

## NOTES BELOW THE AGENDA

Network for Arizona Trails

### Statewide Zoom Call on Trails and COVID (#13)

**Monday, February 22, 2021 \* 12:00-1:00 pm**

**“Grant Funding through AZ State Parks”**

Join Zoom Meeting

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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
- 12:15pm      **AZ State Parks Grants** - *Jeff Schmidt & Mickey Rogers, AZ State Parks*
- 12:35pm      **Concurrent Resolution: Get Outdoors Arizona Update** - *Kirk Astroth, Network for AZ Trails*
- 12:55pm      **2021 Zoom Calls Brainstorm** - What do YOU want to talk about?
- 1:00pm      **Adjourn and after-meeting networking opportunity (15 min)**

#### NOTES:

Kent: Looking back at what we've done: A year ago this weekend we were all in Cottonwood talking about Trail Opportunities and Trail Challenges. Since then

- 13 Zoom Calls since April and the onset of the pandemic
- Steering Committee created the Network for AZ trails and the Charter
- Produced the Statewide Resolution with support from both parties in the State legislature and it is moving through the voting process.

- Collaborating with other groups and organizations working on similar projects and initiatives

## UPDATES

- Brian Stultz Wild AZ is working with Coronado NF and Casa to create a trail maintenance training activity April 17-18 that still has open spots in Madera Canyon area. If you have interest please follow up with him.
- RJ Cardin - Sun Corridor Trail Assn. has been incorporated. Also has a new website at [suncorridortrail.org](http://suncorridortrail.org)
- Kari Roberg - LNT material out on the AZ Office of Tourism website: The Appreciate AZ (Leave No Trace) toolkit is now available for your use at <https://tourism.az.gov/leavenotrace/> . We'll be hosting a webinar this Wednesday at 11 a.m. about Effective Communication: How to Engage Consumers and Talk About Appreciate AZ. Register to attend here: <https://arizonaofficeoftourism.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tlltdhjd-ohdttijluy-y/> And save the date for March 17 at noon for a webinar aimed at Arizona land managers interested in the Leave No Trace Gold Standard Program. Feel free to reach out with any questions! [kroberg@tourism.az.gov](mailto:kroberg@tourism.az.gov)

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## STATE PARKS

3 trails programs - Recreational Trails Program, Off-Highway Vehicle Program, Land and Water Conservation Fund.

- RTP
  - Trail Maintenance Fund - Existing maintenance of non-motorized trails.
  - Safety and Environmental Education (SEE) Program - both motorized and non-motorized projects
- Off Highway
  - Trail development and Trail maintenance for off road motorized vehicles.
  - Mitigation and Emergency Repairs on designated OHV routes.
    - These are approved at the Staff level so that they can be approved very quickly
  - Enforcement opportunities and educational opportunities on public lands
  - Signage grants - must be in designated OHV areas
- LWCF - primarily land acquisition program

Overview of the individual RTP projects that were approved.

- Grand Canyon Conservancy - \$147k to upgrade the South Kaibab Trail with Trail crews.
- City of Peoria - \$142k - Developing ADA connectivity at WestWing Park
- Verde River Institute - \$29.7k - Funding an on-river ambassador on using the river safely
- Apache-Sitgreaves = \$290k - Build 10 miles of new trail in the Maverick Trail system, maintain 12 miles of trail and install signage.
- SEE Program: A diverse funding opportunity
  - Verde Valley Cyclists - \$8k to support the Red Rock Mountain Bike Patrol uniforms, backpacks, first aid kits
  - AZ Board of Regents = \$9k to develop a video to educate hikers about hydrating in the heat to stay safe
  - AZ Trail Association - \$9k for the support of the Network for AZ Trails

- Lost Dutchman State Park- \$7k to develop exploration packs for use by guests to help them learn more about the natural environment.
- Arizona Game and Fish - \$10k to develop a statewide birding trail website
- NOHVCC \$9k to develop a trail building workshop on the Coronado National Forest for sustaining OHV trails
- SDMB - \$7k to expand on their “Be Cool” Campaign for trail etiquette signs
- OHV Program
  - AZ State Lands \$1.5mil to complete a non-urban land management plan to inventory existing motorized trails on State Land, making that inventory available to the public.
  - AZ State Parks \$113k to increase public outreach efforts with dealerships and events statewide. Including maps and guides on trail etiquette and LNT materials.
  - Natural Restorations \$237k - additional cleanups in OHV staging areas. There were several of these submitted recently by other groups as well.
  - Apache-Sitgreaves NF = \$28k to purchase a new OHV for conducting patrols to help with enforcement.
  - AZ State Parks = \$13k - emergency mitigation on an OHV trail in Buckskin Mountain State Parks too technical for beginner users causing a number of accidents.
- LWCF Projects - scored based on the Statewide Recreation Plan. Acting Stakeholders should contact Dawn Collins for more information. Kicking off the process for the new Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Plan starting in April - if you'd like to be involved please reach out to Dawn.
  - Town of Camp Verde - \$2.5mil to develop a new sport complex (active rec) will also connect with several miles of non-motorized trails.
  - City of Show Low - \$600k Develop playground
  - City of Chandler = \$750k for a new park and trail head at Homestead North Park

Bi-Monthly workshops

### **Concurrent Resolution: Get Outdoors Arizona Update**

Kirk Astroth: Crossover week at the Legislature. Rules Committee is meeting to review the resolution for adherence to the basic rules of the body. 38 individual organizations have stepped up to support the resolution.

- On the Senate side: passed easily from the Natural Resources committee and the Rules Committee. Added to the Consent Calendar and transmitted to the House on the 18th.
- On the House side: passed the Resources Committee and the Rules Committee. Being reviewed by the caucuses and added to the Consent Calendar.
- Could be approved/passed unanimously by later today!
- Sets the stage for us to move forward with some of the other pieces that we discussed at the Summit.

Because of the stage of where we are at, if you're registered in the RTS system you can't use it because it's out of the committees. You need to directly connect with your legislators.

Monthly Theme Brainstorm:

- Generalized information about what's happening statewide and specific projects going on in different parts of the state, is very beneficial to know where to start looking for resources. AOT, State Parks, Problems in other areas
- State Land Department and State Parks - Non-urban management plan - how can organization be involved in this. (talk to Jackie)
- I'd like to see more discussions geared towards finding consensus amongst the trail & land managers. I think this group could be that committee that brings forth MAG standards for trails to continue to improve consistency from agency to agency. Also in the topics of e-bikes, signage and OHV enforcement. (Brandon)
- How to manage funky new technology (Claire), and E-bikes part 2 - how the different jurisdictions are managing e-bikes, e-bike impacts, a follow up to Matt's presentation (the Arizona 2020 Trails Plan Chapter 3 has data on e-bikes)

Allyson Collins -- add to distribution list

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Chat:

11:53:42 From Wendy Lotze to Everyone :

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/15FpkTqrE0\\_oqoc-q6kM5F5xtS4yiWbrv/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15FpkTqrE0_oqoc-q6kM5F5xtS4yiWbrv/view?usp=sharing)

11:56:57 From Wendy Lotze to Kent Taylor-Pinal County(Direct Message) : Link to agenda and notes on Google:

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11:57:15 From Wendy Lotze to Tahnee Robertson(Direct Message) : Link to agenda and notes on google:

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11:57:50 From Brian Stultz to Everyone :

<https://www.wildarizona.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Sky-Island-Trails-Training-Announcement.pdf>

12:01:25 From Wendy Lotze to Kent Taylor-Pinal County(Direct Message) : Can you give the summary of the last year that you did at our Steering Committee meeting? I think that would be really good for the rest of the folks to hear as well.

12:03:54 From Wendy Lotze to Matt Roberts Flagline Trails(Direct Message) : Heya Matt! Love to check in with you today on how the weekend went!

12:04:25 From Matt Roberts Flagline Trails to Wendy Lotze(Direct Message) : it was GREAT

12:04:33 From Matt Roberts Flagline Trails to Wendy Lotze(Direct Message) : will give you a call after meeting

12:04:57 From Wendy Lotze to Matt Roberts Flagline Trails(Direct Message) : Cool~

12:10:45 From Tahnee Robertson, SDR to Everyone : Yes, the one year anniversary since the Summit which was February 20-21 last year in Cottonwood! April 2020 we started the statewide zoom calls.

12:11:22 From Ann Hutchinson (BLack Canyon City, AZ) to Everyone : I don't see Brian's link

12:11:27 From Shandiin, Ancestral Lands (she/her/hers) to Everyone : @Brian Stultz, do you have any grip hoist trainings?

12:11:36 From Wendy Lotze to Everyone : That Link Again from Brian  
<https://www.wildarizona.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Sky-Island-Trails-Training-Announcement.pdf>

12:12:13 From Wendy Lotze to Everyone : Congratulations to all those who have been working on the Sun Corridor Trail!

12:12:20 From Kent Taylor-Pinal County to Everyone : <https://suncorridortrail.org/>

12:12:59 From Dawn Collins, AZ State Parks & Trails to Everyone : Kari, I saw that! Very exciting. Thanks

12:13:53 From Kari Roberg, AZ Tourism to Everyone : The Appreciate AZ (Leave No Trace) toolkit is now available for your use at <https://tourism.az.gov/leavenotrace/>  
Weâ€™ll be hosting a webinar this Wednesday at 11 a.m. about Effective Communication: How to Engage Consumers and Talk About Appreciate AZ. Register to attend here:  
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12:14:53 From Tahnee Robertson, SDR to Wendy Lotze(Direct Message) : can you rename mickey

12:15:05 From Tahnee Robertson, SDR to Wendy Lotze(Direct Message) : FFMZ is his

12:18:29 From Kirk A. Astroth-Sonoran Desert MTBers to Everyone : Does the OHV enforcement funding extend to State Lands?

12:28:25 From Kent Taylor-Pinal County to Wendy Lotze(Direct Message) : 50 folks on the call today, not bad

12:29:51 From Wendy Lotze to Kent Taylor-Pinal County(Direct Message) : It seems to stay right there regardless. I find that pretty cool!

12:31:11 From Kent Taylor-Pinal County to Wendy Lotze(Direct Message) : yes, I'm always amazed!!

12:31:33 From Wendy Lotze to Kevin Who Wears Many Hats in the Verde Valley(Direct Message) : Love your title Kevin...may steal it someday!

12:35:54 From Dawn Collins, AZ State Parks & Trails to Everyone : Natural Restorations also provided a guest authored piece regarding how they use social media to recruit and communicate with volunteers, develop support for projects, etc. Check it out...[www.azstateparks.com/publications/](http://www.azstateparks.com/publications/) in the Arizona Trails 2020 Plan

12:38:53 From Dawn Collins, AZ State Parks & Trails to Everyone :  
[dcollins@azstateparks.gov](mailto:dcollins@azstateparks.gov) (602) 542-7128 Contact me if you are interested in statewide recreation planning!

12:40:22 From Dawn Collins, AZ State Parks & Trails to Everyone :  
<https://azstateparks.com/grants/>

12:40:33 From Wendy Lotze to Jeffrey Schmidt - Arizona State Parks(Direct Message) : Could you send the presentation to me to be shared via our website?

12:41:05 From Tahnee Robertson, SDR to Everyone : Thanks, Jeff, all great projects!

12:41:45 From Claire Miller - City of Phoenix - Natural Resources Division to Everyone : Thanks guys!

12:43:00 From Jan Hancock to Everyone : Great presentation, Jeff!

12:43:11 From Kent Taylor-Pinal County to Everyone : Jeff and Mickey, thanks for all the info. We will follow up on a couple of future zoom meeting topics

12:44:28 From Jeffrey Schmidt - Arizona State Parks to Everyone : For information on State Parks Grant Programs <https://azstateparks.com/grants/>

12:47:05 From Jan Hancock to Everyone : What is the Resolutiom Number?

12:47:43 From Kent Taylor-Pinal County to Everyone : HCR2034 and SCR1046

12:52:06 From Tahnee Robertson, SDR to Everyone : Virtual Trails Summit - May 19 and 20th

12:52:19 From Kent Taylor-Pinal County to Everyone : May 19th and 20th for a virtual summit

12:58:13 From Kirk A. Astroth-Sonoran Desert MTBers to Everyone : Something on e-bikes and the myriad of ways they are handled would be good.

12:58:46 From Ann Hutchinson (BLack Canyon City, AZ) to Everyone : something on e-bike that are really motorcycles (no pedals)

12:58:56 From Brandon Putman-Peoria to Everyone : I'd like to see more discussions geared towards finding consensus amongst the trail & land managers. I think this group could be that committee that brings forth MAG standards for trails to continue to improve consistency from agency to agency. Also in the topics of e-bikes, signage and OHV enforcement.



12:59:06 From Tahnee Robertson, SDR to Everyone : in addition to the e-bikes presentation that Matt Nelson did?

12:59:47 From Jan Hancock to Everyone : Wonderful meeting...thanks a million!



13:00:03 From Beth Keune | AZGFD to Everyone : Awesome! Lots to celebrate today!

13:00:03 From Dawn Collins, AZ State Parks & Trails to Everyone : Kirk, the Arizona 2020 Trails Plan also has some information on e-bikes. Not sure it is enough for a whole presentation on its own, but in Chapter 3 there is some data that you might be interested in.



13:00:04 From Brian Stultz - Wild Arizona to Everyone : Thanks for the information today

 Tahnee Robertson, SDR (me) 

 Wendy Lotze (Host) 

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