, Tim Franquist, Mickey Rogers, Nancy Jasculca, Kelley Santillanes, Jeff Schmidt

#### D. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the April 9th, 2020 Board Meeting
  Terri Palmberg moved to approve minutes of the April 9, 2020 Board Meeting. John Sefton seconded
  the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins approved. Jeff Buchanan
  approved. Shawn Orme approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.
- 2. Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Motorized Grant Applications.

Mickey Rogers provided a summary of each project. Jeff Buchanan moved to approve funding for Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Lakeside Ranger District in the amount of \$290,594.00, Arizona State Parks and Trail in the amount of \$692,000.00, Bureau of Land Management, Grand Canyon Parashant in the amount of \$102,195.00, and Bureau of Land Management in the amount of \$65,478.00. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins abstained. Jeff Buchanan approved. Shawn Orme approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

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

Mickey Rogers provided a summary of the project. Terri Palmberg moved to approve funding Arizona Trail Association in the amount of \$114,856.00. John Sefton seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Shawn Orme approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

4. Review, discussion and possible action to recommend funding for the submitted 2021 Trail Maintenance Grant Applications.

Mickey Rogers provided a summary of all submitted projects. Shawn Orme moved to approve funding Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Clifton Ranger District in the amount of \$50,000.00, Arizona Trail Association in the amount of \$50,000.00, and Tonto National Forest, Payson Ranger District in the amount of \$50,000.00. Jeff Buchanan seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Shawn Orme approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

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

Mickey Rogers provided a summary of all submitted projects. Terri Palmberg moved to approve funding Verde Valley Cyclists in the amount of \$8,815.00, 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 \$10,000.00. Jeff Buchanan seconded the motion. Dale Larsen abstained. John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Shawn Orme approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

- 6. Discussion and consideration of applicant for the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT). Mickey Rogers provided Board Members with background of each applicant. Shawn Orme moved to approve Mare Czinar, Justin Azevedo, and Kevin Adams as new ASCOT Members. John Sefton seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Lisa Atkins approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Shawn Orme approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.
- 7. Updates on the continued impact to Arizona State Parks and Trails as a result of COVID-19. Bob Broscheid provided the Board with updates on park operations with regards to the impact of COVID-19.

## E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Palmberg requested an update on the proposed staging area in Bouse, Arizona. Chairman Larsen requested an update on the relationship between State Parks and the Parks Foundation.

## F. CURRENT EVENTS

Members discussed current events.

## G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to speak.

## H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Members discussed potential future meeting dates.

## I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:48am.





**Bob Broscheid** Executive Director



**Date:** June 11, 2020

**To:** Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

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

**Subject:** Arizona Trails 2020: A Statewide Motorized and Non-Motorized Trails Plan Approval and

Recommendation

## **Background:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails is responsible for the completion of Arizona's Motorized and Non-motorized Trails Plan every five years per statute. The Trails Plan is a compilation of information statewide on motorized and non-motorized trail use and trail issues in Arizona.

The Arizona Trails 2020: A Statewide Motorized and Non-Motorized Trails Plan has been developed, using data collected from Arizona residents, the recreating public and land managers across the state. The Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT), the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG), the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) and is now ready for review by and the Arizona State Parks Board. This Plan will then inform grant criteria for the distribution of the federal Recreational Trails Program and state Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund and will guide trail-related decision-making, resource allocation and management decisions statewide, across agencies and jurisdictions.

#### **Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails, OHVAG and ASCOT, AORCC recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve the Arizona Trails 2020 Plan.

Actions		
Arizona Trails 2020 Working Group formed	Aug 2018	
ASPT applied for LWCF and OHV Administrative funding to support Arizona Trails 2020 Plan & Economic Value of Trails in Arizona analysis and report.	Dec 2018	
ASPT partnered with Partners in Brainstorm and University of Arizona to collect data on trail use, issues and priorities from a random sample of Arizona residents 18 and over. This data reflects both state and county or region levels.	March - April 2019	
ASPT collected data from Land Managers for Arizona Trails 2020 Plan	April-May 2019	
Data collected by Partners in Brainstorm (Random Sample survey) & ASPT (Public Online Survey) primarily from Arizona residents	July – November 2019	
The Draft plan was available for public review and comment	March – April 2020	

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

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

Approved:









**Date:** June 11, 2020

To: Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

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

**Subject:** 2021 Motorized Grant Applications

## **Background:**

The Recreational Trails Program provides grant funding for constructing and maintaining motorized trails and trailhead facilities. Each fiscal year a minimum of 30% of appropriated Recreational Trails Funds, \$574,654.00 must be used for for motorized projects. In addition each fiscal year \$1.5 million is also available from the Off-Highway Vehicle Decal Program. For this meeting, three (3) projects have been submitted. The total funding request is \$620,812.00

## **Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails staff, the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group and AORCC reviewed all three (3) applications and feel that they each fit the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2015 State Trails Plan and should receive funding.

2021 Motorized Grant Applications				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Recommend	
Tonto National Forest, Mesa RD	Mesa RD OHV Rehabilitation and Improvement Project - Phase III	\$360,985.00	\$360,985.00	
Tonto National Forest, Globe RD	Globe RD Staging Area and OHV Patrols	\$205,680.00	\$205,680.00	
National Off Highway Vehicle Outdoor Conservation Council  Mechanized Trail Equipment Operator Training		\$54,147.00	\$0	
Total Funding Request		\$620,812.00	\$566,665.00	

#### **Recommended Motion:**

I move to approve fundi	ng for the 2021 Motorize	d Grant Applications as follows: Tonto
National Forest, Mesa R	anger District	, Tonto National Forest, Globe Ranger
District	_, and National Off High	way Vehicle Outdoor Conservation Council

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

Approved:





**Bob Broscheid**Executive Director



**Date:** June 11, 2020

To: Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

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

**Subject:** Supplemental Grant Applications

## **Background:**

The Off-Highway Vehicle Decal Supplemental Grant Program provides funding for small projects, signage, mitigation, and law enforcement. These grants can be submitted for review at any time throughout the fiscal year and are reviewed on a quarterly basis. These projects are funded through the OHV Decal Program. For this quarter, two (2) Law Enforcement Grants were submitted for a total request of \$59,421.00

2021 Supplemental Grant Applications			
Sponsor Request Recommendation			
Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Strip	\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00	
Gila County Sheriff's Office	\$29,921.00	\$29,921.00	
TOTAL	\$59,421.00	\$59,421.00	

## **Recommendation:**

The Arizona State Parks and Trails staff the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group, and the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission reviewed the applications and made funding recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2015 State Trails Plan and project need.

## **Recommended Motion:**

I move to approve funding for the Supplemental Law Enforcement Grant ap	pplications as follows;
Bureau of Land Management: Arizona Strip in the amount of \$	, and Gila
County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$	

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

**Approved:** 





**Bob Broscheid**Executive Director



**Date:** June 11, 2020

To: Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

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

**Subject:** 2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-motorized Applications

## **Background:**

The Recreational Trails Program provides grant funding for constructing and maintaining motorized trails and trailhead facilities. Each fiscal year a minimum of 30% of appropriated Recreational Trails Funds, \$574,654.00 must be used for for non-motorized projects. To date eight (8) projects has been submitted. The total funding request is \$929,917.00.

## **Recommendation:**

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

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

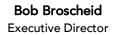
## **Recommended Motion:**

I move to approve funding for the	ne 2021 Non-Motorized Gran	at Applications as follo	ows: 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	f,
Maricopa Trail and Parks Found	lation in the amount of	, Tonto National Fo	orest, Mesa

Ranger District in the amount of, City of Peoria May Way ADA Trail in the amount of and City of Peoria New River Trail Connection in the amount of
Prepared by: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trail, Arizona State Parks and Trails
Approved:  Approved:
Bob Broscheid, Executive Director









**Date:** June 11, 2020

To: Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

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

Subject: Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects

## **Background:**

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

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

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

## **Recommendation**:

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

## **Recommended Motion:**

I move to approve fund	ding for the	2020 LWCF	applications a	s follows: City	of Chandler in
the amount of					

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

Approved:





**Bob Broscheid**Executive Director



**Date:** June 11, 2020

To: Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

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

**Subject:** Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Grants

## **Background:**

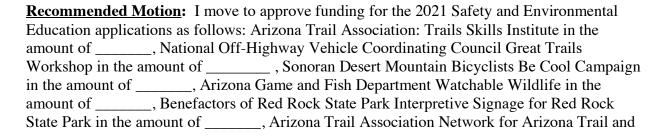
The Recreational Trails Program provides funds for motorized, non-motorized and diverse projects. Up to 5% of apportioned funds (\$95,776.00) can be used for safety and education grants as they relate to trails. A project sponsor can apply for up to \$10,000 per grant and must have a minimum of a 5.7% match for each project.

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

#### **Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails staff, ASCOT, OHVAG, and AORCC reviewed seven (7) applications and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2015 State Trails Plan and project need.

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



Summit for Arizona Trails in the amount of, and Lost Dutchman State Park Interpretive Signage Project in the amount of
Prepared by: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails, Arizona State Parks and Trails
Approved:
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Bob Broscheid, Executive Director





**Bob Broscheid**Executive Director



**Date:** June 11, 2020

To: Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

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

**Subject:** Proposed Bouse Staging Area Acquisition and Development

## **Background:**

At the October 25, 2017, Arizona State Parks and Trails Board meeting, \$750,000 of Off-Highway Vehicle Decal funding was approved for the purchase and development of a 51-acre parcel in Bouse, Arizona for the proposed Bouse State Park which would be for Phase I and ASPT will be requesting additional grants to complete development of the proposed park. At the April 21, 2018 Arizona State Parks and Trails Board meeting, an additional 18 contiguous acre parcel was approved for purchase using existing approved funds. Also, at the April 21, 2018 Board meeting, the Board approved an additional \$188,796 in Recreational Trails funding for park day use development. Prior to releasing the funds, however, the Board requested that ASPT staff develop a draft master plan and perform due diligence tasks. On December 13, 2020 the board approved the release of funds and delegate Arizona State Parks Executive Director the authority to negotiate and purchase real property as related and proposed to the Bouse State Park project, specifically not approving the further development of the project until agreement is reached between Arizona State Parks and the Arizona State Land Department. On June 11, 2019 Arizona State Parks held an informational meeting in Bouse regarding the potential purchase of this property. On January 9, 2020, the Arizona State Parks Board requested more due diligence for the proposed park and bring those to the next Board meeting. Since this meeting, the property is now under escrow to be sold to another buyer.

#### **Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails staff recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board rescind its motion to release funds and delegate the Arizona State Parks Executive Director the authority to negotiate and purchase real property as related and proposed to the Bouse State Park project, specifically not approving the further development of the project.

**Recommended Motion:** 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.

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

Approved: