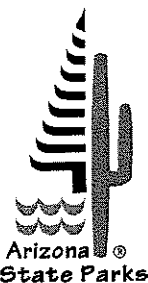


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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
of  
**THE STATE RECREATIONAL TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
(SRTAC)  
of  
**THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to A.R.S. §41-511.22 to members of the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT), the Off Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) and the general public that the committees will hold a meeting open to the public on **Friday, April 26, 2013 beginning at 10 am at the BLM-Arizona State Office, One North Central Building, 8th Floor, Phoenix (NE corner of Central and Washington)**. Visitors may park on the first level of the Parking Garage by entering off of 1st Street (heading north) from Washington Street (ONE WAY heading west). Please use the Visitor Stalls (marked in Green). Have your parking ticker validated at the reception desk on the 8th Floor before going to the conference rooms. Attendance at this meeting is available via teleconference by calling 1.877.820.7831 and entering the participant passcode 522515.

**This meeting meets the requirement of the Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) to convene at least annually a diverse group of motorized and non-motorized recreational trail users representing public interests.** Public comments will be taken. The Committee will discuss and may take action on the following matters:

**AGENDA**

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

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**
- C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** - during the public meeting, the Chair may afford any person the opportunity to present statements, with or without the opportunity to present them orally. Those wishing to address the Committee must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. Each presentation will be allowed not more than five minutes. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or re-schedule the matter for further consideration at a later time. Comments pertinent to agenda items may be discussed during the discussion for that item.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Approval of Minutes from the April 6, 2012 meeting.**

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2015 State Trails Plan** – Annie McVay, State Parks Planner, will provide an overview of the process for compiling information and finalizing the 2015 State Trail Plan. She will emphasize the involvement needed from the motorized and non-motorized advisory groups.
2. **Discuss the Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP)** – Staff will present information on the status of federal apportionments to the Recreational Trails Program, balances available, program procedures. Attendees will discuss the RTP and provide guidance to State Parks Staff. 1-7

**F. REPORTS**

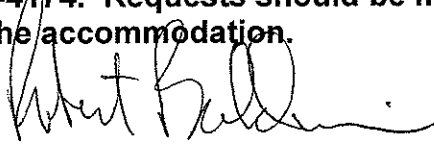
1. The 2012 OHVAG Chair and/or designees will report on the Statewide OHV Program projects and accomplishments from 2012.
2. The 2012 ASCOT Chair and/or designees will report on the non-motorized trails projects and accomplishments from 2012.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

A copy of the agenda background material provided to the Committee is available for public inspection at Arizona State Parks, 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona and on the State Parks website at <http://azstateparks.com/committees/ASCOT.html> or <http://azstateparks.com/committees/OHVAG.html>.

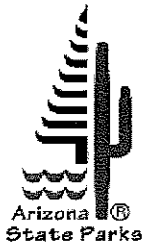
For additional information contact Robert Baldwin (602) 542-7130.

**Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, or this document in an alternative format, by contacting State Parks, at 602-542-4174. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.**

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## SRTAC Action Item / Information Report Agenda Item #: E-2

Title: **Discuss the Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**  
Presenter: *Robert Baldwin, RTP Manager*  
Date: *April 26, 2013*

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### **Background:**

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. MAP-21, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (P.L. 112-141), was signed into law by President Obama on July 6, 2012. Funding surface transportation programs at over \$105 billion for federal fiscal years (FFY) 2013 and 2014, MAP-21 is the first long-term highway authorization enacted since 2005. It reauthorizes the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) as authorized in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005.

The RTP originated in 1991 as the National Recreational Trails Fund program (also known as NRTFA or the Symms Act), then reauthorized in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA 21) of 1998.

In Arizona, the Governor designated the Arizona State Parks Board administering authority of the RTP funds. As the agency responsible for the RTP, State Parks works closely with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to ensure that program expenditures comply with federal requirements, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Authorization of funds and compliance with NEPA is through the FHWA. Funds are authorized for obligation through an interagency agreement between State Parks and ADOT. The RTP is a reimbursement program and requires a match.

FHWA Notice N4510.761 identifies the distribution of Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funds set-aside from the total reserved for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 Transportation Alternatives Program and amounts that may be set-aside for the RTP at \$1,934,863 [Federal Project #RTP 000-A(209)]. This apportionment is reduced by 1% (\$19,349) required to be returned to FHWA for program administration. The amount that may be obligated is \$1,915,514. The amount that may be obligated for program administration is \$135,440.

Attachment E2A shows RTP apportionments under SAFETEA-LU, the extensions, and MAP-21.

The future of the RTP after federal 2014 has not been determined and concerted efforts to continue it will need your support.

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**Status to Date:**

A requirement of the program is that each State must receive guidance on the program and distribution of funds from a multi-user recreational trails advisory committee. In Arizona this function is served by convening a joint meeting of the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) and the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG), citizen advisory groups appointed by the Arizona State Parks Board. Comments from the general public are solicited and considered during the open public meeting.

**Non-Motorized Portion:**

In July 2012 State Parks announced a grant opportunity for non-motorized trail projects and State Parks RTP Trail Maintenance Program projects. Twenty-six trail projects requesting \$1.9 million were submitted. (See Attachment E2B) These projects have been scored and will be funded in the order of the highest scores first, if the NEPA documentation can be provided and cleared by FHWA. Fourteen projects requesting \$1,003,311 were identified as likely to get funding over the next two years. Lower scoring projects that get their NEPA approved will be funded first.

Sixteen trail maintenance applications requesting \$608,665 were received. (See Attachment E2C) Four projects sponsors who have not received trail maintenance money in the last two cycles will be funded first (\$150,165). Then four project sponsors who only received trail maintenance money in one of the last two cycles will be funded next (\$158,500). Finally, the remaining eight project sponsors will be drawn at random and funded in the order of the draw as funds are available.

All non-motorized projects will use half of the obligation authority available for federal fiscal years 2013 and 2014 or approximately \$1,280,375. So far in 2013 we have funded \$617,456 in non-motorized projects. Some of those projects were trail maintenance projects carried over from the 2010-2012 cycle (\$231,100). (See Attachment E2D)

**Motorized Portion:**

Motorized trail projects are solicited on a continual basis. RTP funds are assigned to projects that meet the requirements of the RTP guidance and can meet the NEPA requirements. These projects also receive a portion of state Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund money to meet match requirements if necessary. Five projects that were awarded funding in 2012 will receive \$445,191 in 2013 funds. (See Attachment E2D) Two additional projects awarded funding in March 2013 will receive \$101,793 in RTP fund. At least two more grant cycles will be completed in time to award additional motorized RTP funds in 2014.

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**Obligation Authority:**

For the first ten years that State Parks administered the RTP program we were informed each year by ADOT how much of our annual apportionment could actually be "obligated" for projects. Generally, that "obligation authority" was about 90% of the apportioned funds. The RTP guidance allows funds to be obligated within three years following the year they were apportioned.

In February 2012 we were informed that the RTP program was actually included in the ADOT 5-Year Transportation Plan and our obligation authority was capped at \$1.455 million for the next five years. Since our annual apportionment under MAP-21 is \$1,934,863 minus the 10% FHWA reduction, the ADOT cap does not allow us to use the full apportionment. Worse yet, it does not allow us to use any of the unobligated funds from past years. We currently have more than \$6 million in unobligated RTP funds from 2010 through 2013. This balance came about when State Parks was not staffed adequately to continually solicit projects and project sponsors did not have matching funds or staff to take on projects.

The State Parks Executive Director recently sent a letter to the director of ADOT requesting an increase in the obligation authority to 90% of the yearly apportionment. This would provide an additional \$270k per year, but we would never get access to the prior year amounts.

**Time Frame/Target Date for Completion:**

The next motorized project solicitation was announced on April 25, 2013. Applications will be due on June 14, 2013. A non-motorized cycle will not be announced unless the RTP is extended through 2015 or if we discover a way to get access to the unobligated funds.

**Relevant Past Board Actions:**

The Parks Board awarded non-motorized trail projects at their December 4, 2012 meeting. The Parks Board awarded motorized trail project at their March 21, 2013 meeting.

**Attachments:**

Attachment E3A – RTP Apportionments

Attachment E2B – FY 2012 RTP Non-Motorized Project Applications

Attachment E2C – FY 2012 State Parks Trail Maintenance Program

Attachment E2D – 2013 Projects Per ADOT \$1.455M

ATTACHMENT EZA

RTP APPORTIONMENTS

RECISSION / RETURN	RTP FEDERAL YEAR	APPORTIONMENT	OA REDUCTION / FHWA REFUND	%	MOTORIZED PORTION @ 44%	NON-MOTORIZED PORTION @ 44%	ADMINISTRATION PORTION @ 7%	BALANCE MOTORIZED	BALANCE NON-MOTORIZED
	FFY 2005	\$1,303,189.00	\$1,284,162.44	\$0.99	\$565,031.47	\$565,031.47	\$89,891.37	\$10,705.00	\$0.00
	FFY 2006	\$1,453,155.00	\$1,239,661.43	\$0.85	\$545,451.03	\$545,451.03	\$86,776.30	\$0.00	\$0.00
	FFY 2007	\$1,587,945.00	\$1,437,090.23	\$0.91	\$632,319.70	\$632,319.70	\$100,596.32	\$0.00	\$0.00
FED REDUCTION OF 11.5%	FFY 2008	\$1,531,281.87	\$1,385,810.01	\$0.91	\$609,756.41	\$609,756.41	\$97,006.70	\$58,668*	\$58,668*
	FFY2009	\$1,614,741.00	\$1,477,757.13	\$0.92	\$687,157.07	\$687,157.07	\$103,443.00		
FED RESCISSION	FFY2009	-\$425,254.00	-\$425,254.00	\$1.00	-\$212,627.00	-\$212,627.00	\$0.00		
FEDERAL CORRECTION	FFY2009	\$320,122.00	\$288,109.80	\$0.90	\$133,971.06	-\$78,655.94	\$20,167.70		
	FINAL 2009	\$1,509,609.00	\$1,340,612.93		\$608,501.12	\$395,874.12	\$123,610.70	\$152,816.07	\$33,247.67
LESS ADOT REDUCTION OF \$130,551.97	FFY2010	\$1,484,189.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
2009 RESCISSION REVERSED	FFY2010	\$425,254.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
FEDERAL CORRECTION	FFY2010	\$320,122.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	FINAL 2010	\$2,229,565.03	\$0.00		\$1,063,918.18	\$1,063,918.17	\$101,728.68	\$316,453.77	\$505,362.09
FEDERAL CORRECTION	FFY2011	\$1,999,657.00	\$0.00		\$936,839.30	\$936,839.30	\$125,978.40	\$936,839.30	\$936,839.30
	FFY2012	\$1,806,325.00	\$0.00		\$859,246.44	\$859,246.44	\$87,832.12	\$859,246.44	\$859,246.44
MAP-21	FFY2013	\$1,934,863.00	\$19,349.00		\$957,757.00	\$957,757.00	\$0.00	\$957,757.00	\$957,757.00
								\$3,070,296.51	\$3,259,204.83

FY 2012 RTP NON-MOTORIZED PROJECT APPLICATIONS			
RATING SCORE	PROJ SPONSOR	GRANT REQUEST	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
34	Clifton Ranger District	\$52,472	Trail renovation and maintenance, installation of signage and interpretive panels, and provide trail guides. Affected trails in the State Trails System: Highline Trail 41, Salthouse Trail 18, East Eagle Trail 33, and Lengthy Canyon 89.
34	Springerville Ranger District	\$45,712	Trail renovation and maintenance, installation of signage and interpretive panels, and provide trail guides. Affected trails include: East Baldy/East Fork 95, West Baldy/West Fork 94, East Baldy Connector Trail 96, Railroad Grade Trail 601.
33	Alpine Ranger District	\$71,986	Trail renovation and maintenance, installation of signage and interpretive panels, and provide trail guides. Affected trails in the State Trails System: Foote Creek 76, Grant Creek 75, Cabin Shortcut 308, Upper Grant 65, and Steeple 73.
33	Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona (VOAZ)	\$100,000	Realign, renovate, and maintain approximately 11 miles of the Highline National Recreation Trail.
32	Black Canyon City Community Assn	\$75,105	Mitigate resource damage, provide support facilities (benches and shade structures), and provide trail signage on the Black Canyon Heritage Park Trail. A State Trail System trail.
31	City of Holbrook	\$99,815	Construct 7 miles of new trail in Hidden Cove Park, restore damage to aquatic and riparian areas, provide educational and wayfinding signs, and add support facilities including picnic tables, benches, and trash receptacles.
30	Lake Havasu City	\$52,012	Add an ADA restroom and drinking fountain, kiosk, trail signage and improve/cleanup existing trails at SARA Park.
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$497,102</b>	<b>Recommended for funding before June 30, 2013.</b>
28	Pine Strawberry Fuel Reduction, inc.	\$85,350	Construct approximately 8 miles of new trail, mitigate resource damage, and install signs on the Pine Creek Trail.
27	City of Bullhead City	\$93,552	Construct a 1-mile 8' wide hard surface accessible interpretive trail in the Colorado River Nature Center. Support facilities will include benches and shade structures. Mitigation and restoration are included.
26	Coconino County	\$96,860	Construct 6 miles of new trail in the Rogers Lake County Natural Area west of Flagstaff. Two trailheads with kiosks, bike racks, fencing, and signage are included.
25	Graham County	\$100,000	Renovate walking trail at Graham County Park. Mitigate resource damage, add a restroom and fitness stations, and sign the trail.
25	Saguaro National Park	\$71,147	Mitigate resource damage, renovate existing trail, reroute/construct .7 mi. of new trail, and replace signage on Carrillo Trail.
19	Mesa Ranger District	\$59,300	Remove deteriorated asphalt and construct sustainable trail. Mitigate resource damage in trail corridor and install signage.
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$506,209</b>	<b>Recommended for funding after July 1, 2013.</b>
19	International Mountain Bicycling Assn (IMBA)	\$99,400	Construct a 6.6 mile section of the Prescott Circle Trail.
18	Coconino National Forest	\$100,000	New trail construction, cultural clearances, trail restoration, and signage on the Cornville Trail System.
18	Community Forest Trust	\$19,495	Trainings will build the number and professionalism of volunteers prepared to build, renovate and maintain trails in central Arizona.
17	Maricopa County	\$100,000	Construct a fenced primitive parking area to provide access to a new unnamed trail that connects to the Black Canyon Trail. Support facilities will include a restroom, kiosk, and signage.
17	Town of Cave Creek	\$89,339	Acquisition of three easements from the AZ State Land Dept. totalling 1.018 acres. Trail will connect Maricopa County Cave Creek Regional Park with the Desert Foothills Land Trust trail.
17	Williams Ranger District	\$65,994	Renovate Spring Valley Cross Country Ski Trail near Williams, AZ and mitigate resource damage in trail corridor
17	Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Corp.	\$100,000	Construct .55 miles of 12' wide new trail in the West Wetlands and install signage and support facilities.
16	Arizona Wilderness Coalition	\$40,889	Trail renovation and maintenance on trails in Sierra Ancha, Mazatzal, Superstition and Four Peaks Wilderness areas. Develop a program to train volunteers to monitor trail conditions and forest health.
16	Town of Quartzsite	\$97,538	Add support facilities (bench, shade structure, trash receptacle) at three locations and a kiosk/map to Quail Trail.
15	City of Yuma	\$100,000	Construct .75 miles of 12' wide new trail in the West Wetlands and install signage and support facilities.
14	Mohave County	\$18,900	Install a vault restroom at the Dolan Springs Trail System trailhead.
11	American Trails	\$70,000	Provide funding for International Trails Symposium to be held in Arizona in April 2013. Eligible costs include facilities, AV needs, staff coordination, and transportation to off-site workshops.
9	North Kaibab Ranger District	\$31,641	Replace trailhead and directions signs in Kanab Creek and Saddle Mountain Wilderness Areas.
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$933,196</b>	
	<b>TOTAL REQUESTED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,936,507</b>	

## FY 2012 STATE PARKS RTP TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

PROJECT SPONSOR	REQD FUNDS	PROJECT AREA	LAST FUNDING
Bradshaw RD	\$31,915	Prescott Circle Trail	NONE
Payson RD	\$40,000	Donahue Trail 27, West Webber Trail 228, Turkey Springs Trail 217, East Webber Trail 289, See Spring Trail 185, Myrtle Trail 30, Babe Haught Trail 143, Horton Springs Trail 292, See Canyon Trail 184, Drew Trail 291	NONE
San Pedro RNCA	\$38,250	San Pedro Trail System	NONE
Verde RD	\$40,000	Oxbow Trail 163, Tule Rim Trail 162, Coldwater Springs Trail 27	NONE
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,165</b>		
Santa Catalina RD	\$40,000	SCRD trails	2008
Flagstaff RD	\$40,000	Arizona Trail, Eldon Lookout Trail	2010
Kingman FO	\$40,000	Cherum Peak Trail, Mohave Milltown Trail, Wabayuma Peak Trail, Monolith Gardens, Badger Trail, Castle Rock Trail, Missouri Springs Trail	2010
Tusayan RD	\$38,500	Tusayan RD: AZ Trail, Vishnu Overlook, Red Butte, Tusayan Mtn. Bike, Tes-X Nature Trails. Williams RD: Laws Spring, Overland, Keyhole Sink, City of Williams Link, Clover Spring, Scholz Lake, Kendrick Mtn., Deadman, Benham, Pumpkin, Bull Basin, Ponderosa, Dogtown Lake, Sycamore Rim, Parks Rest Area Nature, Beal Wagon, Davenport, Route 66 Hiking, Summit Mtn., Sycamore View, Bixler Saddle, Spring Valley Cross Country Ski, Connector Trails	2010
	<b>\$158,500</b>		
Globe RD	\$40,000	Telephone Trail 192, Pioneer Trail 196, Six Shooter Trail 197, Ice House Trail 198, Kellner Trail 242	2008/2010
Hassayampa FO	\$40,000	Black Rock Mine Trail, Black Canyon Nat. Rec. Trail, Harquahala Peak Pack Trail	2008/2010
Lost Dutchman SP	\$40,000	Prospector Trail, Crosscut Trail	2008/2010
Mogollon Rim RD	\$40,000	U-Bar Trail 328, Barbershop Trail 91	2008/2010
Pleasant Valley RD	\$40,000	Grapevine Trail 135, Lucky Strike Trail 144, Boyer Trail 148, Park Trail 55	2008/2010
Safford FO	\$20,000	Safford-Morenci Trail, Cottonwood Trail	2008/2010
Scottsdale	\$40,000	Tom's Thumb Trail	2008/2010
Cave Creek RD	\$40,000	Verde River Trail 11, Wet Bottom Trail 269, Highwater Trail 20	2008/2010
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>		
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$608,665</b>		



## 2013 PROJECTS PER ADOT \$1.455M

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT NUMBER / APPORTIONMENT YEAR	MOTORIZED PROJECTS	NON-MOTORIZED PROJECTS	ADMINIS TRATION
2011 Admin	NONE/2011			\$125,978.40
2012 Admin	NONE/2012			\$87,832.12
Lower Son	NM11011 / 2009 16X		\$18,900	
Maricopa	NM11012 / 2009 16X		\$40,000	
Alpine RD	NM11001 / 2010 17X		\$55,000	
Sprgvlr RD	471232 / 2010 17X		\$45,712	
Tbasin RD	NM11021 / 2010 17X		\$40,000	
Fool Hollow	NM11022 / 2010 17X		\$40,000	
Alpine RD	471233 / 2010 17X		\$71,986	
VOAZ	471234 / 2010 17X		\$100,000	
Flag RD	471204 / 2010 17X	\$64,508		
ACE	471205 / 2010 17X	\$79,970		
PVRD	NM11015 / 2010 17X		\$37,200	
Bullhead Cty	471239 / 2010 17X		\$93,553	
Blk Cyn City	471235 / 2010 17X		\$75,105	
Flagstaff RD	471201 / 2010 17X	\$130,000		
CCRD	471202 / 2010 17X	\$60,127		
AZ Strip	471203 / 2010 17X	\$110,586		
Clifton RD	471231 / 2010 17X		\$52,472	
Lake Hav	471237 / 2010 17X		\$52,012	
Bradshaw	471273 / 2010 17X		\$30,000	
San Pedro	471275 / 2010 17X		\$30,600	
Payson RD	471274 / 2010 17X		\$40,000	
Verde RD	471276 / 2010 17X		\$40,000	
		\$144,478	\$617,456	\$213,810.52

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