

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE FUND REPORT 2016

The State Parks Board administers a portion of the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund per *A.R.S. 28-1176 (I)* as revised by Chapter 294, 48th Legislature 2nd Regular Session 2008. Sixty percent of the funds transferred from the Arizona Department of Transportation are allocated to the State Parks Board. State Parks received \$3,060,232.43 in combined HURF (\$1,656,795.29) and DECAL (\$1,403,437.14) revenue for state fiscal year 2016. An additional \$62,007.11 was generated from interest and rebates.

Under *A.R.S. 28-1176 (C)* State Parks distributes 35% of monies (\$1,785,135.63) in the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund to the Arizona Game and Fish Department for informational and educational programs related to safety, the environment and responsible use with respect to off-highway vehicle recreation, law enforcement activities relating to this article and for off-highway vehicle law enforcement pursuant to title 17, chapter 4, article 3, including seven full-time employees to enforce this article and title 17, chapter 4, article 3.

- 1. The amount of monies spent or encumbered in the fund during the preceding fiscal year for the purposes of off-highway vehicle law enforcement activities:**
 - State Parks does not perform law enforcement duties in OHV areas. Therefore, no funds were spent from the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund for law enforcement activities.
- 2. The amount of monies spent from the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund during the preceding fiscal year for employee services:**
 - State Parks used 12% (\$167,886.62) of the total revenue (\$3,060,232.43) for administration of the program FY 2016.
- 3. The number of full-time employees employed in the preceding fiscal year in connection with off-highway vehicle law enforcement activities:**
 - State Parks does not perform law enforcement duties in OHV areas. Therefore, no funds were spent from the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund for employees in connection with off-highway vehicle law enforcement activities.
- 4. The amount of monies spent from the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund during the preceding fiscal year for information and education:**
 - At State Parks, expenditures in this category include funding for: coordination and operating expenses for non-State Parks agency staff assigned to OHV management; purchase of equipment to assist agencies in monitoring OHV activities and contacting participants; coordination of youth safe and responsible use programs; and, development of safe and responsible use educational materials.
 - One (1) project, Town of Eagar (Apache County-Wide Trail System), received \$60,000 and is in various stages of completion.
- 5. A specific and detailed accounting for all monies spent in accordance with this section for, as follows:**

(a) Construction of new off-highway vehicle trails – expenditures in this category include trail renovation and relocation, addition of support facilities such as staging areas and restrooms.

- Five (5) projects, Town of Eagar (Apache County-Wide Trail System), Coconino National Forest (Flagstaff Road), Bureau of Land Management (TMPs), Bureau of Land Management (Arizona Strip), and the Coconino Trail Riders received \$833,648 and are in various stages of completion.

(b) Mitigation of damages to lands – expenditures in this category include fencing or pipe railings, installation of “closed area” signs, interpretative signs, and other means to keep OHV operators out of specific areas.

- Five (5) projects, La Paz County (Hippie Hole Staging Area), Tonto National Forest (Mesa Road Trail Improvements), Town of Eagar (Apache County-Wide Trail System), Tonto National Forest (Cave Creek Road), and Coconino National Forest (Flagstaff Road) received \$397,105 and are in various stages of completion.

(c) Revegetation – expenditures in this category include the costs to transplant cacti and scrubs, seed, and spread ground cover.

- State Parks did not receive any requests for revegetation projects. Therefore, no funds were spent from the Off-Highway Recreation Fund.

(d) The prevention and restoration of damages to natural and cultural resources – expenditures in this category include trail and access road hardening and application of dust suppressant to reduce air pollution.

- State Parks did not receive any requests for restoration of damages to natural and cultural resources. Therefore, no funds were spent from the Off-Highway Recreation Fund for trail and access road hardening and/or the application of dust suppressant to reduce air pollution.

(e) Signage – expenditures in this category include the costs to install route markers, regulatory and informational signs, and kiosks.

- Three (3) projects, La Paz County (Hippie Hole Staging Area), Town of Eagar (Apache County-Wide Trail System), and Coconino National Forest (Flagstaff Road) received \$32,538 and are in various stages of completion.

(f) Maps – are being prepared by the federal land managing agencies in response to mandated motor vehicle travel planning efforts.

- Four (4) projects, La Paz County (Hippie Hole Staging Area), Town of Eagar (Apache County-Wide Trail System), Coconino National Forest (Flagstaff Road), and White Mountain Open Trails Association received \$31,289 and are in various stages of completion.

(g) Necessary environmental, historical and cultural clearance or compliance activities – expenditures in this category include the costs associated with meeting National Environment

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Policy Act (NEPA), Section 106, and State Historic Preservation Office requirements prior to ground disturbance.

- Two (2) projects, Town of Eagar (Apache County-Wide Trail System) and Coconino National Forest (Flagstaff Road) received \$41,431 and are in various stages of completion.

Competitive grant project funds totaling \$1,629,117.62 were awarded in FY 2016. Project sponsors are providing \$795,374.00 in match to complete these projects.