Arizona State Parks Board
June 11, 2020

Dale Larsen – Chair
John Sefton – Vice Chair, Lisa Atkins, Jeffrey Buchanan,
Debbie Johnson, Shawn Orme, Terri Palmberg
Call to Order
Member Roll Call

Dale Larsen (Chair)
John Sefton (Vice-Chair)
Lisa Atkins
Jeffrey Buchanan
Debbie Johnson
Shawn Orme
Terri Palmberg
Mission Statement

“As Board members we are gathered today to be the stewards and voice of the Arizona State Parks and its Mission Statement to manage and conserve Arizona’s natural, cultural and recreation resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners.”
Approval of Minutes
The Board will review and may consider action to approve the meeting minutes from May 14, 2020.
Motion:
I move to approve the Board meeting minutes from May 14, 2020.
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Arizona State Parks 2020-2024 Trails Plan
- Dawn Collins, Office of Continuous Improvement
Thank you to everyone involved in the planning process!

- Arizona State Parks and Trails staff
- Claire Kredens, Trails Plan Intern / ASU GA
- Guest Authors
- Committees and Boards
- ALL Survey Takers
- Working Group Members
- Our Contractors
  - Partners in Brainstorm
  - University of Arizona, Agricultural & Resource Economics and Cooperative Extension
What’s Changed Since Arizona Trails 2015 Plan?

• Guest authored pieces
  • Professional perspectives on trail issues
• Literature Review
  • Compared AZ priorities and areas of interest to other plans
  • More in-depth academic literature review
• Organization around 4 SCORP pillars
  • To be consistent with overall 2018 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)
  • Increased focus on Accessibility and Inclusion / ADA focus
  • Additional information about where and how often survey respondents are using trails in Arizona communities
• Action Items
  • Include best practices, stories of success from the trails community as examples
• Priorities
  • Added new priorities based on SCORP and Working Group feedback
What’s Changed Since the Last Draft?

• Public comment (Mar 12 - Apr 13, 2020)
  • 80 comments
  • Issues addressed: obtaining land, new trails, single versus multi-use trails, enforcement, etc.
• Single versus multi-use trails white paper
• Release of U of A report “Economic Value of Trails in Arizona”
• Inclusion of COVID-19 impacts on recreation
• More action items
  • Based on public comment, Trails Summit, survey open-ended comments, etc.
• Clarification of concepts throughout document as requested (e.g., in Ch. 1 & 2: methods and intended use of the plan)
• E-bike analysis of survey respondents’ comments
• More guest authored pieces
  • Arizona State Land Department, Latinx community and trails
Plan Outline Review

• Chapter 1
  • Executive Summary, Planning Priorities, Literature Review

• Chapter 2
  • The Public Involvement Process (Surveys, Public Comment, Collaboration)

• Chapter 3
  • Motorized Trails Overview, Survey Results, Priorities and Action Items

• Chapter 4
  • Non-Motorized Trails Overview, Survey Results, Priorities and Action Items

• Chapter 5
  • Grants and Funding
Chapter 1
- Comparison of key concepts/concerns to other recommended state plans
  - CO, UT, WA, FL, MN, OR, MI, WI, CA
- Aligning with regional AZ plans
  - Ex: Sun Corridor, AZ Trail, Pima County, Maricopa County, etc.
- Current research and agency guest pieces on topics:
  - Technology and trail use
  - Diversity, inclusion, and accessibility
  - Sustainable trails
  - Crowding and unauthorized trails
  - Connectivity, stewardship, cultural resources
  - Safety and education programs

Chapter 2
- Random Sample Survey (5,014 completed)
  - Partner with Partners in Brainstorm
  - Mirrors the Census for accurate representation of Arizona
- Public Online Survey (4,576 completed)
  - Open to anyone who wanted to take it
  - Does not mirror the Census, but these are more invested users
- Land Manager (61 responses)
  - More non-motorized managers than motorized
Chapter 2: Demographics of Random Sample Survey Respondents Compared to Census Data
Demographics of Random Sample Survey Respondents Compared to the Census

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin

Race

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Chapter 3: Motorized Trails

- Random Sample Survey
  - 24.4% have used trails for motorized recreation in the last year (n=1,223)
  - 15.1% are core motorized users (n=757)

- Public Online Survey
  - 49% have used trails for motorized recreation in the last year (n=2,225)
  - 32% are core motorized users (n=1,481)

- E-bikes included in this chapter
  - Participation rate
  - Guest authored content contains analysis of agency/user perspectives
  - Summary of public comment perspectives provided
Participation Rates in Motorized Recreation Activities

- Driving a quad, side-by-side, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), or utility terrain vehicle (UTV)
- Driving a 4x4
- Riding a dirt bike
- Riding an e-bike

The table shows the percentage distribution of participation rates from 2010 to 2020.
E-Bikes Information

- 41% of motorized core random sample survey participants reported riding an e-bike in the last 12 months at least once
- 42 comments about e-bikes received on public online survey
  - 10 categorized e-bikes as motorized
  - 8 categorized e-bikes as non-motorized
  - 3 people agree that class 1 should be non-motorized and classes 2 and 3 should be motorized
- Insight: e-bikes are often used by the aging cyclist and mountain biking communities or people with disabilities/less physical ability
- Some polarized and passionate comments
- See pages 26-28 for 2 guest authored pieces on e-bikes
# Motorized Priorities

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<td>Connect trails to other trails, parks and communities</td>
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<td>Prevent or repair damage to environmental and cultural sites near trails</td>
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Chapter 4: Non-Motorized Trails

- **Random Sample Survey**
  - 59.2% used trails for non-motorized recreation in last 12 months (n=2,968)
  - 47.5% are *core* non-motorized users (n=2,381)

- **Public Online Survey**
  - 93% used trails for non-motorized recreation in the last 12 months (n=4,242)
  - 78% are *core* non-motorized users (n=3,564)
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Location of Favorite, Most Frequently Used and Furthest Trails (Non-Motorized)

- Based on Random Sample Survey responses
- This data also analyzed for the “Economic Value of Trails in Arizona” report conducted by University of Arizona.
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## Non-Motorized Priorities

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What’s Next for Arizona Trails 2020 Plan?

• Implementation & Evaluation of the Plan
  • How can ASPT staff work with advisory committees, the larger trails community and others to support plan implementation and evaluation efforts?
• Internal goals and objectives for the plan - ASPT focus
• Release of data at county/region levels
• Develop talking points for Economic Value of Trails in Arizona report
• Communication/Feedback From Statewide Recreation Plan Customers
  • What do they want to see out of the plan?
  • How can we make the plan more effective?
Motion:
I move to approve the Arizona Trails 2020: A Statewide Motorized and Non-Motorized Trails Plan.
2021 Motorized Grant Applications
- Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator
### 2021 Motorized Grant Applications

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Motion:
I move to recommend funding the 2021 Motorized Grant Applications as follows: Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District in the amount of __________, Tonto National Forest, Globe Ranger District in the amount of __________, and National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council in the amount of __________.
2021 Motorized Supplemental Grant Applications
- Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator
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Motion:
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2021 Non-Motorized Grant Applications
- Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails
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### 2021 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Requests

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<td>Grand Canyon Conservancy</td>
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<td>Verde River Institute</td>
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<td>Peoria, City of</td>
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Motion:
I move to recommend funding the 2021 Non-Motorized Grant Applications as follows: City of Yuma in the amount of _______, Grand Canyon Conservancy in the amount of _______., Verde River Institute in the amount of _______, Picacho Peak State Park in the amount of _______, Maricopa Trail and Parks Foundation in the amount of _______, Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District in the amount of _______, City of Peoria Maya Way ADA Trail in the amount of _______ and City of Peoria New River Trail Connection in the amount of _______,.
2021 Land and Water Conservation Fund Applications
- Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails
### 2021 Land and Water Conservation Fund Applications

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<td>Homestead North Park Development</td>
<td>$750,000.00</td>
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Motion:
I move to recommend funding the 2021 Land and Water Conservation Fund Applications as follows: City of Chandler in the amount of _______. 

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2021 Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications
- Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails
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<td>Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists</td>
<td>Be Cool Campaign</td>
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<td>Arizona Game and Fish Department</td>
<td>Watchable Wildlife Experience</td>
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<td>Network for Arizona Trail and Summit for Arizona Trails</td>
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<td>Lost Dutchman State Park</td>
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Motion:
I move to recommend funding the 2021 Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications as follows: Arizona Trail Association Trails Skills Institute in the amount of ________, National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council in the amount of ________, Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists in the amount of ________, Arizona Game and Fish Department Watchable Wildlife in the amount of ________, Benefactors of Red Rock State Park in the amount of ________, Arizona Trail Association Network for Arizona Trail and Trails Summit in the amount of ________, and Lost Dutchman State Park in the amount of ________.
Motorized Emergency Mitigation Project Updates.
The OHV Coordinator will provide updates on staff approved motorized emergency mitigation projects.
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Tank Pass Motorized Emergency Project: Before
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Tank Pass Motorized Emergency Project: After
Proposed Bouse Staging Area
Proposed Bouse Staging Area Update

I move to rescind the motion of the Board made on December 31, 2018 that authorizes the release of funds and delegation of authority to purchase real property to the proposed Bouse Staging Area/Development.
Arizona State Park Updates
Future Agenda Items
Board members may identify items or issues they wish to be considered for inclusion on a future Board agenda.
Current Events
Board members may present a brief 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. This item is for information purposes only. Board will not discuss or take action on any current events.
Call to the Public

The chair will recognize those wishing to address the Board.
Tentative 2020 Meeting Dates:
August 13, 2020
September 17, 2020
October 15, 2020
November 12, 2020
December 10, 2020
THANK YOU!