

# Rockin' River Ranch State Park

Public Meeting No. 3  
August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017



## Arizona State Parks and Trails (ASPT) Welcome

**Executive Director  
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- Park budget = \$4 million
- Balance of recreation uses, environment, and revenue

## Meeting Outline

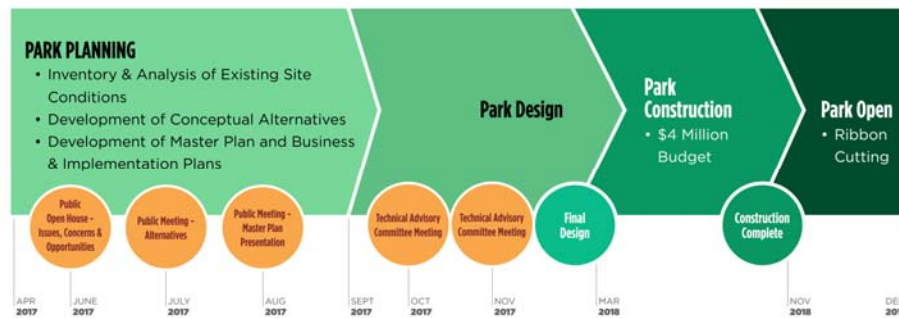
1. Planning Process/Schedule Overview
2. Cooperation and Partnerships
3. Summary of Previous Meetings
4. Inventory and Analysis
5. Review of selected comments and how they were addressed
6. Presentation of the Preliminary Master Plan
7. *Break*
8. Questions and Answers
9. Next Steps

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## Planning Objectives

- Balance between recreation experience and environmental preservation
- Preservation of the historic Verde Ranch ambiance
- Design a state park that the citizens love, enjoy, and are proud of
- Provide a sustainable revenue stream for ASPT to maintain the Park
- Build the project—on time and on budget



## Cooperation & Partnerships

- Town of Camp Verde
- U.S. Forest Service, Prescott National Forest
- Yavapai County
  - Board of Supervisors
  - Emergency Services
  - Public Works
  - Sheriff's Office-Eastern Area Command
  - Flood Control District
- Copper Canyon Fire and Medical Authority
- Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
- Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
- Arizona Department of Water Quality (ADWR)
- Arizona Game and Fish Department
- Friends of the Verde River Greenway
- The Nature Conservancy

## Summary of Previous Meetings

- May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) #1
- June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Open House:
  - 103 people signed in
  - 41 comments were submitted
- July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) #2
- July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Public Meeting:
  - 57 people signed in
  - 51 question cards and 8 comment forms were submitted
  - Three site plan alternatives were presented.
  - Comments collected from the open house and submitted through email, mail, and phone calls were discussed.
- August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) #3

## Inventory and Analysis

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| • Archaeological Resources   | • Regional Recreation Systems |
| • Biological Resources   | • Site Survey                 |
| • Building Assessments   | • Slopes                      |
| • Demographic Characteristics  | • Utilities                   |
| • Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Floodway and Floodplain | • Water delivery system       |
| • Land Use and Land Ownership  | • Visitor Use Data            |
|  | • Visual Resources            |

## Access Roads and Parking

- We heard concerns about access and parking.
  - *Two-lane roads will be constructed to meet roadway standards.*
  - *Parking was added at the Contact Station.*
  - *Parking was added at the Day-Use area to accommodate River access.*
  - *Additional parking near Group Camping area.*
  - *Additional parking near south River access point.*

## Cabins

- We heard cabins were too close to private property.
  - *Cabins were relocated away from property lines to a more centrally located area.*
- We heard there were too many cabins.
  - *We reduced the number of cabins to seven.*

## Camping

- We heard requests to move camping out of the Mesquite Bosque to preserve natural habitat and increase distance from private property.
  - *Group Camping was relocated north, away from the Mesquite Bosque, to a more centrally located area to reduce impacts.*
  - *Buffer zone associated with Group Camping was increased.*
- We heard requests for camping near the River.
  - *Camping near the River was not provided for the safety of Park visitors. This also preserves the integrity of the Verde River corridor habitat.*

## Fencing and Trespassing

- We heard concerns that cabins should have a fence to separate visitors from horses.
  - *A double fence was added between the cabins and pastures.*
  - *The buffer zone between the cabins and pastures has been expanded.*
- We heard concerns over trespassing on adjacent private property.
  - *Camping and cabins were relocated to areas further from private property. We added fencing and vegetative screening along private property borders.*

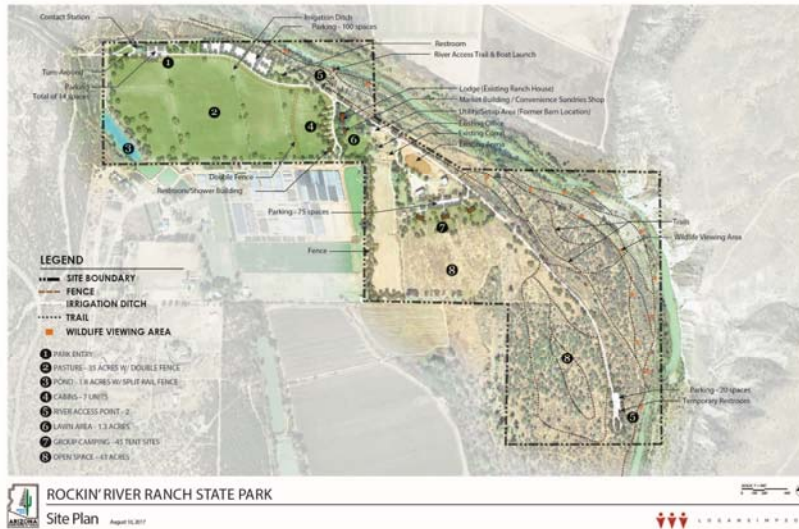
## Restrooms

- We heard requests for additional restrooms, including near the south River access point.
  - *Contact Station Restrooms were added.*
  - *North River Access Point Restrooms were added.*
  - *South River Access Point Temporary Restrooms.*
  - *Cabin area will have a dedicated restroom/shower building.*
  - *Existing centrally-located restroom (Office Building) will serve Park visitors/campers.*

## Trails and Natural Areas

- We heard requests for additional trails and to preserve natural areas.
  - *A trail network has been added to provide park-wide access for visitors.*
  - *We have reduced development in or near the Mesquite Bosque. Improvements will be limited to an access road, small parking area, and a temporary restroom structure.*
  - *Camping has been eliminated from the Mesquite Bosque.*

## Revised Site Plan for Rockin' River Ranch



## Break

**Rockin' River Ranch State Park Website**

[www.azstateparks.com/rockin-river](http://www.azstateparks.com/rockin-river)

**Meeting Notes and Other Materials**

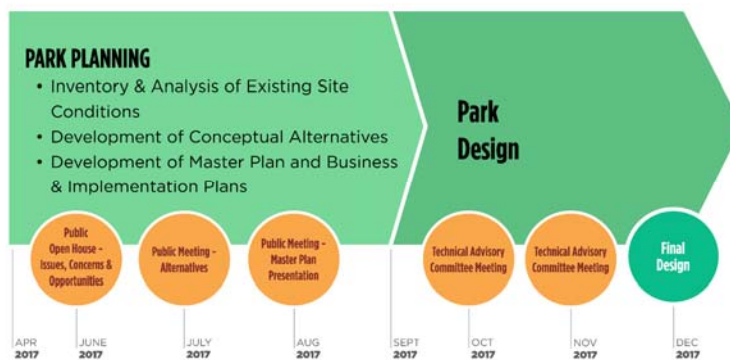
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## Questions and Answers



## Next Steps



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