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Network for Arizona Trails

Statewide Zoom Call on Trails and COVID (#16)

Monday, July 19, 2021 * 12:00-1:00 pm

“Trails and Technology”

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~ Agenda ~

12:00pm **Introductions and Orientation to Zoom**

12:05pm **Round Robin Updates**

- **Land Managers - local, state, federal**
- **AZ Office of Tourism - Visit Arizona Initiative**
- **State Parks - Heritage Fund Improvements**
- **Network for Arizona Trails Steering Committee**

12:15pm ***Trails and Technology - Rich Smith Tonto Recreation Alliance***

Questions will follow the presentation

12:45pm **Updates from SCORE!**

1:00pm **Adjourn and after-meeting networking opportunity (15 min)**

[Click here for a list of participants in the Zoom meeting](#)

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Round Robin Updates

Claire Miller City of Phoenix - Talk about closing trails due to high temperatures in the city resulted in a pilot program to close some of the most popular trails in the City system during periods of excessive heat warnings. This was largely prompted by concerns over the safety of Fire Fighters coming to rescue people who are in distress. More information on the program can be found here: <https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/parks-and-recreation/1987>

Jim Schenk LOST Trail - Good news from the ground: Arnet Canyon trail system did not burn in Telegraph Fire.

Jeff Schmidt AZ State Parks - Legacy Program and Heritage Fund Information on both funding sources will be available on the State Parks website soon. Online presentations scheduled for August 20th covering the Heritage fund and August 26th covering all funding opportunities.

Legacy Program - similar to the LWCF but with additional stipulations. Must be in an urban area of greater than 50k people and adjacent to an underserved population (criteria given). Fund is administered by NPS. Reach out to Mickey Rogers and Jeff Schmidt to schedule a pre-site assessment as applications are due August 31st.

Heritage Fund - \$10 million one time allocation - plan is to set aside a percentage of that for development of new facilities. Still working to develop scoring and will update on progress at the next meeting and at scheduled workshops:

Arizona State Parks and Trails Heritage Fund Workshop

Friday, August 20th, 2021

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join by video system:

<https://meet.google.com/mhh-pbxt-xbs>

Join by phone:

+1 662-487-6109

PIN: 560 322 513#

Please email grantstaff@azstateparks.gov to RSVP.

Kari Roberg - Tourism - Visit Arizona Initiative - \$100million - \$60million is for grant funding including Responsible Tourism Messaging and Promoting Tourism. Guidelines and applications are forthcoming and there is some information on the website. Hoping for more information in the next couple of weeks

From chat: Information on the Visit Arizona Initiative: tourism.az.gov/grants. Please fill out the “Express Your Interest” form at the bottom of the page and you’ll receive updates as they are available. With questions email grants@tourism.az.gov. Thanks!

Trails and Technology - Rich Smith Tonto Recreation Alliance

Self described semi-professional GIS Hack, exploring ways to help Tonto NF put out more mapping information in advance of the Tonto's OHV plan.

- Lots of Apps out there - some have been out there forever and new ones are coming out every day. OEM's are making their own for their own equipment.
- Social Media is it's own source without specific mapping but great information sharing
- Each company is trying to find their niche and specialty.
 - Avenza - georeferenced pdfs - easy to make maps for but not very customizable
 - Gaia GPS - more robust way to use your phone like a full GPS receiver unit
 - Crowd sourced solutions - Strava, OsmAnd - public loads their tracks into it without much oversight.
 - Crowd sourced with administration - Trailforks - users can submit their trails, but they have to be approved by a local or global administrator in order to be shared
 - Guidebook - TrailsOffRoad - content is developed by paid contractors (like authors)
- Crowdsourcing is both an advantage and an issue. They're collecting a huge amount of information quickly, but the quality of that information is variable and largely uncontrolled.
- Content is limited by what the app developer thinks you want to see
- Many great opportunities;
 - Great way to advertise trail
 - Easy to deliver content to users - location, conditions, characteristics
 - Potential for sharing etiquette messages
 - Some are involving trail management organizations
 - Geofencing - the device can trigger a notification to user based on geographic information. Marketing is the obvious application, but could be useful for

management of outdoor trails. Maybe control use patterns, or warn people about potential for other users

- Jim Schenck - would love to see something that had everything especially related to Arizona.
- Paid vs Free? The majority are both. They may have limited capability for free with a subscription option with wider capabilities.
- Geofencing as a possible revenue source for operations and maintenance?
 - The groups that know where the good things are maybe able to monetize on their data. These organizations have valuable content from their regular work on the trails.
- Stephanie from Backcountry Horsemen: She's seeing a lot of social trails appearing on these apps. This creates a conflict with the Forest Service's efforts to keep people on official trails and close down those social trails.
- Kirk Astroth (SDMB) - he did some management of trails for MTB project through REI and found that they had an inconsistent policy about social trails. Same as Trail Forks - because their administrators are local, they get to choose what appears and there isn't a consistent policy for what they admit or deny. This can lead to people shutting out "private" trails/systems.
- Geofencing - can that be used to document off trail use? The consistency of data and recording makes this challenging. Are these apps tracking people or are the notifications only appearing in the user's interface?
- Role of the Network - how do we get State Lands at the table?
- Tom Reilly - the county challenged the State Land Commissioner on releasing lands to the county for trails and was told a legislative change of the constitution would be necessary.
- State Parks has been looking into this as well - land manager response has been the biggest issue from them. Until all of the Land Managers are at the table it is difficult to have a consistent message.
- Can we draft a document to app developers detailing our role, who we represent and what we would like to see in terms of the direction - what sort of impact could we see from that?
- Can we partner with more states/agencies to further increase our leverage?

Concurrent Resolution Update (SCORE!) - Legislative session was chaotic at the end wrapping around a budget. Our resolution had passed initial votes in both the house and the

senate, but it ended up sitting on the floor and it was never given its final vote to pass. It died. We're disappointed but we're continuing our work on the need for an Office of Outdoor Recreation. Kari with AOT is offering her support of that effort.

Ellen Parish: Diablo Trust - Recreation Summit August 12th all are invited. Dr. Jordan Smith from Utah State University is their keynote speaker.

You are cordially invited to Diablo Trust's Recreation Summit on August 12th from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the Elks Lodge in Flagstaff (2101 N San Francisco St.). The Recreation Summit is an event to bring awareness and solutions-based discussions regarding recreation impacts in Northern Arizona. The Recreation Working Group, a collaborative of numerous organizations and agencies formed earlier this year, has been meeting regularly to discuss recreation impacts, share resources and look towards solutions. We are excited to bring these conversations to a bigger, broader group in hopes of finding a pathway forward to protect our shared resources.

The event will begin with a great lineup of speakers with facilitated discussions to follow. We'll then have an opportunity to move into breakout groups that will provide open discussion of issues, impacts and steps towards solutions. Coffee, water and snacks will be available at the Recreation Summit.

Following our Recreation Summit on August 12th, Diablo Trust will hold its Annual Meeting and Annual Campout on August 13th-14th at Ashurst Run on the Flying M Ranch (directions to Ashurst Run are below). The Annual Meeting, held from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM will begin with updates from the Diablo Trust ranches – Flying M Ranch and Bar T Bar Ranch. Then we'll transition into a recreation-focused speaker lineup followed by solutions-based discussions. Following the Annual Meeting, we will shift to our Annual Campout with a catered dinner at 5:30 PM and fun around the campfire. The Campout will conclude with a catered breakfast Saturday morning.

Event Summaries:

- Recreation Summit, August 12th at Elks Lodge in Flagstaff, 9:00-12:30. For more info: <http://www.diablotrust.org/calendar/2021/8/12/recreation-summit>
- Annual Meeting and Annual Campout, August 13th-14th at Ashurst Run on Flying M Ranch. For more info: <http://www.diablotrust.org/calendar/2021/8/14-15/annual-meeting-and-campout>
 - Annual Meeting: 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
 - Annual Campout: Dinner at 5:30 PM, overnight camping, and concludes with breakfast on Saturday

We hope you can join us for any or all of the Diablo Trust events to learn more about recreation impacts and solutions in Northern Arizona. **We ask that you RSVP for which events you plan to attend by July 30th. RSVP and questions can be directed to info@diablotrust.org.**

Directions to Ashurst Run from Flagstaff:

- Head south on Forest Highway 3/Lake Mary Road
- Turn left onto Forest Road 125/Kinnikinick Lake Road
- Look for “Diablo Trust” signs, about 1.5 miles down Forest Highway 125

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Participants:

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	Jim Schenck - LOST (Guest)		
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	Kari Roberg, AZ Tourism (Guest)		
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	Kent Taylor Pinal County (Guest)		
	Kirk A. Astroth--SDMB Tucson (Guest)		
	Kits iphone (Guest)		
	Lee's iPhone (Guest)		
	Matt Eberhart (AZ State Parks) (Guest)		
	Matt Roberts - Flagline Trails LLC (Guest)		
	Mike Marshall CV P&R (Guest)		
	Mike Quigley, TWS (Guest)		
	Nick Mustoe - USFS (Guest)		
	Rebecca Antle - ASA4WDC (Guest)		
	RJ.Cardin Maricopa County Parks (Guest)		
	Rose Harley - Tonto National Forest (Guest)		
	Sandi Heysinger Sedona Red Rock ... (Guest)		
	Sarah Halligan Yuma Crossing NHA (Guest)		
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	Stephanie BCHCAZ (Guest)		

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TT	Tom Thurman (Guest)	X	▢
TF	Tonya Forbrook - Wickenburg (Guest)	X	▢
TS	Tracy Stephens - Friends of the Ver... (Guest)	X	▢
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