

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING of THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP of THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to members of the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group ("OHVAG" or "Group") and the public that the Board will hold a meeting on Friday, November 5, 2021, beginning at 10:00 am. OHVAG members may attend the meeting in person or participate telephonically. The public may attend and listen to the meeting at the Arizona State Parks Trails office located at 1110 W Washington, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Members of the public may also listen/view the meeting via telephone by calling 1.715.802.1793 and entering PIN: 977 190 765# or via Google Meet: http://meet.google.com/tjw-cpvp-zjm

In person or telephonic public comment will be taken. If choosing to speak in person, the speaker will be asked to complete a form which will be made available at the Arizona State Parks and Trails office on the meeting day and submit to staff. If choosing to speak via telephone, persons who wish to make statements to the Group will be asked to identify themselves each time they are speaking. Please ensure phones are muted when not speaking.

This meeting is open to the public; however, the Board 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 September 27, 2021, OHVAG Meeting The Group will review and may consider action to approve the OHVAG meeting minutes from September 27, 2021.
 - 2. OHVAG Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2022 Motorized Grant Application. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator) The following grant application has been submitted for funding totaling \$412,969.00. OHVAG may

recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve, modify, or deny funding for the following grant

application.

2022 Motorized Grant Application						
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff Recommendation	Score		
Bureau of Land Management: State Office	Travel Management Plans	\$412,969.00	\$412,969.00	45		
TOTAL		\$412,969.00	\$412,969.00			

- 3. County Supervisors Association OHV Legislation Update (Presenter, Holly Irwin OHVAG member). Holly Irwin will provide an update on the recent Yavapai County Off-Highway Vehicle Legislation proposal that was presented at the County Supervisors Association Summit in September.
- 4. Great Western Trail Master Plan Update. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)
 Members will be provided an update on the Great Western Trail Master Plan, an Off-Highway Vehicle
 Jeep Trail that extends from Mexico to Utah.
- **5. State OHV Coordinator Updates. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator)** Members will be provided updates on 2022 OHVAG member terms and the Quartzsite Staging Area Ribbon Cutting.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

F. CURRENT EVENTS

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

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Chair will recognize those wishing to address the Group. 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 acknowledgement of comments and suggestions from the public will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Group members will discuss potential future meeting dates.

I. ADJOURNMENT

A copy of this agenda and any background material provided to Group Members is available for public inspection at Arizona State Parks & Trails, 1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85007. For additional information, contact Mickey Rogers at (602) 542-6942.

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teleconference meeting, please contact Jeff Schmidt at (602) 542-7124 or via email <u>jschmidt@azstateparks.gov</u>.

Posted at: Arizona State Parks and Trails

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And at: https://azstateparks.com/ohvag

Bob Broscheid: Executive Director

Doug Ducey Governor







Draft Minutes

of

THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP of

THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

September 27, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chuck Wood, Vice Chair of the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chuck Wood led the Group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

<u>Members Present:</u> Ben Alteneder (in person), Chuck Wood (in person), Jason Cobb (virtual), Todd Davis (virtual), Holly Irwin (virtual), Tom Murphy (virtual)

Staff Present: Matthew Eberhart (in person), Jeff Schmidt (in person)

D. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the May 27, 2021, OHVAG Meeting. Holly Irwin Moved to approve the minutes for the May 27, 2021 OHVAG Meeting. Ben Alteneder Seconded. Ben Alteneder, Jason Cobb, Todd Davis, Holly Irwin, Tom Murphy, and Chuck Wood approved. The motion Passed.
- 2. OHVAG 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 Supplemental Grant Applications. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails)

Chuck Wood moved to recommend to approve the Arizona Game and Fish Department: Region 3 Law Enforcement Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$30,000 and the Navajo County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$30,000. Ben Alteneder seconded the motion. Ben Alteneder, Jason Cobb, Todd Davis, Holly Irwin, Tom Murphy, and Chuck Wood approved. The motion Passed.

3. Emergency and Mitigation Grant Projects update. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator)

Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator for Arizona State Parks and Trails provided updates on the Burau of Land Management's Rock Springs Dust Mitigation Project, the Town of Camp Verde's Box T Trailhead Project, and the Town of Florence Poston Butte Preserve Project.

4. Arizona Game and Fish Department OHV Range Improvement Grant 472020 Update. (Presenter: Kim Jackson, Boating and OHV Education Program Manager)

Kim Jackson, Boating and OHV Education Program Manager for the Arizona Game and Fish Department provided an update on OHV Range Improvement Project 472020 to members. The project was a joint effort between the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) and Arizona State Parks

and Trails (ASPT). It included improvements to AZGFD's OHV range including improved challenge areas for rock, water, mud and sand crossings. Improvements also included a closed course dust mitigation system and improvements to the ranges small training hills. Both AZGFD and ASPT plan to host a ribbon cutting event for the public, agency partners and both agencies boards and committees in the coming months.

5. State OHV Coordinator Updates. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator)

Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator for Arizona State Parks and Trails provided updates on the Off-Highway Vehicle Ambassador Program, Arizona State Parks and Trails' OHV Dealership Program, Arizona State Parks and Trails' new online grant management system eCivis, and OHV Decal sales comparisons between 2020 and 2021.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jason Cobb asked if we would be hosting a second Veteran's Ride Event and if we should discuss it at a future meeting. Todd Davis requested a discussion on volunteer insurance policies. Holly offered to provide an update on the possible Yavapai County OHV legislation.

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Chuck Wood informed the Group that the Arizona Alpine Trail working group continues to work towards establishing a 501c3 and plans to continue working with existing routes and trails through the USFS and other partners to designate the route.

Holly Irwin informed the Group that La Paz County will be participating in a statewide county summit this week and that Yavapai County is looking into OHV legislation to establish a permitted OHV areas within the county.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to speak.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

October 27, 2021 November 29, 2021

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:09am.



Bob Broscheid Executive Director



Date: November 5, 2021

To: Todd Davis, Chair, Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group

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

Subject: 2022 Motorized Grant Applications

Background:

The Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund provides grant funding for the planning and development of motorized trails, trailhead facilities, law enforcement, and education. There is currently \$4,000,000 in funding available for submitted grant applications. For the October OHVAG meeting there was one (1) project submitted with a total funding request of \$412,969.00.

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff reviewed the following application and determined that it fits the priorities outlined in Arizona State Parks and Trails 2020 State Trails Plan.

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TOTAL		\$412,969.00	\$412,969.00		

Recommended Motion:

I move that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board Approve the Bureau of Land Management: State Office, Travel Management Plan Project in the amount of

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

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director

Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Applications

BLM State Office: Travel Management Requested Funding – \$412,969.00

BLM AZ is requesting grant funding to develop 4 Travel Management Plans (TMPs). The 4 TMPs will cover approx. 2,655 trails/routes miles in three (3) BLM districts (Colorado River, Gila, and Phoenix District offices). These plans will identify and authorize trails/routes to maintain, develop and manage that address public input, protect natural and cultural resources and result in sustainable recreational motorized (jeeps, atvs, utvs, dirt bikes, etc.) and non-motorized (hiking, biking, equestrian, etc.) access and opportunities. These Plans will produce authorized large-scale maps that will form the foundation for digital and print maps, signage, more accessibility, and information kiosks.

TMP development will include teams of BLM specialists and contractors evaluating routes, utilizing NEPA, providing cultural and biological assessments, to establish TMP designations, and organize and respond to public and stakeholder comments and concerns.

Public and stakeholder involvement provides input and review of draft TMPs that will assist BLM in decisions based upon public knowledge and understanding of how they want public lands to be used.

BLM AZ recognizes that socio-economic issues related to travel planning are becoming more important. To ensure that these issues are taken into consideration in travel management planning, BLM AZ will coordinate and collaborate with adjacent landowners, communities, agencies, private, local, state, federal, and other interested stakeholders.

The public has actively contacted BLM AZ offices to determine when Travel Management Plans will be completed. Our agency partners are supportive of assisting with completing these Plans as well. The only barrier to completion of Travel Management Plans is lack of funding.









Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG)

Friday, November 5, 2021

Ben Alteneder, Geoff Chain, Jason Cobb, Todd Davis, Holly Irwin, Tom Murphy, Charles Wood



AGENDA – A



AGENDA - B

Pledge of Allegiance



AGENDA - C

Member Roll Call

Ben Alteneder Geoff Chain Jason Cobb Todd Davis Holly Irwin Tom Murphy Charles Wood



AGENDA - D1

Meeting Minutes

The Group will review and may consider action to approve the Group meeting minutes from September 27, 2021.



AGENDA - D1

Motion:

I move to approve the meeting minutes of the September 27, 2021 meeting.



2022 Motorized Grant Applications OHVAG will consider and may take action on a recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, or Deny funding for the submitted 2022 Motorized Grant Applications.



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Bureau of Land Management: State Office







Motion:

I move that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board Approve the Bureau of Land Management: State Office, Travel Management Plan Project in the amount of ______.



AGENDA - D3

Volunteer Insurance Discussion
OHVAG Chair, Todd Davis will
lead the Group in a discussion on
volunteer insurance
requirements.



County Supervisors Association OHV Legislation Update

OHVAG Member, Holly Irwin will provide an update on the Yavapai County Legislation proposal that was presented at the County Supervisors Association Summit in September.



Great Western Trail Master Plan Update

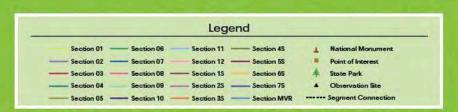
Members will be provided ann update on the Great Western Trail Master Plan project by Mickey Rogers, Arizona State Parks and Trails Chief of Grants and Trails.

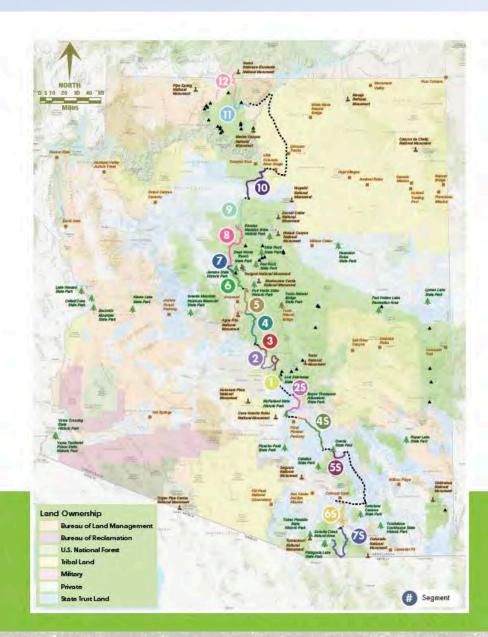
Using the Atlas

The Great Western Trail is made up of 20 segments including highway connectors. Segments maps have been provided within this Atlas. The Segment maps provide background on nearby Cities, Towns, or National Forests associated with the segment. The maps provide land ownership, points of interest, campgrounds, picnic sites, lodging, restaurants, national monuments, convenience stores and gas stations.

Each map includes segment overview, local points of interest, type of vehicle, best time of year for travel, duration, and terrain description.

OVERVIEW













Segment 75

Patagonia Mountains / Coronado National Forest

Coronado National Forest - United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service

The Coronado National Forest's 15 Sky Island mountain ranges offer spectacular scenery, diverse vegetation from deserts to conifer forests, and a wide variety of recreation settings from pristine wilderness to places with many amenities like visitor centers and campgrounds. Millions of people visit the Coronado National Forest each year to sightsee and enjoy the great outdoors. The area offers mountain bike trails, OHV areas, lakes for fishing and boating, equestrian facilities, and a ski area.

Points of Interest

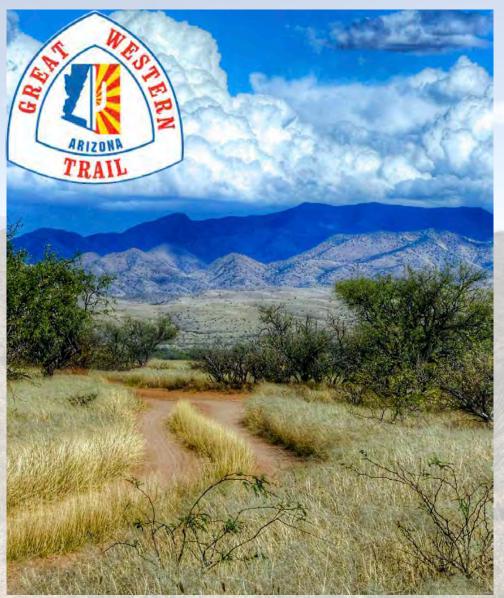
There are three wilderness areas within the Coronado National Forest. Wilderness is designated by Congress as "an area of und eyeloped Federal land retaining its primeyal character and influence." Wilderness is a repository of clean air and water, unfragmented wildlife habitat, and natural areas for research and education.

- Sabino Canyon
- · Mt. Lemmon
- Madera Canyon

Recreation Activities within Coronado National Forest

- Bicycling
- · Climbing
- Horse Riding
- OHV Riding - Outdoor Learning
- · Scenic Driving Water Activities

- Camping and Cabins
- Fishing · Hiking
- + Hunting - Nature Viewing
- · Picnicking













OHV Coordinator Updates

The State OHV Coordinator will provide updates on 2022 OHVAG member terms and the Town of Quartzsite Staging Area Ribbon Cutting



OHVAG Term Expirations

2021 Roster					
Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group					
Status	Name and Address	Term, Affiliation & County			
Active 2nd Term	Ben Alteneder	Maricopa County Arizona Wildlife Federation Appointed 2019-2021			
Active 1st Term	Geoff Chain	Yavapai County NOHVCC & Coconino Trial Riders Appointed 2019-2021			
Active 2nd Term	Jason Cobb	Maricopa County Trophy Lite Industries & Quartzsite Sun Riders Appointed 2021-2023			
Active 2nd Term	Todd Davis	Pima County Trail Riders of Southern Arizona Appointed 2021-2023			
Active 1st Term	Holly Irwin	La Paz County La Paz County, Arizona Appointed 2019-2021			
Active 1st Term	Thomas Murphy	Maricopa County Arizona ATV Riders Appointed 2021-2023			
Active 1st Term	Charles Wood	Apache County Apache County ATV Club Appointed 2019-2021			



Quartzsite Staging Area Ribbon Cutting













AGENDA – E

Future Agenda Items

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AGENDA - F

Current Events

Group members will discuss current events and/or recent experiences of interest to the outdoor recreation community and/or the status of any projects with which they are currently involved.



AGENDA – G



AGENDA - H

Future Meeting Dates: Monday, November 29, 2021 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.



THANK YOU!

