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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
of
THE ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE
ON TRAILS (ASCOT)
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given to members of the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) and the general public that the State Trails System Subcommittee will hold a meeting open to the public on **Wednesday, December 12, 2012 @ 4 p.m. at the Arizona State Parks office, 1300 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Second Floor Conference Room**, pursuant to A.R.S. §41-511.22. Attendance will be available via teleconference by calling 1.877.820.7831 and entering the participant code 522515. The Subcommittee will discuss the following matters:

AGENDA

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

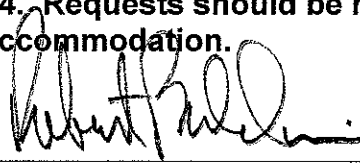
- A. ROLL CALL**
- B. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** - The public is invited to make a statement to the subcommittee regarding the meeting topics.
- C. DISCUSSION ITEMS** - Action is limited to selecting individuals to do further research on the issue and directing staff to include the item on a future agenda for appropriate action.
 - 1. Discuss the purpose and need of a State Parks Trails Guide.
 - 2. Review the need for updating the current Guide. Discussion to focus on existing distribution methods of trail information by land owners/managers and third parties (organizations, authors, etc.).
 - 3. Identify opportunities and constraints of updating the Guide for landowners/managers and State Parks.
 - 4. Develop criteria and requirements for being listed in the Guide.
 - 5. Discuss the criteria for STS trails.
 - 6. Identify areas for further investigation and discussion for next subcommittee meeting in late-January. Determine Action Items and responsibilities.

7. Laddie Cox will report on the results of his meeting with the Coronado NF trails manager regarding keeping STS information current on forest service trails. (See Attachment C7.)
8. Review the trails "app" being developed by State Parks.

D. NEXT MEETING DATE / ADJOURNMENT

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Robert Baldwin at (602) 542-7130.

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 Date 12-6-12
Robert Baldwin, Arizona State Parks

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Results of Meeting With USFS Rep about Updating the ASRTG

From: laddie.cox@comcast.net

Sent: Fri, Nov 9, 2012 at 11:15 am

To: Baldwin, Bob

Bob,

Please process the following information as needed to keep us within the law. Thanks.

Laddie

"Greetings to All Members of the Subcommittee of ASCOT on Updating The Arizona State Trails Guide,

After some missed ques on my part, I finally met with Mr. Zac Ribbing of the Coronado National Forest (CNF) on Tuesday, 06 November 2012. Zac is a very experienced and knowledgeable trails person and is responsible for the trails in the three southernmost Ranger Districts of the CNF.

We discussed the concept of the Arizona State Trail System and whether there were any practical ways to keep the Guide current.

Being the competent, professional that he is, Zac said he would not object to responding to the ASCOT effort to update the guide, largely because he already has, and tries to keep current for his and his organization's own use, all of the necessary data. Zac makes a detailed report, at least semi-annually (I think. I have a copy of his 20 June 2012 report) that gives the current condition and status of each of the trails for which he is responsible. But he also acknowledged that to have any real incentive for rapid processing and response, it would be great if the fact that a trail was a part of the Arizona State Trails System really aided in the acquisition of monies for trail maintenance and/or construction.

To me, the most useful ideas to result from this discussion are:

a. To ask either in the transmittal letter or in the ASCOT (Update) Questionnaire itself if the land management agency has their trails in a digitized database and if so what is the applicable soft ware or program and with what others, if any, is it compatible or interactive. For example, Zac uses the USFS's ARCGIS program/ software for all trails (and roads).

b. Where possible, to link our Arizona State Parks Web page trails related portion to the trails pages of the various land management agencies web pages.

We also reviewed:

a. The list of 103 trails in the CNF that are listed in the 2003 ASTSG and confirmed what we all suspected, that there were trails that would meet all of the criteria for the Arizona State Trails System that were not in the system; an example is the CNF Trail Number 43, Morse Canyon Trail, in the Douglas Ranger District. And there are those in the system which do not currently meet the criteria; an example is the Emigrant Canyon Trail, Number 255.

b. Both the current printed / approved criteria which is to be met in order to

become a part of the ASTS, as well as the current nomination form. He felt that both were good documents, but suggested that a question be added to the nomination form much as follows: 'Is any part of or all of the trail in a federally designated wilderness; if so which one?' (Even though the already required maps and GPS data would reveal this, I think this is a good suggestion because it could simplify the automotive questions by adding the direction of 'If so skip to....')

Just on my own, I recommend that question #18 of the proposed "ASCOT QUESTIONNAIRE" be amended to read "Directions, including access to the trail and trail head locatuions."

As an additional comment, how many of you are aware of the "Monitoring Form-State Trails System" as created by surveymonkey.com and linked to the Arizona State Parks Web Page? I was not aware of it until the other day when I stumbled on to it by chance, We need to think of ways to make as many trail users aware of and to make use of this as we can.

You know, as we have all already agreed, this effort to update the Guide and to establish it as an interactive data base for use by the public is not going to be easy. I discovered the other day that the trails person at Saguaro National Park I would have felt comfortable with in working this issue has been transferred out of state.

Sigh!

Laddie Cox"

Thanks again Bob.

Laddie