

## NOTES BELOW THE AGENDA

Network for Arizona Trails

### Statewide Zoom Call on Trails and COVID (#12)

Monday, January 25, 2021 \* 12:00-1:00 pm

#### ***“Statewide Collaboration Efforts”***

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88395761327>

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#### *~ Agenda ~*

- 12:00pm      **Introductions and Orientation to Zoom**
- 12:05pm      **Round Robin Updates**
- Land Managers - local, state, federal
  - Network for Arizona Trails Steering Committee
    - Research Library request
- 12:15pm      **Get Outdoors AZ** - *Nikki Julien, Arizona Wildlife Federation*
- 12:35pm      **Concurrent Resolution: Get Outdoors Arizona** - *Kirk Astroth, Network for AZ Trails*
- 12:55pm      **2021 Summit Planning Brief Update**
- 1:00pm      **Adjourn and after-meeting networking opportunity (15 min)**

#### **Updates:**

**Kari Roberg:** Gathering research about trails and outdoor recreation, specifically economic impact of trails and designing environmentally sustainable trails. Looking for materials, resources, additional topics as well as volunteers to help gather that information. Contact Kari if you would like to contribute in any way.

“Research topics we’re looking into: (1) Economic impact of trails

(2) Physically sustainable trails (e.g. trails designed to avoid erosion, structural longevity)

(3) Environmentally sustainable trails (e.g. designed to have the least impact on wildlife and plants)

If you have resources or would like to volunteer please email [kroberg@tourism.az.gov](mailto:kroberg@tourism.az.gov) or [araschke@dbg.org](mailto:araschke@dbg.org). Thank you!"

**Brian Poturalski** - Acting as the Region 3 Regional Dispersed Recreation and Trails Recreation manager. Wants to serve as a conduit between the FS and this group. GAOA FY 21 projects have been selected - he's going to get a list of those projects out to the group. FY 22 projects are in final selection process. FY23 projects. Wants this group to talk about how to approach this statewide - middle of April submittal process begins, final submittal is end of July. Wants to share some of the criteria that can be helpful in submitting those projects. A big part of what is important is projects that involve correcting deferred maintenance.

**Jeff Schmitt** - AZ State Parks

State Parks Grant Funding Workshop: January 28,2021 from 10am-12pm.

<https://azstateparks.com/apply-for-grants>

**Adam Milnor** - Coronado

Additional opportunity: Funding available for projects (including trail maintenance) under Secure Rural Schools title II in some southern Arizona counties:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coronado/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD877968>

the Coronado national forest, Wild Arizona and Climbing Association of Southern AZ are also launching a "Sky Island Trail Stewards" training program if you know folks who are interested, reach out to me. First event is in April.

**Matt Nelson** - AZ Trail

Open invitation to join us for the Arizona Trail Association Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 6th from 10 am - 12 pm online. Information is available at [www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org). Thanks!

**Sun Corridor Trail**

They do have a new website! <https://suncorridortrail.org/>

**Get Outdoors AZ** - Niki Julien AZ Wildlife Foundation

State chapter of the National Wildlife Federation. 50 business members. Has a website that works for both the business owner and the outdoor recreationist. Wants to promote these businesses to the recreationists, but also want to share the message of responsible recreation. Has compiled statistics from outdoorindustry.org specific to Arizona to be used in advocacy.

- Wants to connect lawmakers to the businesses, to each other and to non-profit groups
- Are non-partisan in approach
- Empower members to raise their voices in support of conservation and outdoor recreation
- Use social media to increase their reach
- Created a shopping gift guide to feature their various members

Several advocacy efforts including legislation to promote runding for outdoor recreation, protecting the Grand Canyon from uranium mining, etc. Has produced some short video content promoting the connection between businesses and outdoor recreationists.

Matt Nelson: "Please encourage very business owner you know to join the GO AZ Business Coalition! We are stronger together."

### **Kirk Astroth - Resolution and work of the Legislative Working Group**

Started with our presentation from Tom Adams re:Utah Dept of Outdoor Recreation and the group realized that a good first step to creating an equivalent here in AZ was to begin with a non-partisan resolution in support of Outdoor Recreation in general. We've drafted it and sent it through a vetting and revision process

As of now, we have major sponsors in the House and Senate. 30 organizations signed on in support and several organizations are moving toward signing on. Looking for a wide, diverse group of supporters before we have it in front of the legislators.

#### **Current list of supporters (more to come):**

Committed Supporters

The Nature Conservancy--Arizona

Tortolita Alliance

Friends of Ironwood Forest National Monument

Arizona Trail Association

American Conservation Experience

Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists

American Conservation Experience  
Verde Valley Wheel Fun  
OS3 Movement  
Mayor Mila Besich, Town of Superior  
Yavapai Trails Association <https://www.yavapai-trails.org/>  
Greater Prescott Outdoors Fund <https://www.greaterprescottoutdoorsfund.org/>  
Friends of the Sonoran Desert  
Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund  
County Line Riders  
Tucson Off-Road Cyclists & Activists (TORCA) <https://torca.org/>  
Southwest Decision Resources  
International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA)  
Flagline Trails LLC  
Camp Verde Town Council  
Trail Riders of Southern Arizona (TRS)  
Arizona SunRiders OHV Club  
Legends of Superior Trails (LOST)  
Rock-N-Slow Rollers Jeep Club of Quartzite  
TRACKS White Mountains Trail System [www.TRACKSwhitemountains.org](http://www.TRACKSwhitemountains.org)  
Arizona Parks & Recreation Association (APRA)

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