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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
of
THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP
(OHVAG)
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to A.R.S. §41-511.22 to members of the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) and the general public that the Group will hold a meeting open to the public on **Friday, April 6, 2012 beginning at 8:30 am at the BLM-Arizona State Office, One North Central Building, 8th Floor, Phoenix (NE corner of Central and Washington)**. Visitors may park on the first level of the Parking Garage by entering off of 1st Street (heading north) from Washington Street (ONE WAY heading west). Please use the Visitor Stalls (marked in Green). Have your parking ticket validated at the reception desk on the 8th Floor before going to the conference rooms. **Attendance via teleconference is available by request only. Call-in instructions will be provided.** The Group may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the State Parks Assistant Attorney General on any of the agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431 et seq. Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been assigned a time certain. Public comment will be taken. The Group will discuss and may take action on the following matters:

MINUTES

(The Chair reserves the right to set the order of the agenda.)

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CHAIR SAVINO: I call to order the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group on this Friday, April 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., at the BLM-Arizona State Office. I'm going to have roll call.

B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

CHAIR SAVINO: I am John Savino, Chairman, Member-at-Large.

MR. FRENCH: Don French, White Mountain Open Trails Association, Kingman.

MR. MOORE: David Moore, Rocky Mountain Oak Foundation.

MS. ANTLE: Arizona State Association of Four-Wheel-Drive Club.

MR. McARTHUR: I'm Thomas McArthur, Coconino Trail Riders.

CHAIR SAVINO: I would like to make a note that Bill Nash is not here and neither is Pete Pfeifer, but we do have a quorum and we're going to start.

1. OHVAG Chair (or designee) will read mission statement

The Statewide OHV Program Mission is to develop and enhance statewide off-highway vehicle recreation opportunities, and develop educational programs that promote resource protection, social responsibility, and interagency cooperation.

CHAIR SAVINO: The next thing is call to the public.

C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – I want to state for the folks out here that if you're here for a grant, then we'll call you for that specific grant. When that grant comes up, please wait and we'll address you then. If you're not here for a grant and you just want a general discussion, then you're welcome to get up there right now. Is there anybody out there?

(No Response.)

D. REPORTS – may be attached or presented verbally or the information may be provided at the meeting and will address the following subjects:

1. OHV Program Partner Reports – Representative from the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, AZ Game & Fish Department or other agencies and organizations are allotted time to make presentations at the request of the Group or on behalf of their agency or organization.

None scheduled.

2. Staff Reports:

- a. Update on 2012 revenue in the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund and the amount available for projects.
- b. Update on the Board directive to study the feasibility of including OHV activities at existing State parks.
- c. Staff or a representative from the OHV Ambassador Program will give an update on the events and program accomplishments.
- d. Staff will report on any Parks Board actions affecting OHV funds, projects, or issues.
- e. Staff will report on the status of any legislative issues affecting OHV funds or activities.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, we're going on. This is an easy one – so far.

Okay, I'd like to have the group go to – we're going to skip around because the Perfect Media (D.2.4) presentation will be later on in the day. Item one (D.1) on the agenda is OHV Program Partner Reports. There's nothing. So I'm going to staff reports right now. Bob gave out to all of us an item update on all these items. Item D.2.a is an "Update on 2012 revenue in the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund and the amount available for projects." If you go to pages one and two,

you'll see that breakdown. All we're going to do to expedite everything – do you have any questions on this?

MR. FRENCH: I do.

CHAIR SAVINO: The Chair recognizes Don French.

MR. FRENCH: Bob on page two, I'd like to understand the difference between OHV Program Administration and State Parks Operating Appropriations. There's a lot of money there and I don't know where that –

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Chairman, Mr. French, the operating appropriations is something that has been in the state budget for the last ten or eleven years. At some point, the legislature took some general fund money out of the Arizona State Parks' budget and said, "Here, use \$692,100 out of the OHV Fund to replace that." It's been doing that for 12 years now, something like that.

MR. FRENCH: That's the money we hear about?

MR. BALDWIN: That just goes to their budget for operations. The other allotted money is the 12 percent under the legislation that State Parks is allowed to use for the administration of the OHV Program.

MR. FRENCH: That's part of that stuff that's up above right there?

MR. BALDWIN: Up above what?

MR. FRENCH: The operating appropriation? The OHV Program Administration? That's part of that 12 percent, right?

MR. BALDWIN: No, they're separate pieces. One is appropriation to the budget – State Parks Budget, \$692,100. The other is under the OHV law that allows State Parks to use 12 percent of their share to operate the OHV Program.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, any other questions on that?

(No Response.)

CHAIR SAVINO: I have one here. When do you travel in State? When you say, "\$6,588," what is that on your OHV Program Administration?

MR. BALDWIN: I'm not sure where you're looking.

CHAIR SAVINO: If you go down to the OHV Program Administration area, the fourth one says, "Travel In-State." The Project Number is 15110. You come over and it says the budget was \$6,500, and you spent \$6,588.21. That's what was spent. Keeping in mind that the State Parks' Board said there would be no travel expenses issued out, how did the \$6,500 get in there?

MR. BALDWIN: I'd have to check that out with the budget staff. I'm not sure what that was spent on.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, would you please do that and report to us at the next meeting?

MR. BALDWIN: I will do that.

CHAIR SAVINO: Are there any other questions there?

(No Response.)

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, let's go to the next one.

On D.2.b? "Update on Board directive to study the feasibility of including OHV activities at existing State parks." I'm sorry that we didn't have enough time to go through it. The Board directed staff to see what the feasibility would be to making some of the State parks "OHV-friendly." That was one of our issues that we had. So they hired a person, Annie McVay, who used to be with State Parks. She's now employed with Arizona State University. She was hired to come in and do a survey. They've done it up at Lyman Lake – and I don't know if there are other ones you've done so far?

MR. BALDWIN: She's been to Buckskin State Park and Alamo State Park.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, so, she's done that and then they'll come back with a report on those things and we'll look at it. So that's the report in front of you. Does anybody have any questions on that?

(No Response.)

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, we'll move on then (D.2.c).

"Staff or a representative from the OHV Ambassador Program will give an update on the events and program accomplishments." Do you want to handle that, Bob? Or do you want to just go on what we have here? We have it written down in our pamphlet. If you read your pamphlet on what the accomplishments are and what their projected "meet and greets" are. Does anybody have any questions on that?

MR. FRENCH: I've got one. On this schedule of events that he put out, is it possible for him to say who's sponsoring these? You know, which group is sponsoring? If you know the area, I guess you know who it would be. What I'm concerned about, if I may – is, I'd like to go out and see what the Community Force Trust or CREC is doing on their projects, and I don't know the areas that well, so I can't correlate it to say, "the Verde River is their area," or what have you.

MR. BALDWIN: Okay, well anything on the Prescott Forest would be CFT. There's Verde Ranger District Trail Maintenance. That's tomorrow. There's Bradshaw Ranger District – Verde, Bradshaw and Chino Ranger Districts are all under Prescott; than you've got Chino Ranger District on the 21st. Anything on the Prescott National Forest would be CFT.

MR. FRENCH: Okay, that's good to know.

CHAIR SAVINO: Yes, Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: I was looking over this and it's got Rail X Ranch Road, which is near us, on April 28. Has the Ambassador contacted any of the user groups around those areas? Because we've not been contacted. That's an area – we've adopted that ranch in there and no one's contacted the Tucson Rough Riders on that that I know of. Are any of your local clubs in on that?

MR. BALDWIN: I'll have to check with them (OHVA Coordinators) and see. Gail Fisher is coordinating that, as you can see, and they are working with -- the people for right now, at least the volunteers out of that area, were trained here just recently. So, I'm not sure what outreach they've done with the other groups down there. So you're with which ones?

MS. ANTLE: We're from Rough Riders. We work with Game and Fish in there. We adopted that ranch -- I don't know -- five, six, seven years ago. And, I've not heard one word from Game and Fish. I was just with them last week.

MR. BALDWIN: It wouldn't be a bad idea for Chris and the Ambassadors -- the administrators -- to notify any of the local clubs in the area, when they go. Most of it is a foregone conclusion, when they're doing it up here in the Hassayampa FO, you know, Ranger District and the Tonto, but if they're reaching out into other areas -- especially where they're new -- if they contact the local clubs, if it's possible, and make them aware that's going on, it would help the Ambassador Program, too.

MR. BALDWIN: Who's the Game and Fish representative that you guys work with?

MS. ANTLE: Well, I work with Matt Walton. That's the adopted ranch. So, that would probably be one you could contact.

MR. BALDWIN: Okay. Well, that's kind of a different area. Those guys are probably familiar with the Ambassador Program, but they don't work with it directly like the law enforcement guys do.

MS. ANTLE: John Wines would be the other one I guess you could contact. He's the head of everything down there.

MR. BALDWIN: All right, I'll make a point of that, so, that's out of the Landowner Relations Department, right?

MS. ANTLE: That's what Matt is, right.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Any other questions on that one?

(No Response.)

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, we're skipping D.2.d, but I would like to address D.2.e, which is, "Staff will report on the status of any legislative issues affecting OHV funds or activities." I would like to report on that.

A couple months ago, I wrote a letter. Game and Fish was trying to put a bill in. Originally the bill was put in so Game and Fish could take over the decal portion of the sticker fund of SB1167, and also put in there about no more reciprocity in the state -- have out-of-staters come in and do this. When the bill went forward, there was more language in the bill than just that. Game and Fish was trying to take over the program. The way they had it written in there was, they were going to take over the program. In the final bill that came forward, they wanted two different things in there for taking over that program and taking it away from State Parks. They wanted \$780,000 up front to take over that program. Then they

wanted to add another \$10 per vehicle to register your thing. So, instead of the \$25, they raised it up the \$10.

I sent a letter to Representative Wires. My name was on this thing saying I was promoting it. So I wrote a letter to Representative Wires telling him that I was not in favor of that part of the bill. I was in favor of the decal part and the reciprocity, but I was not in favor of them taking over the program. The bill was subsequently kicked out and Game and Fish stated they were going to try again this next year. So I just wanted to make you aware of that.

Okay, I'm going to go into – there's no Chairman Report (D.3). Perfect Media (D.4) will be this afternoon. So now we're going to go into the part about the – "OHVAG will select a new and vice chair. The elected parties will assume those roles for the remainder of 2012. If you go to page nine – excuse me – seven and eight.

E. OHVAG ACTION ITEMS

- 1. OHVAG Will Select A New Chair and Vice-Chair** – The elected parties will assume those roles for the remainder of 2012.

CHAIR SAVINO: How we're going to handle it this year is, I want – if there's a person here, who would like to be chairman this next year, let me know now and we'll let you address the rest of the group so you can give us an idea of what you would like to accomplish this next year. Is there anybody?

MR MOORE: I don't feel I could satisfactorily handle the duties of chair. I would be willing to do vice chair again.

CHAIR SAVINO: Thomas, are you interested in running for chair this year?

MR. McARTHUR: Most assuredly not.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, I am. Sorry to say that, Bob, but I am. So, I'm going to put my name in for chairman, again, this year. What we've accomplished – I'm going to go through this, so go with me – this last year, I feel what we've accomplished – we've had better accountability from the Ambassador administrators, getting reports from where the Ambassador Programs were and where the money is going. So we have better accountability on that. You're going to see further on in today's agenda, where we get even better on that.

We have an OHV website that has started up and we're going to improve upon that. We have better communications with the Board of Directors. I've personally attended 10 out of the last 12 Board of Directors' meetings and brought up issues on that. It's an ongoing thing. We have business cards now. So we have some identification, where we didn't have it before. We now have a voice and we're now having State Parks look into developing some of their parks into OHV Parks.

The things that I want to accomplish this year – and I need your help and hope you will give me suggestions on this and other things – are, I want to continue with last year's accomplishments, receive more recognition from State Parks in the

lobby and what have you. I still have a problem. You go into their lobby, there's no mention of off-highway vehicles. Here's an industry that's putting in more than ten percent of their entire operating budget and we have no mention there. If you go on their website, there's no mention of OHVs. I want to push towards that. I want to re-establish our travel expenses so we can get out and go look at these projects. So, if you have any ideas on that.

First off, somebody needs to nominate –

MR. MOORE: I'd like to make a motion to nominate John Savino as Chairman of the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group.

CHAIR SAVINO: Is there a second?

MR. FRENCH: Second.

CHAIR SAVINO: Motion was made by Dave Moore and seconded by Don French. All those in –

MS ANTLE: You need to ask if there are any other nominations, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR SAVINO: Are there any other nominations for Chairman?

(No Response.)

MS. ANTLE: Then you need to close the nominations.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, I'm closing the nominations.

MS. ANTLE: Now you can vote.

CHAIR SAVINO: Now we'll have the vote.

All those in favor of John Savino for Chairman for the next year, signify by saying aye.

CHORUS OF VOICES: Aye.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, it's unanimous.

Now we're going to the Vice Chair position. I'm going to query the group. Thomas, are you interested in the vice chair position?

MR. McARTHUR: No, I am not.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. David?

MR. MOORE: I would be willing to continue as Vice Chair.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, Don?

MR. FRENCH: Negative.

CHAIR SAVINO: Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: I would, if David doesn't.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, does that mean you're interested?

MS. ANTLE: I could do that.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, so we have two nominations for the vice chair position. Do you want to state something about what you'd like to accomplish?

MR. MOORE: I would like to recommend – and if it comes to that – to nominate Rebecca to do it.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, so you're dropping your position?

MR. MOORE: I would be willing to do it. I think that maybe a little change is good.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, what we have – and Thomas, jump in here if you want – we have one nomination. That's Rebecca Antle for the vice chair position for the coming year. Are there any other nominations?

MR. MOORE: Nobody's made that motion.

CHAIR SAVINO: Yeah, okay. Now, the motion.

MR. FRENCH: I move to appoint Rebecca Antle as Vice Chairman of the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group until a new chair is elected in 2013.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, is there a second to that?

MR. McARTHUR: Second.

CHAIR SAVINO: Thomas seconds it. Any other nominations?

(No Response.)

CHAIR SAVINO: No, with that I'm closing it. Let's have a vote. All those in favor of Rebecca Antle for this year's vice chair position, signify by saying aye.

CHORUS OF VOICES: Aye.

CHAIR SAVINO: Unanimous. Okay, so, Rebecca, you're there. We've gotten that taken care of.

E. OHVAG ACTION ITEMS

- 1. OHVAG Will Discuss the Statewide OHV Program Project Funding Applications and Select Projects for Funding** – The Group will discuss the projects and agree on the total priority points to be awarded for each project. Project sponsors will be asked to be present to answer questions. Projects will be selected for funding based on the score the project receives and the availability of funds.

CHAIR SAVINO: Moving right along. We're going right to the grants. How I'm handling it with the grants, Members, is, the people who are here, I've put them in order. I'm going to call them up and ask them to speak on behalf of the grants. So, if you have any questions – the first one I'm starting with is Jay McKinley, representing Whiplash. He's representing the grant that's up in front of him

representing White Mountain Open Trails Association. Because I wrote that grant – I was asked to write that grants on behalf of the Forest Service. They’re busy with the Wallow Fire cleanup and everything. They asked me to get involved in that. I told them I would do it and thought, because of that – even though there’s no monetary – either you’re coming back to me, either approving this or not approving this, I’m just going to recuse myself from this whole discussion.

So, Jay, if you’d like to take the podium up there or you have questions, please feel free to ask.

MR. McKINLEY: Good morning. I’d like to thank you in advance for considering this grant. It’s important to all of us racers. I’m Jay McKinley. My family and I have been involved with family-oriented outboard racing in Arizona for approaching three decades.

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Chair, you don’t have time for presentations today. We need to go straight through the criteria, evaluate the grant, based on the criteria and get a score for the criteria. If Mr. McKinley can answer any questions while you’re doing that, he’s welcome to do that. But, we don’t have time for presentations.

CHAIR SAVINO: We’re going to go forward – I’m running this, okay – we’re going to go forward with the presentation on this and try to get through them as quick as we can. It’s important because we do have issues with the rating process. I need to know – but try to limit – I will tell you this, please limit it down to as quick as you can on the presentation. But we’re going forward as I see fit. Go ahead.

MR. McKINLEY: All right. During that time, we’ve seen Gila Bend, Wahoo, Buckeye Hills, Salome, Young and Vulture Mine courses closed or deemed ineligible for both competitive events, during the time we’ve been doing that. However, we feel outboard racing is a legitimate use, part of OHV use.

Whiplash has – I won’t go into what we do – we have a kids’ program where kids learn how to ride safely. They also get to deal with riding fast. They have a natural urge to do that. We do it in a relatively supervised and controlled atmosphere.

Let me skip through some of this stuff. Snowflake, that is the largest, most popular event in memory. It is usually much larger, in fact, than the Parker Race in terms of competitors. A lot of people don’t know that. Our predecessors, ADRA and the Planter’s Group, have been doing this race with us – it started 40 years ago. In the days before the Depression, we would bring in the neighborhood of a thousand competitors and several thousand spectators to watch this race every Labor Day.

We’ve always enjoyed a good relationship with the land managers in the Snowflake area – the people in the Black Mesa Ranger District – but apparently there’s been new leadership there and rule changes. A NEPA was required apparently some nine years ago. They either were not aware of it or didn’t worry about it. As a result, they closed the area to our legendary event last year. We were not able to have our event. They say because of their workload and their

budget constraints that they have no intention of doing this necessary NEPA unless we get this grant. So, in a word, without this grant, there will be no Snowflake Race. The race can't continue. It will be doomed. So, with the grant, we'll have miles and miles of trails open to racers, trail riders, campers, hunters, woodcutters, etc.

If we get the grant, the Forest Services have said they will work with the outside contractors so we can get this done in a timely fashion, so we can get the area open again. So, that's what we need to do, get it open as fast as we can.

With regard – and I hope this doesn't step on anybody's toes – with regard to the sticker program itself, I've been in the OHV business for 50 years, give or take, as a racer fabricator, enthusiast and promoter. Obviously the OHV hasn't been around that long. But in the time it has been around, frankly, I'm not aware of how it works, I wasn't aware of who managed it, and I saw very few positive accomplishments linked to the fund, from an OHV point of view.

It seems to me that the people with access to the fund used it to employ, empower and implement law enforcement officers who then restricted OHV use and fined OHV users. To my knowledge, little of the fund was used to enhance OHV use. Therefore, Whiplash has never advocated buying a sticker. We're exempt from it at our racing thing, so we've never asked people to buy a sticker because, frankly, we didn't quite see the benefit. Now, with the fund open to pubs like the White Mountain Open Trails Group and other end users, we feel that the fund is actually going to help or has the ability now to help OHV users – end users – that we will require all of our racers to have a stamp on their vehicles before they can race.

We're going to be proactive. I want to work with you guys. I want to be proactive. We have a huge mailing list and – my mind just went blank – we can talk to a lot of people. I want to work with you guys, put together a package that will make us proactive in getting the word out to other people that this thing is actually a good thing. It's now supporting the law enforcement officers who're going to write you a ticket.

So, anyway, I'd like to thank you again for considering this thing. The racers really need this. If you have any questions – I know time is an issue – but I'm here.

MS. ANTLE: Any questions?

MR. McARTHUR: I have a couple questions.

MS. ANTLE: Okay, go ahead.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay, fine, on the grant application here, there's a discrepancy between the grant request and the sum of the estimates given. The estimates for the project run at \$110,000 and the grant request is for \$130,000. And, I have a second question when this has been answered.

MS. ANTLE: It's approximately at – I think you can probably go ahead and talk since you've already recused yourself.

CHAIR SAVINO: Can I talk about –

AAG HERNBRODE: No, if he recused himself, he cannot talk.

MS. ANTLE: He can't discuss anything?

AAG HERNBRODE: Right.

MS. ANTLE: All right. Approximately \$2,000 for travel. Paper supplies was over estimated. It was over estimated by \$9,000. They figured it would be better to over estimate since the funding will only be issued once the receipt is handed in.

MR. McARTHUR: I have a question, then. If the cost to implement the grant comes out at less than \$130,000, then the difference stays with OHVAG?

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Chairman, any money that is not expended is returned to the fund and reallocated.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay, thanks. And my second question is that beyond the race, what are the implications, what are the benefits for other OHV activities? How does it go beyond the race portion?

MR. McKINLEY: Could I speak to that? The basic thing is that once the Forest Service or land managers begin closing roads or saying we have cultural resources impacting the area, that we can't identify, history tells us that they'll close those roads, restrict use, and it will be a domino effect in the area. Some of the places where the cultural resource, NEPA, has to be done are actually connector roads that would make the area a system of fingers that would not connect. So it would be devastating to the racing community and the OHV community, in general. They've been using that place.

In fact, I think the Forest Service got grants from you guys several years ago. We put in cattle guards so we could leave the gates down for the cattle grazers that were out there, to make the place more OHV friendly. Unless we get this grant, they're going to start fitting down roads and that will affect, dramatically, the hunting in particular in that area, the camping and those kinds of things.

Then I have another question.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay, so the NEPA approval would then be not just for the race, at race time, but all year-round for all OHV activities?

MR. McKINLEY: That's what I understand, yes sir.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay, thank you.

MS. ANTLE: Any other questions?

MR. BALDWIN: Yes, I have one. Is there any plan for a permanent designation within the general plan for the area to designate it as off-road racing and OHV use in perpetuity?

MR. McKINLEY: It was my understanding that several years ago when we put the cattle guards in that that was the intent. Okay? I'm sure you guys were aware that they changed management teams. We have a whole new management team in the area. I have not heard them say that, but there is an agreement. I have not seen

the letter, but I understand there's an agreement with the Forest Service up there to keep this open as an OHV area for the next 15-to-25 years, if we get this grant. And I'm saying what I think I know, because I have not seen the agreement, but I think that's what I know.

MS. ANTLE: Okay. Any other questions?

(No Response.)

MS. ANTLE: I have one. Is the EA that's supposed to be done under this grant, is that EA for the Whiplash permit?

MR. McKINLEY: The Whiplash permit is affected by that because the Forest Service wants to restrict use of some of these trails that have been in effect for years – 40 years we've been racing on it – I haven't, but I mean, the thing's been going for 40 years out there. So, their effort is to restrict travel on some of those things because I guess they have not done cultural resource studies on them in a number of years.

MS. ANTLE: The question was asked by my groups as to why we would pay an EA for Whiplash's permit when ARC and WEROC don't get grant money to do their EAs, they have to do them and the state association also has had to do their own EA. So, if it's just for the event, they question that.

MR. McKINLEY: Well, I don't think it's just for the event. I mean it's for everybody's use – continued use. You guys know what happens when they start closing roads and trails. It's a domino effect.

MS. ANTLE: The other question that was brought up was, why there was only a match of \$2,500?

MR. McKINLEY: I can't answer that question. I don't know.

MS. ANTLE: Okay.

MR. BALDWIN: Madam Chair?

MS. ANTLE: Yes, sir?

MR. BALDWIN: In the letter provided by the district ranger, it states: "The proposed action and anticipated decision will be specific to the Whiplash event." The letter does not indicate that the area will be open for public use.

MS. ANTLE: See, that's where the question was brought up. It was from the letter and why.

MR. BALDWIN: Well, unless someone –

MS. ANTLE: Why anyone would pay the EA.

MR. BALDWIN: Unless someone from the Forest Service is available to answer that question, I don't think Mr. McKinley is qualified.

MS. ANTLE: Yeah. The question was brought up that we really don't want to make it a habit of doing EA-special events because then everybody's going to want to come for that. Anyway, that was my question.

Any other questions?

AAG HERNBRODE: Yeah, I have one, I think. Those other groups you were talking about, did they put in for a grant – for an EA?

MS. ANTLE: I can't remember if –

AAG HERNBRODE: I just wonder if they got refused or if they just never put in? There's a difference.

MS. ANTLE: I don't remember. I don't think so. But I know that none of the other groups have asked for grant money on an EA. So, if that was the question.

MR. McKINLEY: Could I respond? I don't know the answer, but as far as I'm concerned, doing those kind of proposals to keep land open for end users, should be exactly what this fund is for. If they didn't put in for those, I would think the fund would be open for that and should be used for exactly that. It doesn't seem to me that doing an environmental assessment on – I don't know what – thousands of acres out there, should fall on the clubs or end users when the OHV fund is there to implement those things.

MS. ANTLE: Okay. Any other questions?

(No response.)

MS. ANTLE: Okay, thank you for your time.

MR. McKINLEY: Is that it?

(No response.)

MR. McKINLEY: Thank you very much for your time, I appreciate it. John, am I done?

CHAIR SAVINO: Yes, you are.

MR. McKINLEY: Thank you very much. You guys have a wonderful day.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, we'll go on to the next one, "The American Conservation Experience." I'm bringing myself back into this. Can I?

MR. BALDWIN: The project needs to be scored, according to the –

CHAIR SAVINO: So, scoring is the proposition on this? Okay, I can come back into the play now?

AAG HERNBRODE: That would be making a decision on this and you've recused yourself from making a decision. So if you want to "unrecuse" yourself, you can; but –

CHAIR SAVINO: And run the risk of being biased on a certain thing.

AAG HERNBRODE: Right.

CHAIR SAVINO: I'm staying out of it.

MS. ANTLE: So we need to score the project. How would you like to do that, Bob?

MR. BALDWIN: Well, this project didn't submit the rating criteria that was required in the process, and when I sent this out to you, I did remind you guys and ask you to go ahead and try to figure that out, based on what you did with the other projects. So, if you have – did anyone complete the scoring for this project?

(Response off the record.)

MR. BALDWIN: Okay, so, if you want to read through the points there – where you awarded points. Then you guys can discuss – if that's appropriate – and see if you want to award the points that way.

MS. ANTLE: Yes.

MR. MOORE: With regard to the applications and our scoring, there are certain items where the applicant specifically checked – you know, the box that they fell into, the specific category – and then others where they didn't. Then in reading the thing and reviewing, I see cases in both directions where either someone didn't claim, you know, to fit into that particular box and I know they do; or, they did claim to fit into a box and I kind of feel they didn't. Are we able to just make our judgment on that individual thing – on how we felt, regardless of the applicant's, you know, markings on their application?

MR. BALDWIN: Right. That was your process, to evaluate – well, first of all, we asked the applicants to break their projects into scope items that could be put into these different categories. In other words, a certain scope item would accomplish ** access, or it would accomplish – maintain and renovate trails. As you look at that, you say, "Okay, does this scope item do that?" Yes or no?

MR. MOORE: Yes.

MR. BALDWIN: And, if you say, "Yes," and it fits there, then it's appropriate.

MR MOORE: And if they applicant didn't, you know, claim to do that? Okay.

MR. BALDWIN: Right. But if you looked at that and they didn't have it in that category – we need to be consistent across the board. Anyone that has a certain scope item that fits in a category, will get the points for that category, whether they put it in there or not. Okay?

MR MOORE: Very good.

MR. BALDWIN: And, if they put it somewhere it doesn't belong, then we will move it out of there to where it does belong so that they can identify it. So, that's – I hope you understood that.

CHAIR SAVINO: I can at least run the meeting.

AAG HERNBRODE: No.

MS. ANTLE: No. Don't

MR. FRENCH: I think we're getting – in my mind, I think we're getting things out of order here. We have issues with this rating system. Apparently, you want to do that before we move on with the thing. The chairman needs to be involved.

CHAIR SAVINO: I'm going to get involved. This one is pertaining to – and I'm going to take over right now, Joy. This is not pertaining to this grant at all. This is pertaining to the entire rating system that we have. Okay? We have issues with that entire rating system. So we're not going to go any further until we get that handled. Okay? Or, we're going to go back to – and take a vote – and go back to our original set up.

One of the things is that we don't want to – this is my own opinion. Okay? We like the effort that was put into this. We want to make sure that this numbering system – we shouldn't be giving you a number on this thing. This is for our own use, for nobody in this room, but us. Not even State Parks. Which on your list here – on this second sheet you gave us – I'm opposed to this back – the end thing that says, "staff concurs" or "does not concur" with this. Staff has nothing to do with this. Staff is out of this picture.

We were put in this place as the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group of the State Parks Board. Staff just takes our information and forwards it on. It's not a thing – a rating sheet for staff. So I refuse to go forward with this until we get that off there and we are on board. This numbering system, this rating system, is just for our use.

ADDED: (Savino is threatening to tear up the evaluation form.)

Joy?

AAG HERNBRODE: Mr. Chairman, I just need to remind you that anything that you create, you take notes on related to this committee, is a public record. It is not private, confidential, anything. So your notes you take at meetings, your scribbles in the margin, your rating form, that's a public record, sir. It is a crime to destroy it. It is a crime. I'm just telling you.

CHAIR SAVINO: From this point forward, I refuse to use this. You can take it as a public record. What we do is, we can't have our hands tied. There's other, pertinent information in these grants when we go on it. You have to trust the OHV community. We're here on this board. There are seven of us representing the OHV community. You have to trust us. When we do this research – when we do it, we rate it. We have our reasons for this.

AAG HERNBRODE: And, Mr. Chairman, as we discussed, those reasons need to be public reasons, because this is a public process. So, we went through this rating form, OHVAG approved it. We went through it very carefully, for hours on end, several times prior to this process, so that it would work for you, or that you could give it a try.

CHAIR SAVINO: And if you look at our last minutes – which haven't been published yet. What we stated in there is that these numbers – we wanted to make sure that these numbers – this was our rating system, and our rating system only. I don't

care if you keep it public for later on, as public record. But we have to have a rating system. I love the first part, the project description and then putting down – explaining what their projects are. Okay? There are other issues where I haven't, and like I say I'm still staying with that one that I don't think staff should have input on.

David?

MR. MOORE: I didn't have a question.

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Chair, this item is under discussion. Item E(4). Once this process is completed, we can go back and review what we want to do next time. This is a competitive grant process. The instructions were given to the project sponsors, to follow certain instructions in order to be eligible for this process. They've all submitted their applications under that understanding. So the only way to proceed with reviewing these grants is to follow the procedures as outlined.

CHAIR SAVINO: Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: I'd like to make the suggestion that we may not agree with this form at the moment, but this is what we were given. So, it would be difficult to try to change it now. Let's try to work with this form, at least for this process – at least for this grant go-round. Then, maybe we can come up with something better the next time.

MR. MOORE: I agree with that. But, I wanted to make the statement, then, that our ratings are our own, regardless of the statements. We are able to interpret them as we see.

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Chair, Mr. Moore, in the instructions that were provided, you have the final decision about who gets how many points, for what, based on the criteria in the evaluation form; and based on your evaluation of the information that they provide.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, Thomas, you have anything? Any input in this?

MR. McARTHUR: Yeah. As you recall, I've voiced reservations several times about this whole process, and it's all come to fruition here.

MR. BALDWIN: I just want to take a poll of the other OHVAG members to see if anyone is pleased with the way this process has worked out?

CHAIR SAVINO: I'm not, as you can see.

MR. MOORE: I'd like to see changes.

CHAIR SAVINO: My own feeling is, "nothing is perfect," but it helps a little bit not being quite as arbitrary, to have a list of items that we give a score to. As a start –

MR. MOORE: As I recall, the original motivation for this whole thing was that they asked for State Park staff to come up with a metric that YOU might be able to use in evaluating grants. Doris very brilliantly did so. I think the complexity has

just gotten way out of hand. Plus, you know, the idea was a tool that we could use without being under the microscope. But I guess state law requires that everything we do be under the microscope. Is that correct?

AAG HERNBRODE: Well, not under the microscope, but open to public inspection. You are public officers. You're doing the work of the public. So the public should be able to see why you make decisions and what decisions you make. It's the same as with your County Board of Supervisors or your City Council. You don't want them to be making arbitrary decisions that you don't have any understanding of, as to how it is they got to that decision. The idea of this matrix is to allow, not only for some consistency across the grants, but also so that if somebody is rejected this year, they know what they need to do to fix it for next year. It's very clear to them where they went wrong and how they can fix it.

MR. MOORE: Okay. One of the concerns I expressed was that this tool would become "the" yardstick to use to evaluate grants. It would become an ordinary thing. It certainly seems like that is where we are going. That it is being used as the sole criteria at this point. Whereas, in previous sessions of OHVAG, I think – not only myself, but also others have expressed they wanted to use this as solely one tool among many in our evaluation process.

CHAIR SAVINO: Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: Maybe – and I don't know if this is possible, but we now – we have this for this grant go-round. Would it be possible for each of us, separately, to submit comments on this particular form to Bob? Not between each other, but separately? I just want to make more work for Bob.

AAG HERNBRODE: Yes, but then you would have to have a meeting to discuss what – you know, I mean – you may like one part, somebody else might not like another part, and so you have to – it all has to come together at a meeting at some point.

MS. ANTLE: But that would give us an idea of what – maybe what part I don't like or what part, you know, Don doesn't like – however that works out.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, Don?

MR. FRENCH: Tell me if I'm wrong, but I thought we tried to have a workshop on this and for some reason that didn't work out. It was cut – got cut short – and you say we've had a lot of time to discuss it. We didn't have a lot of time. We had a meeting. Of course, we've got 20 other things to do. We tried to have a workshop. I'm not sure –

CHAIR SAVINO: Joy, you should cut that down when we try to – there was a meeting in February. There was supposed to be a workshop on this specific thing. You said we can't have a workshop we have to have an open thing. Then there were other issues involved there. So, we've never had a chance to sit down and iron out all these problems. It may take an entire meeting. It will! Just on this specific issue. It's a big issue.

AAG HERNBRODE: You can have a meeting on one issue, and you can call it a workshop. But it does have to be open to the public. That's the only thing.

CHAIR SAVINO: Doris?

MS. PULSIFER: Yes, I think – if I could make a suggestion. I think we should go forward. You know, take this first project and go through the evaluations. Check and see, does it meet the first-level priority component in any of those? Go through and see how it works how – how it shakes out. You may not agree with the applicant's notes on how they felt that their project fell into these, but you know, Bob, the final decision would be yours. I think you need to go through it first and then judge whether --

CHAIR SAVINO: Let's try it then. We'll go ahead forward with it, if it's okay with the rest of the group. I do want to make a comment – and it's my own comment on that last thing on this rating sheet that was handed out to us. I do not feel the staff should have a place in there where it says, "concur," or "does not concur" with this grant.

If this grant was put forward, Doris – if it was presented to us -- it met all the criteria that the grant requires. At that point there – that's what your job is to do, make sure that grant meets that criteria. Then it's presented to us for the rest of it. Not whether you can concur or not concur.

MS. PULSIFER: Staff does not rate it. Whether staff concurs or not is the overall. If you had some comments or some questions from there, we can justify or we can document in there what those differences were for future reference. You're the ones that actually do the rating – come up with the actual rating. Staff does not rate it. We don't assign points to it.

CHAIR SAVINO: No, but it's just like that Ambassador Program. We said, no, and you guys didn't agree with it – you did not concur. So, if we come up there and give you or recommend the funding, and you do not concur, what's going to win the – what's going to go to the board – State Parks Board – for recommendation?

MR. MOORE?: What he's referring to is when we voted down, unanimously, at our meeting in May – May 10 – \$300,000 that was supposed to go to the – we voted, all of us. We had the people up there representing it. We turned it down. You guys went forward and took it to the board and got it passed. What we're saying is, we don't want that to happen. We're the ones that – you know, when we vote on a thing. That's what we want to stop.

MS. PULSIFER: And, again. Staff does not rate these. They all go to the board.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Well, let's go forward so we don't take up any more time on this. Then, I would like to make the next meeting – suggest that at the next meeting, before we go with any more grants – that we talk specifically about this. Okay?

MS. ANTLE: Okay. So, did we want to go ahead and do the rating for the White Mountain Open Trails Association? David, you want to start?

MR. MOORE: Okay. On the first section, which is to protect access, and acquire land for public access, I give that an eight. On the second section, maintain and renovate. They did not list that as one of their items, but of course, the reason for the application is to get the permit to – you know, to essentially maintain and renovate the existing racecourse and access routes. So I gave that an eight.

Part of any race permit includes mitigation and restoration of any damage that occurs during it. So, that would be part. I scored that an eight. The established and designated, motorized trails and routes – it does that, in effect, as well. Because, they have the map, they're making new access roads and everything – listing those. So I gave that, and a part that was not listed on their application, but is a part of every race. You know, they're paying for and having increased law enforcement. It comes out of the racer fees. So that's the part that this is. As Bob pointed out, specifically, it's geared towards the race. It does have increased law enforcement presence. So I gave that a four.

There was no provision to provide or install trail-route signs that I'm aware of. So that was zero. To provide maps and trail route information, that is part of – Again, this is focused on the race, as set by the Forest Service. Every racer is given the course and route map and everything. So I gave that a four.

ADDED: Ms. Pulsifer was having a problem entering information on the spreadsheet displayed on the screen.

MS. ANTLE: David, you may want to – we're having some technical difficulties. You may want to hold up for a minute.

MR. MOORE: Right.

AAG HERNBRODE: Do we have a blank that maybe we can just write on for right now?

MR. MOORE: Well, if these are public records, we just hand these in.

AAAG HERNBRODE: Well, we need to score these today, don't we?

MR. BALDWIN: Yes.

AAG HERNBRODE: If we could get a blank – maybe?

CHAIR SAVINO: Do you happen to have a blank one you can just fill in right now so we can continue on?

MR. BALDWIN: I don't have a hardcopy, though.

MR. MOORE: I would be willing to do them for each person, as we do it, and hand that one in when we're done.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, then, continue on.

MR. MOORE: As Mr. McKinley said, they do – the Whiplash organization, for the racers – do provide educational programs. They have beginning classes in racing. They have special areas for riders – you know, beginning riders to practice on and train on. I consider that an educational benefit. I gave that a four.

Then on to the third level, developing support facilities. Part of the thing is for camping areas, you know, restrooms -- those kinds of things. So that's a one. Promote and coordinate volunteerism. Several race clubs and organizations all participate. So that also is a one. By its very nature, you have to have organization, you know, planning and coordination. So I give that a one. Dust abatement, I'm not aware of that. So I have zero on that.

So, my total for that comes to 48.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Can we just go ahead and continue on to the next person?

Okay, Don?

MR. FRENCH: All right, I wasn't quite as -- anyway, I gave White Mountain, number three -- I gave "protect access to trails and acquire lands for public use" an eight. I gave "maintain and renovate" -- the next one, "maintain and renovate existing trails and routes" an eight. I didn't give "mitigate" an eight, so -- the next one is --

MR. BALDWIN: Is that a zero, or -- what's the score?

MR. FRENCH: Yeah, nothing. It's either got to be an eight or nothing. Then the next one I gave, "establish and designate motorized trails, routes and areas" -- the last one on the first level --

MR. MOORE?: May I ask a question before you go any further? Is it an all or nothing in this score? Because in my scoring I gave it a --

MR. FRENCH: I assumed it was an all, because if your "protect access to trails, acquire land for public access" -- Doris and Bob, jump in here, please? For the first one on level priorities, what we're asking on the scoring, the first one: "Protect access to trails or acquire land," it's either an eight or nothing? Correct?

MR. BALDWIN: Correct.

MR. FRENCH: It's either an eight or nothing?

MR. BALDWIN: Correct. Okay. It fits under that category or it doesn't.

MR. FRENCH: So, it's not a scale. It's either an eight -- on all of them it's that way.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. You ready, Dave?

MR. MOORE: Yes I am.

All right, the third one on the second level: "Priority, provide maps and trail route information," -- the fourth. And then the first one under the third-level priority, "Develop Support Facilities" one. If I had to do it over, I'd do the second one, but I didn't. Go ahead. I'm going to give a one to "Promote Coordinated Volunteerism." I want to definitely do that. John can't do it.

MS. ANTLE: I guess it's to me. I'm not -- I guess I'm just not as forgiving as you guys are.

MR. BALDWIN: Well, that's what I'm finding about this chart, that it's real – you can see it from agency – it's really subjective.

MS. ANTLE: So, I guess I rate a little tougher than everybody else. Starting with the first one, I gave that a six on protect.

MR. BALDWIN: Okay, it's got to be an eight or nothing.

MS. ANTLE: It's got to be an eight or nothing? Oh, is that how that goes? All right. So, then I guess the first three would be an eight. The second one is a zero. The first two are eight. The third one is a zero and the fourth one is an eight. Law enforcement, I think I give that a zero. I have a four, four – four. Then I've got zero, one, zero and zero. Okay?

So that establishes the White Mountain Open Trails Association.

CHAIR SAVINO: No, it doesn't. We have Thomas.

MS. ANTLE: Oh, Thomas. I'm sorry; I forgot you were there. Thomas?

MR. McARTHUR: That's quite all right. I did not use that form in my rating process.

MS. ANTLE: Okay. So you don't have anything to put into this particular grant, then?

MR. McARTHUR: Nope! I did not choose to use that tool.

MS. ANTLE: All right. Okay.

CHAIR SAVINO: So, let me take over now since we've wrapped up the White Mountain Open Trails Association. I'm back into the fold on this thing. I'm going to move on to the next project that I have here. I'm going to go to the American Conservation Experience.

SPEAKER: What number?

CHAIR SAVINO: That's number nine, if you've listed all your things. American Conservation Experience. We're talking about – and I have a Matthew Roberts here. Since I allowed Jay McKinley to give a brief – if you have a presentation, do a quick one – or not. We'll just go right to the answering thing.

MR. ROBERTS: I can give a very brief one. Thank you very much for considering our grant. We're going to be working in partnership, hopefully. The project was conceived in partnership with Tonto National Forest, Payson Ranger District, Rachel Hohl. We're working to prevent access to wilderness areas, areas that have already been damaged by OHV encouragement in the area. The local OHV club is on board with this in Payson. They obviously want to be seen as being responsible in its use of that particular area. Certain people have been accessing the wilderness area in the Mazatzal Wilderness, using some roads and some trails which have non-motorized access, obviously, to the wilderness area. That's how this application came about.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, great! Let's go to questions. David, do you have any questions?

MR. MOORE: No, I do not.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, no questions. Donald?

MR. FRENCH: Yes, one. It's obviously a project that needs to be done. It sounds like it's got a problem. I'm wondering why you guys are the ones to do it. I mean, is it –

MR. ROBERTS: Rather than the Forest Service?

MR. FRENCH: Or a contractor, or you know a competitive bid?

CHAIR SAVINO: Or the Coalition, the user group? I mean, why you instead of the user group that's up there to get out there and be involved with it?

MR. ROBERTS: Just in negotiation. The reason I got involved in this with Rachel was, you know, the Forest Service was looking to put in its own grant in that particular area. I believe it was for construction of trails. This project was also of great importance and worth with the construction of trails. Two very, very separate projects. My understanding was that they were not able to apply for two grants, or they wanted to apply to one and have this one complete and separate.

CHAIR SAVINO: Well, this grant here – wait, first of all, Rebecca, do you have any questions?

MS. ANTLE: Yes I do.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, I'm going to go to Rebecca.

MS. ANTLE: I want to know why we think this should be funded by OHVAG and not by ASCOT because OHVAG funds typically motorized projects. This is not a motorized project and this is closing – even though I understand this is wilderness and that does need to be signed, but I don't feel – and several of my group don't feel that this should fit in the OHVAG grant system. They believe ASCOT might be a better place to get the grant.

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Chair and group, this is a motorized project. They're preventing motorized incursion into the wilderness area. It's the motorized trails that go up to the wilderness or borders the wilderness. It's the motorized users that are not allowed in the wilderness area. It's a motorized project. He's as eligible to apply for this as Jeff Gersch [phonetic] is eligible to apply for the Hassayampa trail projects. They're just doing the work.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, that answers the question. Do you have any other questions?

MS. ANTLE: No, that was my only one.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Thomas, do you have any questions?

MR. McARTHUR: Yes, I do. In the project description there, you talk about using locally collected rock and you have on your cost breakdown 430 tons of silt material.

MR. ROBERTS: There are six areas where we'll use locally collected rock. And there's one area, the Barnhardt Trailhead, which will require 400 – I believe 480 tons of rock. That would destroy the area if we collected that much rock from the local area. I got a cost from a local contractor in Payson to supply that rock – that quantity of rock.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, thank you.

MR. McARTHUR: And I've got one more question.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, go ahead.

MR. McARTHUR: Correct me on the pronunciation here, the "Gabion" Baskets?

MR. ROBERTS: Yep.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay. So you're calculating here that basically it takes a full day to install one basket?

MR. ROBERTS: Which particular section are we talking about?

MR. McARTHUR: In the cost breakdown. You've got 330 Gabion Baskets and the labor installation is \$2,560, which basically works out to one day per Gabion Basket.

MR. ROBERTS: I'm trying to find that section.

CHAIR SAVINO: Page 45.

MR. ROBERTS: The Gabion Basket is one cubic yard – to collect one cubic yard in the local area – the six areas that I believe we're going to use. Each area is five Gabion Baskets. That was our calculation for collecting that amount. The deposition of 480 tons to carry that from the area where it's dumped, install the Gabion Baskets, and then stack that with each Gabion Basket. That was our time estimate. As was mentioned before, any time that is not used and therefore money that is not used in the completion of the project, that will be returned to the OHV fund.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Thomas, you have any other questions?

MR. McARTHUR: No, that was it, thank you.

CHAIR SAVINO: I have a question and also a comment.

The OHV – I feel that the OHV community has a responsibility – we as the OHV community have a responsibility to mitigate issues such as this, where we've gone into our – users have gone into – straight into wilderness areas and what have you in this. We want to block that and keep that from happening. So we do have a mitigation. We have responsibility there.

I personally feel that the OHV community – to give \$80,000 of this funding for mitigation, we should hire our own people to do the work – the Forest Service. I don't feel – let me ask you this question. This leads to a question. How many of your people in the American Conservation Experience belong to an OHV club?

MR. ROBERTS: Probably about two or three.

CHAIR SAVINO: Out of –

MR. ROBERTS: Out of a staff of 45 fulltime staff.

MR. McARTHUR: If I could just comment here?

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay.

MR. McARTHUR: Thanks. The Coconino Trail riders, over the past few years have had a week – have had a monthly trail workday up in Flagstaff, establishing a motorized trail up there. We've worked with the ACE folks up there on motorized trails. I've got to say that of the various groups that show up there, ACE has been the most knowledgeable about how to do trail work. So I just wanted to say they've done good work on motorized trails up around Flagstaff and they seem to know what they're doing.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. That goes a long way towards my opinion, Thomas. It just puzzles me why you – take for instance, the user group, the Coconino Trail Riders, if they're in that area, using this area, why can't we reach out to them? Why can't the Forest Service reach out to them and take care of this? As a volunteer-type thing to post – by the signs and what have you, we go out and see if the Coconino Trail Riders or White Mountain Open Trail Association or the Coalition could come out there and donate their time to do this instead of spending \$80,000, you know, to American Conservation Experience to do that. That's one of my closing comments.

MR. ROBERTS: Most people haven't stepped up –

CHAIR SAVINO: Right. Well, do they know about it and stuff? That's what – has the Forest Service – and you're not a representative from the Forest Service. We don't have one here. Has the Forest Service reached out to OHV user groups to remedy this problem instead of going straight to the American Conservation Experience to take care of this?

MR. ROBERTS: I can't answer that.

CHAIR SAVINO: I know you can't.

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Chair and group, which of your user groups are clubs that recreate? They're not in the business of building trails.

CHAIR SAVINO: Baloney! Baloney! I'm going to interrupt you there, because the White Mountain – we do more trail building than we do recreating up on the White Mountain Open Trails Association. We do mitigation work. We work where you can go next door and talk to the ASCOT people. We're out there. We work with them. Any problems when the ATVs come on the hiking trails, we're out there to help them. So, don't make that statement unless you know what you're talking about.

MR. BALDWIN: I did. Your group did not put in the – your Forest – the District there hired a contractor to come in and repair your trails, put film on your trails and repair the “bumpy.” Where were you when that was bid out?

CHAIR SAVINO: We were right there with them. We could not –

MR. BALDWIN: Did you do the work?

CHAIR SAVINO: Yes, we were out there. I’ll show you pictures of --

MR. BALDWIN: Then, why did they have to hire a contractor?

CHAIR SAVINO: First of all – wait a minute! Stand down, there, please? Okay?

This is an OHV group. You’re a staff member. We aren’t going to get into an argument on this. Okay? I’m telling you that we were out there on that trail and we couldn’t – they had to hire in – what they did is they had to – we aren’t certified in big heavy equipment. The tractor work, they had to hire in their own people who were recognized by the Forest Service to do that part of it. We were there, right along side of them, doing that work. This doesn’t require tractor work. This requires putting up signs to mitigate an issue that we have with OHV users going into the wilderness area.

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Chairman, this group does not – the Payson Ranger District does not have the advantage of having your group available to them. Not every forest or district has that type of availability.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, well you answered that. I’m recognizing Don. Go ahead.

MR. FRENCH: I think we all believe that he has a right – every right to put what he wants in this thing. We’ll grade it and carry it on. There’s no use arguing.

CHAIR SAVINO: Sounds good. Let’s go forward. So, rating this thing – you’re taking notes?

MR. MOORE: Yes. Start again?

CHAIR SAVINO: Why don’t you start with this thing?

MR. MOORE: Okay, we just want to go on the quick form. “Protect Access to Trails/Acquire Land for Public Access.” From an OHV point of view, zero. “Maintain and Renovate Existing Trails and Routes” is a zero. “Mitigate and Restore Damage. . . .” is an eight. “Establish and Designate Motorized Trails. . . ,” zero. “Increase . . . Law Enforcement” presence, zero. “Provide and Install Trail/Route Signs,” four. “Provide Maps and Trail Route Information,” zero. “Provide Educational Programs,” zero. “Develop Support Facilities,” zero. “Promote Coordinated Volunteerism,” zero. “Promote Comprehensive Planning and Interagency Coordination,” one. And, “Dust Abatement,” zero.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Don?

MR. FRENCH: Okay. Dave, I was almost exactly like you on the third one on the first-level priority, “Mitigate and Restore Damage . . . ,” eight. On the second-level

priority, second box, "Provide and Install Trail/Route Signs," four; for a total of 12.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, I'm going to go next. I'm just going to go down instead of reading: Zero, zero, eight, zero – Are you following okay? Zero, four, zero, zero, zero, zero, one, zero for 13. Okay?

MR. MOORE: Yes.

CHAIR SAVINO: Rebecca.

MS. ANTLE: Okay. I'm the same, except I've got "Promote Coordinated Volunteerism" – which is where my one was.

MR. MOORE: Did you also have the one for ". . . Interagency Coordination?"

MS. ANTLE: No, I had the one on "Volunteerism."

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Thomas, you didn't fill this out either, did you?

MR. McARTHUR: No, I'm not using that form.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, great! Okay, then, that's it.

Thank you, again, Matt. Let's go on to the – number seven is the next grant, Arizona Game and Fish. Do we have a representative? Yes. Bonita Gibson, from the Arizona Game and Fish. I'm going to allow you a little time. Do you have a presentation, or do you just want to go right to the questions?

MS. GIBSON: I can say a few comments. Basically, I would like to give you a little history, which is not in the grant that brought this to battle and a problem with my previous speaker. That is, in 2004, the Arizona Game and Fish Department did a watercraft survey, which we are still using. The data from it is still relevant, not only for our use, but for all our constituency group users as well. So with this model – this is why we then applied for this grant to do an OHV survey. Part of the reason – we have learned a lot from the watercraft survey, so this one is a little bit more sophisticated and a little bit more expanded, as far as the different elements that we want to cover.

We have discovered over the years, in our own surveys of the public and concepts of the Arizona Game and Fish Department and what we do that there has been some discrepancy. One of the biggest areas is OHV. We have discovered a lot of antagonism toward OHV users, from non-users, from hunters and other constituency groups. So, one of the things that we're looking at here is trying to find out exactly what resources are there. What is being used, legally? What is being used, illegally? Then dedicating our law enforcement efforts in those areas that need the most attention.

The other thing we're looking at: Is there an area that doesn't have access that needs access? Maybe that's an area where land needs to be acquired and trails developed. Also, there may be areas that are developed, or have been created or used – whether legally or illegally – that need to be improved and renovated. That's another question we would like to see answered. There are restoration

areas, then there's establishing rules and regulations for the use of motorized vehicles and trails, and the timings of them; and with doing this and getting this type of information, we will also note in our Education Department, to do more of our OHV training, more of our education outreach to the different groups and constituencies so that all of these groups can hopefully co-exist together and lead a life of tranquility – as close as possible. We are also very involved in the education of OHV users, as far as hunters are concerned. So we would also like to gather that information as well.

So, basically, what we are looking at here is the – we are looking at not only the regions and different areas – in other words, statewide – to get a practical description of OHV use and non-use, and be able to provide information that will help, not only us as an agency, but OHV organizations and other organizations that are involved in OHV activities.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, thank you. David, do you have any questions?

MR. MOORE: No, I do not.

CHAIR SAVINO: Don?

MR. FRENCH: Did you get any OHV endorsements? I didn't see any on this?

MS. GIBSON: We did have some, but I didn't get the letters in in time. That's why they're not in there. But, yes, we had talked to them –

MR. FRENCH: One question. Doesn't the land managers like, BLM or the Forest Service normally do the surveys that determine access and trail availability? I mean, isn't this – I mean, it seems unique to me.

MS. GIBSON: Not that I'm aware of. We're looking at not only the users, but the general public all throughout the state to get an overall view. Not just one particular trail.

CHAIR SAVINO: Don, you have any more?

(No Response.)

CHAIR SAVINO: Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: Yes. You get 30 percent of the OHV sticker dollars and I believe that legislation says you have to do a yearly overview of the actions. This isn't a part of that?

MS. GIBSON: No, no. This is above and beyond.

MS. ANTLE: Okay.

CHAIR SAVINO: That's it?

MS. ANTLE: Yes.

CHAIR SAVINO: Thomas, you have any questions?

MR. McARTHUR: Yes, I do. I have a question about OHV endorsements. So, who has endorsed this project?

MS. GIBSON: I will have to get back to you on that. Because I don't have the letters. Our project manager, Jimmy Simmons, is the one who contacted them.

MR. McARTHUR: Is Jeff Gersch in the room?

MS. GIBSON: I should have thought about that. Yes, he is.

MR. McARTHUR: Jeff, are you an endorser?

MR. GERSCH: No, I'm not.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay, that's what I wanted to know.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Any other questions, Thomas?

MR. McARTHUR: Well, I did have some other questions, but that kind of took care of them.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, great! So then I have it. I'm having trouble finding out how Game and Fish – well, first of all, in his statement – Jimmy's, who wrote this. In his statement, he cites that ARS-28, 1176, "We have an obligation for law enforcement." How does this survey have anything to do with law enforcement -- looking at it as the survey? Not when it's entailed later on down the road. We're looking just at the survey. I can't see how it does.

Right now, as Rebecca mentioned – she mentioned 30 percent – it comes to \$1.369 million a year the OHV community is already giving Game and Fish. They're mandated to do the survey. However you deem it necessary, they're mandated to do a survey. Now you're coming to us – to our project fund – after you're getting \$1.3 million of our money, you're coming to us asking us to do a survey. I have a hard time with that. It just doesn't make sense to me. You know, why can't you use your own money to do that? Where is your money? If you're asking us for that money, for funding – and we've had Jimmy come in front of us for other grants, and I can't get into those because they're not on the agenda. Good, huh?

When can we see your books on where your \$1.3 million is going?

MS. GIBSON: Well, basically our books are public records because we are a state agency. So, anytime you make a request you may see them.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay.

MS. GIBSON: I do not know the full answer to your question. However, I do know that most of this money goes into the OHV program on training, law enforcement, education. For instance, at the Expo that we just had this past weekend, we had a whole OHV area where different things were done.

CHAIR SAVINO: That's exactly what I'm talking about, Bonita.

MS. GIBSON: So, those are the type of things, right now, that money is funding. I do know that.

Now, as far as the survey, we are required to make a report on OHV activities. Other than that, I don't know.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, but that's part of – that's exactly what I'm talking to you about. That money goes to training and education, law enforcement, and all this stuff. Okay? That's what the money goes for. Now the survey that you're doing is in-house to see how you best fulfill those needs. Why should you be coming "out-of-house" to grab that money? State Parks doesn't go – when they do a survey they don't go to Game and Fish to ask for money. I hope not. So, that's my issue there.

I do have issue with no endorsements from any OHV group and you're also talking about a survey to study land use when it's not even your land. Game and Fish doesn't have the land. That study should come from the BLM and from Game and Fish in those areas. So that's all I have, so, let's go on.

MS. GIBSON: May I make one comment on that?

CHAIR SAVINO: Yes ma'am.

MS. GIBSON: Well, basically, we're looking at this as a statewide survey to help all of the different agencies. We're not just doing it – it's not to be just an in-house, but one that would benefit State Parks, BLM, Forest Service, etc., so that one survey would help answer all of those questions and hopefully, then, help direct all of the groups in which direction to go.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, well thank you very much. Are there any other questions from the group?

(No Response.)

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, let's go on. David?

MR. MOORE: I'm very much torn on this subject because I could just rate the whole thing three ways. One, the incomplete application; you can't discuss it at this time. Because I think that, having the support of the various groups is important; and, if it's required of all the other applicants, it needs to be required here as well. The second is about out rating system and its application. You know, in the boxes that have been checked and I don't agree -- they actually really do apply for all of this. They're doing a study. I don't know that they fit, most of these, in the rating system at all. So you could just give the whole thing a zero or you could go back to this and if you rated it as – you know, they've tried to fill in the blanks and the score is relatively high. I think what they're trying to do has merit. I support what you're saying in thinking that the responsibility of the OHVAG money to fund it or – compared to many of the other applications, I just have questions on how it fits the whole thing.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, let me address the first one where you said, we have to put it in there. He's waived the application for the White Mountain Open Trails Association that didn't have a complete form. I'm taking into consideration that when it passed those doors – Bob's doors – and came, it was qualified for the thing.

MR. MOORE: Very good.

CHAIR SAVINO: So we need to qualify it for that and move forward to that part. Now the other issues we have. Yes? And those are your comments. Let's go on with the ratings, because that will play out in your rating thing.

MR. MOORE: Like I say, either you just disregard or give it a full rating. If you stretch your ideals and you follow what they've asked for, then I guess I'll go ahead –

MR. FRENCH: They want your ratings.

MR. MOORE: Then I guess they'll –

CHAIR SAVINO: Not theirs, because we're end users. Let me start. Let me help you out. I'll start this rating.

MR. MOORE: That would help me a lot.

CHAIR SAVINO: I'll help you out there, okay? My rating form in this scope for the first level priority: "Protect Access to Trails/Acquire Land for Public Use" I put zero because it's a survey. What that survey entails later on down the road, what comes from that, is neither here nor there. "Maintain and Renovate" that a zero. "Mitigate and Restore" that's a zero. "Establish and Designate . . . Routes" that's a zero. "Increase On-the-Ground Management" zero. "Provide and Install Route Signage" zero. "Provide Maps. . .," zero. "Provide Educational Materials" it's a survey, okay? Zero. "Develop Support Facilities" zero. "Promote Coordinated Volunteerism," zero. "Promote Comprehensive Interagency Coordination" I gave that a one. Because they're going to work – they have to work with us to do the survey. They're going to have to work with BLM and Forest Service. "Dust Abatement," zero. So they get a total of one. Okay?

MR. FRENCH: Mr. Chairman, that comes to what my statement was.

CHAIR SAVINO: And that's why I did it.

MR. FRENCH: I had given it the exact same thing. That's what I ended up with.

CHAIR SAVINO: Did you? Okay.

MR. FRENCH: In the same place, so –

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, David, you want to go ahead with yours now?

MR. MOORE: I am with you all across the board.

CHAIR SAVINO: Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: Wow! Okay, I put an eight on "Mitigate." I'm not sure that belongs there, but –

On "Educational" I put four, which would be the last column in the second. Then I gave one to "Interagency Coordination" and "Promote Coordinated Volunteerism" so there's a one in there. You got those?

MR. BALDWIN: Got it.

CHAIR SAVINO: So, that's 14, I believe it is.

MS. ANTLE: Yeah, something like that.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. So, Thomas, you didn't rate this either, then. Correct?

MR. McARTHUR: Correct, I did not use this tool.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, so we have that. Thank you, Bonita, for giving that. Let's go on to Kim – no, Jen House. This is the Havasu BLM, which would be the last one on your first page, number six.

Again, I'm going to ask you if you have a brief presentation. If not, we'll go right to the questions.

MS. HAUSE: I'll just do a brief little intro, then –

CHAIR SAVINO: Got you.

MS. HOUSE: So I just wanted to again thank you for taking the time to review this application. Ultimately – again, I'm Jen House, Natural Resource Specialist for the Colorado River District. Sorry, I didn't mention that yet. So there's a lot happening in the Colorado River District for BLM. Travel management planning is the big one right now. This planning process is controversial to say the least. The benefit of this planning process, what it really comes down to for the riders is the development of maps, to have these great maps that show off-highway vehicle routes and networks throughout the area, and also the implementation of signs. That helps people fare where they're going.

So my goal with submitting this application is to provide the benefit to the public as soon as humanly possible. The question may come up as to why this is being proposed before the needed documents are fully completed. My answer to that would be, we want to get this out to the public as soon as possible. So if we have the funds available as soon as the use plan is complete and signed, we want to go ahead, produce the maps, get things signed and get volunteers out the door and working on this plan.

There are a number of trails that will be able to be signed before the implementation – or before the signature because they're open in all four alternatives. So there's opportunity to get people involved now. That's my goal.

Are there any questions?

CHAIR SAVINO: Thank you. David, do you have any questions?

MR. MOORE: No, I do not.

CHAIR SAVINO: Don't?

MR. FRENCH: I'm wondering why you didn't get any OHV endorsements.

MS. HOUSE: I'd just say, that's my mistake. I did not get to the groups in time to get their official letters. I can assure you that I meet with representatives from at least three OHV groups monthly to discuss this plan. They don't let me go easy. They hammer me with tons of questions and suggestions for moving this plan forward. And actually in the pictures submitted, the two gentlemen standing,

they are from the Havasu Four-Wheelers. So we do have support from volunteers. I just don't have, you know –

MR. MOORE: What are technical vehicle sites? I've seen them. I don't understand that.

MS. HOUSE: This is a very interesting component of the Havasu Plan. I'm sure other plans have had this challenge. The definition of that is harder than you think. Ultimately what we started off with is that a standard-stocked vehicle – four-wheel drive vehicle – can't go up this trail then it would be a technical vehicle site. We also worked with the Havasu Four-Wheelers – Park and Four-Wheelers and Side-By-Sides to identify areas that are for specifically modified vehicles, something that has waterfalls that a standard vehicle cannot get up. The public kind of needs to know about that. It's a safety concern.

So in these technical vehicle sites are something we've worked with – the vehicles and groups that can do those, to identify those as a different recreational opportunity and provide you with cheap charges.

CHAIR SAVINO: Anything else?

MR. MOORE: No.

CHAIR SAVINO: Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: I don't have any questions, but I'd like to thank your office. You're one of the best groups to work with. I know that they hit you pretty hard at the meetings a couple months back – I know. I apologize, but I can't help you there. You guys have done very well with the groups up there.

MS. HOUSE: Thank you.

CHAIR SAVINO: Thomas, do you have anything?

MR. McARTHUR: Yes, I do. With the – you know, on the form here, you indicate that you will be working with these groups and have worked with these groups. Being that there are no endorsements, I don't know that they all necessarily backing this proposal. Also, we're getting into – with the TMR, TMP thing that – you know, it seems that sometimes we get a little ahead of the curve here. Because the TMP is being wrapped up. There are going to be appeals and lawsuits and things could change considerably from the signing of the TMR on down through all the appeals and lawsuit processes that so much of the signing could be changed. The whole thing gets changed.

MS. HOUSE: Okay, so my response to that would really – I understand that there are still some challenges that we could get into. The opportunity that this allows by having the money right away to go through with this implementation is the benefit for the riders. But there's also some trails that are open on all four alternatives.

So, even though something may be caught up in the appeal period, there are routes that can be signed on the ground. Maybe the map can't be developed, but

there's work that can be done now to help the riders that are currently using these trails.

MR. McARTHUR: So would you accept an amendment on this that signage would only go to those trails which are acceptable on all four versions?

MS. HOUSE: Certainly.

CHAIR SAVINO: All right.

MS. HOUSE: And maybe – I have one more in that.

CHAIR SAVINO: Yes.

MS. HOUSE: Hopefully the way that we're kind of putting this timeline out for this Havasu Plan, we want to have another public comment period on a preliminary EA and plan so the people have a chance to look at this. Ultimately our goal is to have a completed document in the winter of this coming year. So, this coming winter we're hoping to have this completed document so that – I can't guarantee that. That's thinking "timeline-wise." But ultimately I would like to have this plan in and ready to go so we can get the public involved in this.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, great! Bob?

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Chair and Group, I'd like to remind you that group support is not a requirement of the application. They are awarded points in the criteria if they do provide letters. So, that's where that comes in.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, great. Sounds good. Okay, now it's my turn.

Okay, first of all I'm going to start off by saying that you have – it has changed. The Havasu Field Office of BLM has changed completely from what it was before. Okay? I appreciate your efforts to go ahead. I have questions so I'm going to beat you up a little bit here. Okay?

MS. HOUSE: Right.

CHAIR SAVINO: Back in 2007 we awarded – OHVAG \$45,000 for you to evaluate a 1,000 linear miles of route for that TMP. Okay? In 2006, seven years ago, we gave you \$60,000 for the standard wash TMP. Back in '94, 18 years ago, we gave you \$33,000, which was going to rudimentary. I can go on. In '95 we gave you some more money, \$76,000. In '96 we gave you \$129,000. In '98 we gave you \$38,000. That comes to \$279,200 we've already given you for route evaluation. Now you're coming back to us again for more money for route evaluation. Now, let me go through then I'll let you address that. Okay?

You mentioned on your – in your packet that you're going to have an – in October you're going to have another public form to ask people, you know, what – about route and explain the plan. You mentioned right in there specifically to get the winter visitors informed on this. Okay? Last year in October you had that same meeting. Okay? To do the same exact thing. Now a year later, you're coming back and having that same meeting and doing that again.

My two comments are, why have another meeting? That's one of my questions; and then my comment is: Why are you so concerned about the winter visitors when those winter visitors right now don't pay a dime into our funds for our state trails. They come into our state and they ride and they don't pay a penny in there, even the fuel tax. There used to be an argument where the fuel tax would go in there. It doesn't go into the OHV funds. So you're waiting for input from the winter visitors that have no input on the areas.

MR. BALDWIN: Other than end users.

CHAIR SAVINO: Other than the end users. Okay, go ahead.

MS. HOUSE: First, let me see if I can remember.

CHAIR SAVINO: I'll help you out.

MS. HOUSE: I've been at BLM for a year and two weeks. So, I'm very new to this process. I can't really answer what happened with these previous grant monies that Lake Havasu Field Office has received. What I can say is that we've done the evaluations for the Havasu Unit. The Havasu Unit is evaluated as far as it's going to get, evaluation-wise. What we're requesting now is to work on the implementation of those evaluations. So, basically, this plan will come on the decision, if we're going to get out and sign what's going to be open so that folks can get out there – if they have a destination that want to get to, they can follow these signs to get out there.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, I agree, Jen. I understand and I'm in favor of that. Okay? And I have to say, go back to the thing. I've been in your area on every trail and I like the marking you have, stuff like that. Can you guarantee us, if we award you that money, that those trails will stay open to motorized use; that the specific trails that we're giving you the money to mark, are going to stay open to motorized use for years to come?

MS. HOUSE: I can't guarantee anything. I'm just a lowly 'ole natural resources specialist. What I can say is that, what we would do according to the amendment that was proposed, all the routes that are proposed open on all four alternatives, those could be signed as soon as we have cash for it. In that case, those would remain open no matter the appeal; because it's in all four alternatives – I think. I can't guarantee. As long as it's open in all four alternatives, then they're open within the plan itself. So, I'm going to say, tentatively, yes. Because I can't guarantee anything. But, yes, if I understand what you're asking.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay.

MS. HOUSE: Is there any other part of that question that I missed?

CHAIR SAVINO: Probably, but – yeah, it was so long we don't want to go back to that. I know that you weren't part of that. You're new to the thing and you can't, you know, talk about the \$279,000. But we hope you do see our point that we're putting money in one of the issues we have in front of us. Because we have a couple other grants that are the same way.

In all off-highway vehicle groups, are we – where are we going to stand on travel management plans? Do we feel obligated to do the money for them? It's my understanding I'm probably ahead of myself because this isn't a travel. You're asking for signage, not for actually just mapping out. So let's go. Okay, I'm done with this.

MR. FRENCH: I have just one question.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay.

MR. FRENCH: On the areas where you've built in the maps and signs, are they currently open? Or, are these going to be opened with the implementation, signs and maps?

MS. HOUSE: Right now the routes – the riders are supposed to stay on the established trails. So the routes are open.

MR. FRENCH: Okay.

MS. HOUSE: I think that answers your question.

MR. FRENCH: Yes.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, let's go on. Let's go to the rating process. David, can you start this one?

MR. MOORE: Yes I can. I have first level priority, "Protect Access to Trails/Acquire Land." I guess that would be an eight. "Maintain Existing Trails and Routes" is an eight. "Mitigate Damage," no. "Establish and Designate Motorized Trails," an eight. "Increase Law Enforcement. . .," zero. "Provide and Install Signs," four. "Provide Maps," four. "Educational Programs," zero. "Support Facilities," zero. "Coordinated Volunteerism. . .," one. "Interagency Coordination. . .," one. "Dust Abatement," zero.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Don?

MR. FRENCH: All right. Pretty much the same. The first one on the first priority on the first level. Okay, I'll just go. I give it eight, zero, zero, eight, zero, four, four, zero, zero, one, one, zero for a 26.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, I'm next. I'll just go, an eight, eight, zero, eight, zero, four, four, zero, zero, one, zero, zero – and that's it. Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: Eight, eight, zero, eight, zero, four, four, zero, zero, one, one, zero.

CHAIR SAVINO: Thomas, again I have to ask you this: Did you rate this project?

MR. McARTHUR: I rated it, but certainly not using that form.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, great! Okay, thank you, Jen. We're going to go on to the next one which is the – I'm going to call on Eric and we're going to talk about project number one on the list, the Tonto National Forest, Cave Creek. Specifically we're talking about the Cave Creek Ranger District, the Desert Vista Trail System, "To renovate 16 miles of motorized trails." That's the one because there are two of them and I need to let you know. Everybody on the same page on this one?

Do you have a little presentation for us?

ERIC NORMAN: Good morning everybody. We're talking about two things. I'm one person in charge of – I wear five hats. I've got volunteers. I've got the retreat program. I've got wilderness. I've got trails and all the disbursed camping throughout our district, 600,000 acres. That being said, if the Forest Service – if I was fast with doing the NEPA, I would have to write the EA. I would be in charge of coordinating, getting everybody together, creating a team; and it could last – it could be up to two, maybe three years. I wanted to speak to Don from the OHV community, as soon as possible, so we can start making this area a prominent, desirable and favored collaboration. That's key.

Questions?

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, great! Let's go on. David, you have any questions?

MR. MOORE: Not at this time.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, I'll come back. Don?

MR. FRENCH: Yeah. You want \$75,000 for a NEPA study and for this Wild Cat Pit Off-Highway Vehicle Staging Area. Is that correct?

MR. NORMAN: Correct. I called and got some estimates. It's not to exceed \$75,000.

MR. FRENCH: Right. Okay. But then it shows on your thing it's going to cost – if the NEPA study is done it's going to cost \$425,000 for the staging area?

MR. NORMAN: For the entire – this is phase one – for the entire thing. This is the potential cost to agree with that.

MR. FRENCH: You think you have the money to do that? Or are you going to be coming back?

MR. NORMAN: We're definitely matching.

MR. FRENCH: Okay.

MR. NORMAN: There's a lot of labor involved.

MR. FRENCH: Yeah, I'm just looking. It's about \$500,000 for this one.

MR. NORMAN: That would include NEPA.

MR. FRENCH: Right. So that's for one staging area. I don't know how big it is. I don't know anything about it. It may be very reasonable for a –

MR. NORMAN: It's actually for the Desert Vista OHV Area, all the way up to Wild Cat. There will be four, maybe five entry access points.

MR. FRENCH: Oh, okay.

MR. NORMAN: It's a huge trail system.

MR. FRENCH: And, what are – I should know this, maybe – our RATM routes

MR. NORMAN: Those are existing routes, basically, *** routes that are going to exist after travel management.

MR. FRENCH: That's an acronym for what?

CHAIR SAVINO: What does RATM stand for?

MR. BALDWIN: They're existing routes that were approved in the past. There's ramp quality and there's no – they can't be closed.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, I hadn't heard the term before.

MS. ANTLE: That was back in the '90s or '80s – okay, I was close.

MR. MOORE: I have a question for you. Is FR-42 part of this, the trail FR-42?

MR. NORMAN: This? No. Not this.

MR. MOORE: There's nothing that's on, say, the north side, then, of Bartlett Lake Road.

MR. NORMAN: This is going to – well, this Wild Cat Staging Area is going to be the main, central point staging area. There will be access routes that will get to the north area.

CHAIR SAVINO: Thomas, you have any questions?

MR. McARTHUR: Yes, I do. Regarding endorsements, I see there's one here from Robert Kline. Robert's a good man. I'm also aware he's the employee of the OHV Ambassador community. Are there any other OHV endorsements that you have?

MR. FRENCH: Yes, Thomas, I can answer that. It was handed out to us in a sheet. They're being endorsed by the Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition. Jeff Gersch signed it. So that paper's in front of us endorsing this project.

MR. McARTHUR: Thanks very much.

CHAIR SAVINO: Anything else? Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: Yes. Let's see what I have. All of the – is there any inventory done with this? Are you doing any inventory on this grant? I know I have a note written down, and this was done a couple weeks ago.

MR. NORMAN: Are you referring to trails?

MS. ANTLE: Yeah, inventory of the trails? Because I thought all of that was done before.

MR. NORMAN: It has all been done.

MS. ANTLE: Okay. And I think I answered my one question about – I saw passenger cars in there and I thought, "Really?" But that's just on certain ones like the back country, I believe. That's what you have for passenger cars. Level – what is that, a level three? Or, level four?

MR. NORMAN: Level three.

MS. ANTLE: Then how was – who and how will the education part of it be incorporated? Is that signage, or are you going to have other ways of doing education?

MR. NORMAN: The signage stuff is a lot. There's a lot of interpretation involved with that. The volunteer can go in. That's going to be the biggest part of it.

My outlook is partnerships, collaborative efforts. The community is number one. I value their input. That's the educational component. We all get to work together.

MS. ANTLE: I go along with not having any sponsors but the one. You know, you've got several groups out of Phoenix that can help you – the four-wheelers who can help you up there. So we need to work on those partnerships. That was it other than there seems to be a big discrepancy between grants and the cost of an Oswego Trailer per hour or ** tractor per hour.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, great! Back to me now.

Answer this for me, Eric? Did Tonto already have – does Cave Creek already have several grants that are outstanding that we awarded to you last year and what have you. They're outstanding. They haven't been completed. Convince me why we should fund this project at this time instead of postponing it and -- you know, awarding it but then just holding off until you get these others done. Why should we get this awarded to you and you have it out there without getting the other ones done?

MR. NORMAN: The other grants involve roughly 36 miles of trail maintenance that involves the north side. This is going to involve the south side, basically everything that's coming out of Wild Cat. We want Wild Cat to be a desirable area. We want that to be the staging area. The community wants it. I'm in collaboration with the local organization, working on an agreement.

CHAIR SAVINO: Again, to get back to my question. We've awarded that money to you up there for that north end, or whatever end you're talking about. You already have that grant there. Why not get that done and put all your resources toward that. Then come back to us for this money to get to the next project? We don't want to have that money just standing out there stagnant.

MR. NORMAN: From what I understand [inaudible]. Would you like to speak?

CHAIR SAVINO: Yeah, I'm going to call him and ask him in just a second. Why don't you go up there now with him. Jeff Gersch is going to go up there and answer some of these questions. He's on the list.

MR. GERSCH: Good morning. One of the problems we had, when we first applied for grants two years ago with the Tonto, was trying to come up with a proper management agreement like we had with the BLM. At that time we thought it was going to be a piece of cake and it turned out it wasn't. So we came back to you last year to tell you that we thought we had come up with a way of doing it, and it took another year. Yesterday at four o'clock, I got a call from the

Forest saying that they've figured out how to do the challenge cost-share agreement that allows us to do these types of projects.

So now we'll be able to start doing the trail maintenance work on the north grants that we got last year. This will be the next phase. We're trying to do them in phases for the process. The next one will be finding a good place, which is the Wild Cat Parking Lot to develop to get more people in. Again, this is in the PM-10 area so, developing the Wild Cat will give us a way of controlling dust and giving the people a good place to start. Unfortunately, NEPA is the first part of the process to do anything on the ground. And the NEPA isn't just covering the parking lot. Outside of the parking lot there's a spider web of illegal trails that have developed, so the NEPA also is covering that to rehab that, because it too is a dust issue. So if we can rehab that we can actually take that as banking. Anything that you close from open area to Cherry Stone roads can go back into the system as new trails. So if we can post new trails down the road, that helps us get that in there.

CHAIR SAVINO: Great, now can – give me a time frame on when you expect – since you guys are involved in it now – to get both these projects done. If we award this and you have that one outstanding already, when can you get this done?

MR. NORMAN: [Inaudible.] In the meantime, it could be as soon as a week, two weeks.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, that's for the NEPA. Six months?

MR. NORMAN: I got estimates. As little as three months.

MR. GERSCH: Trail construction, I tried to do the same as with the BLM. We tried to do it during the chance of rain, because the trails do much better when we have rain to pack them down after they've been created or repaired. It's like moving sand. So we tried to do – for me, if we get any rain between now and August when it gets too hot to be out in the field with the tractors, we would do some work then. Most likely it would be in our Monsoon season for the other trails.

CHAIR SAVINO: Anybody else?

MR. NORMAN: I have one more thing. Our clearance has been completed.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, thank you very much. Let's go to the rating process. David, start it off.

MR. MOORE: All right. "Protect Access," eight. "Maintain and Renovate Existing Routes," eight. "Mitigate and Restore Damage," eight. "Establish and Designate Trails," eight. "Increased Law Enforcement," zero. "Trail Route Signs," four. "Maps and Route Information," four. "Educational," four. "Support," one. "Volunteerism," one. "Interagency," zero. "Dust Abatement," one.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, Don?

MR. FRENCH: Bill, you ready? Eight, eight, eight, zero, zero, four, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero for 28.

CHAIR SAVINO: Zero, eight, eight, eight, zero, four, four, four, zero, zero, zero, one. Rebecca.

MS. ANTLE: Eight, eight, eight, eight, zero, four, four, four. The last one is zero and the rest of them are ones.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Thomas, again, I have to ask you, you haven't rated this one?

MR. McARTHUR: Nope.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Thank you, Eric. Let's move on to the next Tonto one, which is Cave Creek Ranger District from the same area. This is the – well, it's in front of you – requesting funding for two seasonal hires. Go ahead.

MR. NORMAN: These two seasonal hires would be a 100 percent OHV trails management program.

CHAIR SAVINO: I don't see that written down here anywhere, that it's a 100 percent OHV trail management. It's just that you're hiring two seasonal employees to help you out; and you're not 100 percent OHV use. So why should we – do you have matching funds coming in from the hiking people, or the horseback people?

MR. NORMAN: They're going to be dedicated to the OHV program. Because of the work that we're planning, that will create additional trails [inaudible].

CHAIR SAVINO: All right. We can go into some questions again on how to fund this stuff. Go ahead, Don.

MR. FRENCH: I guess a question for Joy, maybe. Can we hire Forest Service people for jobs?

AAG HERNBRODE: You're not hiring them. They are.

MR. FRENCH: We're giving them the money.

AAG HERNBRODE: If you're giving them your money, you're hiring them. You're giving them grant money. I don't have the statute in front of me, but I believe that complies.

MR. FRENCH: Okay, then, one more question. As a group, is this something that – I think it's something we need to talk about as a group and see if we want to go there. I know we've done it in the past, some. But I think it would be a good time to take a look at it as a group and see if this is something that we want to do.

CHAIR SAVINO: In my recollection in my five years here, we've only done it once and that was with – when the Coalition – Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition put in for a person. That person is specifically for off-highway vehicle trail maintenance and is under – basically under the supervision of the Coalition. This is a different category. In my mind now, this is a whole different ballgame and we don't want to – do we want to open up a can of worms and have an outlet for the federal government to find a way to hire employees to take care of stuff. That's what we have to be careful of here. Do we want to go that route?

MR. FRENCH: I've always been against – and I have voiced this several times – the idea of paying the federal government for employees or equipment that is used in day-to-day operations. So unless you have some assurance that this would, you know, be strictly for this proposal I would be totally against it. I'm as apprehensive as you are in doing it in any event.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: I agree. I don't see anything wrong with the rest of the grant, but paying a Forest Service employee I don't think is – I mean, if we do it for one, then it's going to end up being for all agencies.

CHAIR SAVINO: I feel for you, that you're the Lone Ranger out there. I don't see your hat, but –

CHAIR SAVINO: I feel for you there, but that's not – that shouldn't be our responsibility. You're going to laugh, but – "Go to Obama and get the money." I'm sorry saying that.

CHAIR SAVINO: Thomas, do you have any questions on this?

MR. McARTHUR: Yes, I have two. One, OHV endorsement from the user community?

MR. NORMAN: A trails club, ATR; AZOHBZ, I believe –

MR. FRENCH: We didn't get any endorsements.

MR. MOORE: There are no endorsements.

MR. McARTHUR: No endorsements. Okay. And the question came up about percentages with – and you're saying that this is – would contractually be 100 percent for OHV enhancement management?

MR. NORMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. McARTHUR: Thanks.

MR. NORMAN: It's my idea of an opportunity to create a couple jobs for the summer for students or anybody interested, the OHV community. A lot of people all express interest, "How can we help out." "I'd like to get paid once in awhile."

CHAIR SAVINO: I feel for you, but that shouldn't be – in my own mind, that's not our responsibility here.

Okay, I'm going to go on. Are there any more questions from our group?

MS. ANTLE: Just that – I don't know if I asked this last time or not, but all the trail heads you're working on or patrolling, are those motorized; or are they non-motorized and motorized?

MR. NORMAN: I work on both.

CHAIR SAVINO: And they will be working for you, so they'll in a sense be working both. Okay, any more questions? If not, let's go down to the rating process. David, go for it.

MR. MOORE: Okay. "Protect Access," zero. "Maintain and Renovate," zero. "Mitigate and Restore," zero. "Establish and Designate," zero. "Increase on-the-Ground Management Presence and Law Enforcement," four. "Provide and Install Route Signs," four. "Provide Maps and Trail Route Information," zero. "Educational Programs," zero. "Support Facilities," zero. "Volunteerism," zero. "Interagency Coordination," zero. "Dust Abatement," zero.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Don?

MR. FRENCH: Okay. I have zero, zero, eight, zero, four, four, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, you ready for me?

SPEAKER: Yes.

CHAIR SAVINO: I have zero, zero, zero, zero, four, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero.

MR. MOORE: For a total of four.

CHAIR SAVINO: Right. Okay, Rebecca, go ahead.

MS. ANTLE: On the second level – zeros on the first – four, four, zero, four, zero, one, one, zero.

MR. MOORE: Got it.

CHAIR SAVINO: And again, Thomas?

MR. McARTHUR: Nope.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, that's it on that. Thank you, Eric. That's for your two grants.

Okay, now I'm going to go to grant number eight. We have – you want to get up there and answer? Grant number eight is the "Maricopa County Parks and Recreation." The scope of work is environmental assessment. Sir, go ahead.

MR. MOUW: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commission Committee Members. I'm Kenneth Mouw, Engineering Manager for Maricopa County Parks. (Also present, Leigh Johnson, Parks Planner/Trails.) Approximately two years ago we started master planning in an area around Vulture Mountain, which is south of Wickenburg. The master plan has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. At this time we have also applied for an RP&P grant with BLM for 1,025 acres of the property. A total of 70,000 will be encompassing the park. This property that we're to do an RP&P on is property we will be developing facilities on. BLM will still be maintaining the trails and doing the trail routes. The first step we have in developing – in getting our RP&P grant for the facility areas we want to develop we have to do an EA, which is at this time what we're asking for in this funding for the EA.

CHAIR SAVINO: Are there any questions? David, do you have any?

MR. MOORE: No, I don't.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, here's a letter from the Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition. Don, do you have any questions?

MR. FRENCH: Yes, I believe I do. Do you have zero OHV endorsements?

MR. MOUW: That is correct, yes.

MR. FRENCH: I notice on this pamphlet here, this capital improvement plan's in four phases, starting from one-to-30 years. Where does this Off-Highway Vehicle fit into that plan?

MR. MOUW: It's in the first phase part of this. In order to do the infrastructure that we want to build, we need to get the EA done. Once we get the EA done we can start building facilities.

MR. FRENCH: It's on page two, [unintelligible.]

MR. MOUW: Yes.

MR. FRENCH: Four to ten years. Okay? Are you going to ask about the multi-use areas?

[End of tape one.]

MR. FRENCH : (Continuing.) We've run into problems before with having equestrian areas, OHV areas – all in the same area. Have you guys considered that in your plan? It looks like there's – from the looks of where you put hiking and equestrian, they're very closely located together.

MR. MOUW: The majority of the OHV area will be west of Vulture Mountain Road – or Vulture Mine Road, but there will be other accessible trails to connect from this part of the trail heads that are separated.

CHAIR SAVINO: Let me jump in, if you don't mind, Don?

MR. FRENCH: Go ahead.

CHAIR SAVINO: Specifically on that, we're looking at the map here, again. In the middle of an equestrian area, campgrounds and everything – all these areas – you've placed the motorized area. Now that means that in that motorized areas – they have to go through those areas to get out.

MR. MOUW: That is correct.

CHAIR SAVINO: Wouldn't it make more sense to put the motorized on the outskirts, that way they're not bothering – everybody has the rights to the area.

SPEAKER: Yes.

CHAIR SAVINO: And we want to see them enjoy that area. We want the equestrians and hikers and what have you to enjoy it. So, we don't want to bother them. So by creating a thing where it's right in the middle of this whole area – which is the equestrian around it – we're creating something.

MR. MOUW: The primary OHV area will be the airstrip area, which historically is always being used by the OHV people. That's where I intend us to

have a group campground-type facility, restrooms and a staging area for the OHV people. But they will not be eliminated from the family campground. They will not be eliminated from the day use area. They have a right to go everywhere just as everyone else does.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Questions?

MR. McARTHUR: Yeah, I have a question. One is, that area you describe is actually, you know, a relatively small area and for OHVs range wide. So I have some – are there going to be barriers around that? Or is this like an off-loading area where you'll be able to explore most of the rest of the existing, open 4-wheel drive rather than off-road trails?

MR. MOUW: It's an open area.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay. Next is, in the past in this area, there was – run by Mr. McKinley – an off-road race. It would be there. Are you provisioned to allow that in the future?

MR. MOUW: All existing uses are going to remain. We will not be limiting any uses that are currently available down there.

MR. McARTHUR: What about – you know, the word “currently” is what – I just wanted to know if Maricopa County would have any reservations to trying to restore that?

MR. MOUW: That is not our intent.

CHAIR SAVINO: Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: Has all of the route inventory been done for the BLM in that area?

MR. MOUW: They were supposed to have been done a year ago. We are still waiting for them to complete their route inventory and to complete their plan.

MS. ANTLE: So you might be going ahead with this and doing an EA on roads that might be closed?

MR. MOUW: We're only doing the EA on – the entire area for Vulture Mountain is 70,000 acres, we're only doing the EA on 1,000 acres, just the areas that we're actually going to plan development on. We're not doing an EA on the entire 70,000 acres.

MS. ANTLE: Okay. This has nothing to do with the grant from last year?

MR. MOUW: They didn't apply for a grant.

MS. ANTLE: There was one applied for in the town of Wickenburg.

[Overlapping conversations.]

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, Thomas, you have any questions here?

MR. McARTHUR: I think – just to ask again. I think it was already addressed, there were no endorsements on this, is that correct?

MR. MOUW: That is correct.

CHAIR SAVINO: Why aren't there endorsements on this?

MR. MOUW: I'm not sure I can answer that, but I –

CHAIR SAVINO: Have you sought –

MR. MOUW: We have sought one and they chose not to endorse us, at this time. I think they're not sure we're going to follow through with what we're proposing to do.

CHAIR SAVINO: That's not what I have. I have their letter in front of me and that's not what they're – they're not asking – in fact, they were in favor of your project. Okay? One of the reasons why it hasn't been endorsed is that they're afraid of – and the same thing I'm afraid of – is that you may be jumping the gun. If there hasn't been a travel management plan put in place with the BLM. We are assured that, from your spots that you're doing your environmental assessment on, there are trails leading out of there – motorized trails leading out of there. If we aren't guaranteed that they are, then why should we go ahead and fund money?

MR. MOUW: We are guaranteed. BLM has said, any place where we develop any facilities, they guarantee us they will have the connecting trails to those facilities.

CHAIR SAVINO: Is there a letter supporting that?

MR. MOUW: We have a Memorandum of Understanding with them.

CHAIR SAVINO: Can we put in our stipulations that before we award this we get that letter of – Memorandum of Understanding? Joy?

AAG HERNBRODE: Uhm –

CHAIR SAVINO: There'd be a stipulation in order to do this. We want to make sure that funding is there, or that approval is there.

AAG HERNBRODE: Yeah, I guess we could put that in the special conditions.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Are there any other questions?

MR. McARTHUR: Yes, I have one more. The properties that are listed here that are highlighted, those are not under direct control of Maricopa County? These are working in conjunction with BLM – the areas that you've highlighted for development?

MR. MOUW: Those are ones that we have already applied for, yes.

MR. McARTHUR: Yes.

SPEAKER: So those would be under our control. Those would be where we develop the facilities.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay. And the federal land managers, then, are referring to Maricopa County?

MR. MOUW: That's correct.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, let's go through the rating process. This is on number eight, Vulture Mountain Regional OHV Park Environmental Assessment. Thank you, sir. Let's go through there. David?

MR. MOORE: "Protect Access," eight. "Maintain and Renovate Existing Trails," eight. "Mitigate and Restore Damage," eight. "Establish Designated Trail Routes," eight. "Increase On-the-Ground Management Presence," four. Zero for "Trail/Route Signs." "Provide Maps and Trail Route Information," zero. "Provide Educational Programs," zero. "Develop Support Facilities," one. "Develop Coordinated Volunteerism," zero. "Promote Planning and Interagency Coordination," one. "Dust Abatement," zero.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Don?

MR. FRENCH: Ready? Eight, zero, zero, eight, zero, zero, zero, zero, one, zero, one, zero for a total of 12.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. I have an eight, zero, eight, eight, zero, zero – no, wait, wait. Excuse me, I'm sorry.

Okay, let me go back to this. I was on the wrong one. I do have an eight, zero, an eight, eight, zero, zero, zero, zero – all the way across, zeros.

MS. ANTLE: Eight, eight, zero, eight, then zeros on the next four. One, one, one and zero.

MR. MOORE: John, I skipped a line when I came to the second level. I have a zero for "Law Enforcement," as well, on the first one.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay.

MR. MOORE: I was looking at the wrong thing when I spoke.

CHAIR SAVINO: Again, Thomas? You did not rate this, correct?

MR. McARTHUR: Not with this system, no.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, great! That all I want to know. All right, thank you very much. Now, with that said, we're to the – do we have anybody here from the Coconino National Forest?

SPEAKER: Yeah! We are all on the phone right now.

CHAIR SAVINO: Wow! You were just keeping quiet the whole time, huh?

SPEAKER: Yeah.

CHAIR SAVINO: Great! So we're going to go to the number four, the "Coconino National Forest. Who do we have on the phone?

MS. NICKERSON: You have – depending on what you would like, you can talk to myself, Jodi Nickerson, about the Stoneman Lake Grant, or you can talk to Pat McGurvy and Shaun Murphy about their grant (Munds Park).

CHAIR SAVINO: Would you like to start off by giving everybody just a few minutes to give a little presentation? Would you like to start off, Jodi, by –

MS. NICKERSON: Sure.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, go ahead.

MS. NICKERSON: Hello everyone, it's been a few months since I saw you all. The Stoneman Lake Apache-Maid OHV grant proposal I've put before you. I tried to encompass all sorts of different aspects, specifically in the Stoneman Lake area that would really build a good base to establish a trail system in the area.

CHAIR SAVINO: Jodi, let me stop you real quick so I can work on the same page with that. I gave them the wrong – I'm sorry, let me go back. This one would be project number 11, which is the Redrock Ranger District Coconino National Forest. I'm sorry for that, Jodi. We all pulled out the wrong one. My fault – my bad!

MS. NICKERSON: Not a problem. I can imagine the confusion on folks' faces.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, this is the Redrock Ranger District Coconino National Forest. Jodi Nickerson is the writer on it, and the initial description was – the initial public involvement would entail public information materials for distribution. Okay? Thomas, are you on board?

MR. McARTHUR: Yep, I am.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, let's go ahead, Jodi.

MS. NICKERSON: Okay, and I do want to let you all know – because you did fund my position this past year – that I did get extended. So I will be continuing to work in the position that I have been. I'm going to continue to work coordinating OHV efforts across the forest. So, I wanted to let you all know that was the status of my position right now.

As far as this grant goes, we've got two kinds of different – two different kinds of components to it. One being road maintenance of the outfitter guide and OHV road, predominantly in the west Sedona area. You'll see there are specific maps and paperwork dealing with that. This is a continuation of the roadwork we did this past year. We completed a few more miles this past year than originally planned. So, this coming year, we have our system down and we're actually projecting to get more miles done with approximately – just a little bit more money than last year. So we're expecting to get at least 20 miles of road done this year. Whereas last year, I think, it was – I think my numbers are 13 miles of road that we accomplished last year. So we made some great headway and we're hoping to make a lot more headway.

There are also sample pictures in your packet there of what the road maintenance looks like. The big thing we really wanted to stress is that this road maintenance, although really key and necessary to be able to continue using these roads – the features we're putting on them is very minor. It's just so that we can keep the water flowing across the road or off the road. We don't have major ditches forming on either side of the road or on big, muddy areas where people see

another road prism outside the original road prism. So these features are pictured in the proposal. It's towards the back. There are some "before" pictures. You see some stakes on either side of puddles. Then, you can barely tell in the picture, but – this is exactly what it looks like in the field – there's just a little bit of roadwork so that the water keeps flowing off. The first couple photos that are in there are to just show you some of the roads that are in need of roadwork, and examples of the places that need roadwork. So, that is the continuation of a project that we started and it really went great this past year. So we're excited to continue that process.

The other aspect of the grant is that we've got Stoneman Lake, which this past year I had determined did not need inventory because it is – it's already been inventoried and we have a good feel for what's out there. I spent a lot of time out there this past year. The user group is predominantly people from Phoenix coming up camping. It's the first exit off I-17 into the Pines. It's cooler up there and it's also the cornerstone for all three districts on the Coconino. So you've got Flagstaff, the Mogeon [phonetic] Rim District and the Redrock District all right there.

In order to have a well-balanced proposal, I tried to incorporate – not only setting up the destination points – having the Stoneman Lake Overlook become someplace where people really would want to go and have a picnic, you know, traveling there on their OHVs. But also, in putting in that education component, you see that I'm asking for money for three kiosks. One is at the Overlook, one is at the intersection of the primary road down by – it's Stoneman Lake – if any hunter has ever been there – it's the Stoneman Lake tease and with all the people coming off there, there's a little outlet that I did provide a Google Earth overlook of. It's a great place for an educational kiosk. Then the third location for a kiosk is at the top of Apache-Maid Mountain, where the Apache-Mail Lookout Tower is. Right now every summer we've got people staffing the Lookout, and it's – I go up there very frequently, because the amount of OHV visitors is tremendous up there. You have everyone from Jeeps to dirt bikes, quads – I've seen golf carts up there. There's quite the array. Unfortunately, our lookouts are sometimes volunteers, or you know, they change. So, the information they have isn't always consistent, and it's not always correct.

I am proposing that we put a kiosk up there to make sure we get OHV-safety places they can ride. Have this information available to them so they're not relying on the number of staff changes we have in the Lookout up there. Make sure we're consistent with our message.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, thank you.

MS. NICKERSON: Yeah!

CHAIR SAVINO: So we can speed things up a little bit, because we've researched all this stuff, I would like to go on to the question part, if you don't mind.

MS. NICKERSON: Okay, not at all.

CHAIR SAVINO: David?

MR. MOORE: Yes. When you mention guides and outfitters, are these trails exclusively for the guide and Jeep services or is this open to everyone?

MS. NICKERSON: No. They are open to everyone – the background behind this is that we have a special-use program and it's particularly – you see I have a letter of support from Pink's Jeeps. Most people have heard of Pink's Jeeps or maybe have seen them around. It's companies like that who utilize these roads in the forest and they also have special-use permits with the Red Rock District.

A categorical exclusion was done several years ago that mandated that the roads that are specifically used by outfitter guides get maintained. These roads are not specific to outfitter guides. In fact, I make sure that when the roads that are suggested for this grant and get worked on, I am adamant they are only roads that are also available and used by OHVs in the private sector as well. So, no, it's not limited to that.

CHAIR SAVINO: Jodi, I have a question.

MS. NICKERSON: Yes.

CHAIR SAVINO: These tour companies that come in there, they have to get a permit – a forest service permit to operate – commercially operate on the forest service. Correct?

MS. NICKERSON: Correct.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. That money – where is that – is that money coming back? I don't see that in this list – back to – how come the forest service isn't putting that permit money back into developing these trails? So that tour company is putting out money for a permit to operate on these trails. Why isn't that money coming back into these trails?

MS. NICKERSON: There are other costs involved, but the other thing that we do have, the bigger companies like Pink's Jeep, we do have them actually maintaining specific roads, themselves.

So these are other roads that are used by the OHV community, as well as the outfitters and guides. So, I'm going to give the "for-instance" that Pink's Jeep has Broken Arrow, which is a very popular trail. It is also used by other, you know, non-outfitter guide folks, but Pink's Jeep is completely, solely responsible for maintaining that road. So, it's – and we've got another company that does another road.

So, in order to offset these costs of maintenance and everything, we are utilizing the companies themselves to do work that needs to be done; but there's so much work that needs to be done. Also, there are certain ways that the Forest Service would like things to be done, as seen in those pictures, to make sure we are having low-impact features installed that really it's on us to make sure that these roads are properly used. But, it is also heavily used by the public. It's all the people coming to Sedona. There are over a million visitors a year. Those people are renting Jeeps, renting ATVs and getting out in the forest, as well.

CHAIR SAVINO: All right, Jodi. That answers my question. I've got one real quick question. Hopefully it's a quick answer.

MR. FRENCH: Was Dave done?

CHAIR SAVINO: What?

MR. FRENCH: Was Dave Done?

CHAIR SAVINO: Yes, he was done. Okay, one more then I'll go to you, Don.

Why should the off-highway vehicle – the State Off-Highway Vehicle community pay for public information – informational meetings and materials? Why isn't the Forest Service doing that? You know, the Forest Service in Coconino doing that? Why should we have to pay for that?

MS. NICKERSON: This is the initiation of public scoping. The thing is, we need to have a trail system. I don't know if the Committee got word that Coconino is starting to implement travel management on May 1. As the OHV Program Manager, I'm making every push possible to start trails on the forest. With the declining budgets that we have, it's the only way we can do it.

CHAIR SAVINO: Jodi, you were mandated by the federal government that is in Washington, to do this travel management plan and give out public information – conduct public informational meetings and what have you. Why – I'm going back to my question. A quick answer, I would appreciate it. Why do you feel the Arizona State Off-Highway Vehicle community should pay for that public information part of it?

MS. NICKERSON: To be completely honest, in short, it's because – if we don't find the funding through other means, other than the Forest Service, a trail system will not be in that location. That is the hard truth of it.

CHAIR SAVINO: Well the hard truth –

MS. NICKERSON: Trail planning won't happen.

CHAIR SAVINO: The hard truth is that if we don't have the funding for it and we don't give you the funding, then you can't go forward with your travel management plan and the trail will stay open until. . . .

MS. NICKERSON: No.

CHAIR SAVINO: . . . unless there's a safety factor.

MS. NICKERSON: Unfortunately, that's not the case. There will be no trails in the area. Travel management will go forward, but there will be no trails for families to ride on; and I really don't want that to happen. That's why I am asking for this money.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. I'm just going to end this, my part of it, by saying that I'm going to recommend in my part – when we get to the recommendations, that portion of it – that we omit the public information portion of that. That we don't pay for that out of –

MS. NICKERSON: Can I make a statement about – it's not necessarily public information. Maybe I was not clear in this, but it's more like getting public involvement so that we know what kind of trails they want. Starting the – I know NEPA is a bad word – but it's starting the NEPA process.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay.

MS. NICKERSON: So we can have trails.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay.

MS. NICKERSON: It's not public meetings.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, Don, you have any questions?

MR. FRENCH: I had a question about the public involvement, also, the amount. I'd like to comment real quick and thank you. It was a very good grant application. I thought it was filled out; you had a lot of OHV endorsements. It was very good.

CHAIR SAVINO: All right. David, you have any questions?

MR. MOORE: No.

CHAIR SAVINO: Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: Yeah, I agree with John on the public meetings. Has travel management – haven't the travel management meetings already been done? Haven't you gotten information from your users already about what trails they want to see?

MS. NICKERSON: So, I guess – my mistake for mentioning travel management because this has nothing to do with travel management whatsoever. These public meetings will not talk about travel management unless, you know, someone pulls me aside to talk specifically because they're confused about something. What these meetings are for is an entirely different thing. It is for trail planning. We need to get trails on the forest. So, in that specific area, people are coming from Phoenix with their families to camp and ride.

So, what these meetings are for, what the public scoping, public involvement is for has nothing to do with travel management, other than giving families and OHV users a means of having more trails on the forest. So, it does not have anything to do with travel management and public meetings. So, please keep that in mind.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, thank you very much. Let's go on to the rating process. Oh, Thomas, you have any questions? I'm sorry.

MR. McARTHUR: That's all right. I just want to say; I'm real pleased that you've been extended, Jodi. I think you're doing a wonderful job on the Coconino. I want to also state – like Don said – I think you did a great job with the application. It's nice to know you're going to be around helping out the OHV community. Thank you.

MS. NICKERSON: Thank you, Tom, I'm trying.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, David, go ahead. Your marks?

MR. MOORE: "Protect Access," eight. "Maintain/Renovate," eight. "Mitigate Damage," eight. "Establish/Designate," eight. "Increase On-the-Ground Law Enforcement Presence, four. "Install Route Signs," four. "Provide Maps and Trail Information," four. "Educational Programs," zero. "Support Facilities," one. "Volunteerism," one. "Interagency Coordination," one. "Dust Abatement," zero.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Don?

MR. FRENCH: Zero, eight, eight, eight, zero, zero, four, zero, one, zero, zero, zero.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, mine. Eight, eight, eight, zero, four, four, zero, one, zero, zero, zero. Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: Zero, eight, eight, zero, zero, four, four, four, zero, one, one, zero.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, and again I have to ask, Thomas, you didn't rate this. Correct?

MR. McARTHUR: I did and she aced it, but not on your system.

CHAIR SAVINO: All right. Let's go on to the next. That was the Red Rock Ranger District. Oh gosh!

MS. ANTLE: Munds Park, which would be number four.

CHAIR SAVINO: Munds Park is number four. It's the same people's presentation. Who's going to do this one?

MR. MURPHY: I'll take the lead on this. This is Sean Murphy.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, Sean.

MR. MURPHY: Hi there. Just to give you a little overview.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, do me a favor, Sean – because we've heard this stuff and we're running out of time. So, please, please, please be brief.

MR. MURPHY: All right. Brief it is.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, thank you very much.

MR. MURPHY: Munds Park has the OHV system in place approximately – I think it's 12 miles, and we would like to complete the motorized section of this. We would also like to do a little maintenance. So what you've got is a gate installation and trailhead maintenance for the Iron Springs Trail Head. We were approached by the Munds Park Trail Stewards, affectionately known as "MuTS," to get this stuff done. The trailhead maintenance, I think you might have a picture. We have some drainage issues; and every time we resurface that trailhead, we wind up losing all our materials. So we'd like to address that – finally. We also have a trail maintenance part of this project in the Janice Place area. It has a switchback that people are cutting it's beginning to wash out the trail. We'd like to bring in some crews from ACE and CREC to get this done.

We also have the trail construction component, which is approximately three miles of new and planned trails from the Iron Springs Trail Head over to the 700 Road near Horse Park. That's the quick and dirty of it.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, thank you very much. David?

MR. MOORE: No.

CHAIR SAVINO: Don't?

MR. FRENCH: Yes, but I'm not –

CHAIR SAVINO: You want me to come back to you?

MR. FRENCH: Yes.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Rebecca?

MR. ANTLE: You know I think the question from my group was why are we paying for employees, again?

MR. MURPHY: Some oversight is definitely necessary. We also have a SWECO Trail Tractor, which is basically a mini-dozer with a four-foot blade that we feel is going to be integral in getting that three miles of trail mashed in; and then have CREC and ACE come in afterwards to finish it off.

MR. FRENCH: And we're providing what?

MR. MURPHY: And we're also providing an in-kind match with the Trail Coordinator, which is myself, and also the Trail Crew Foreman. I think you see \$964 down there and \$737. That's what we're asking you for.

MR. FRENCH: Okay.

CHAIR SAVINO: All right, great! Any other questions, Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: No.

CHAIR SAVINO: Tom, you have any questions?

MR. McARTHUR: Nope.

CHAIR SAVINO: You're okay. I just have one comment. This is a pet peeve with me since I'm a UTV user. One of my issues in your project, your trails are "52-inch or less" trails. You stayed on the ATV trails. Over 90 percent of the industry out there – with other 90 percent of the UTVs out there in the industry right now over 58 inches, why don't you expand that to at least 60 inches to allow for the wider vehicles that are safer vehicles to go on those trails?

MR. MURPHY: We have two projects in the works that we're doing NEPA on that we are actually working on. One is the Kelly Trails Project, which is going to propose, I think, about 100 miles of trail. We also have the Hart Prairie Area, the 180 Corridor Project, which is going to do that. The NEPA for this particular trail system was completed back in – I think it was 2004, 2005, when UTVs were not really around that much. It was mostly ATVs. So, unfortunately, this particular trail system was brought in under NEPA with the 52-inch cap. Now we do not

ticket anyone or make sure that no one can go on these particular trails. We did have one instance where we had to replace a gate. When we did that, we had to stick with the NEPA, because that was the clearance we had. So, one gate is actually at 52 inches and only allows ATVs, but the rest of the entrances to the trail system do allow UTVs.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, great! That's my last question; so, let's go into the rating process.

MR. FRENCH: I have one question.

CHAIR SAVINO: Oh, I'm sorry. Don has a question. I forgot to go back to Don. Go ahead.

MR. FRENCH: Yeah, I was just looking through your pictures here, I see – everywhere I see a gate; there's a closed sign on it. I'm wondering how much – you say there are times of the month or times of the year when you have to close them because of weather. How often are these roads closed during the year?

MR. MURPHY: Generally speaking our closures – of course, obviously, it all depends on snowfall, but usually it happens around the end of November and we usually open things right about now – beginning to middle of April.

MR. FRENCH: Okay, and they will be open all summer? Or, can we get rains that close them again?

MR. MURPHY: Rains generally don't close them. The only thing I could imagine closing them during the summer would be a full fire closure, due to fire danger, or possibly some sort of a flood event.

MR. FRENCH: Okay.

CHAIR SAVINO: Great! With that done, let's go on to the rating process. David?

MR. MOORE: "Protect Access," zero. "Maintain/Renovate Existing," eight. "Mitigate/Restore," eight. "Establish and Designate Materials," eight. "Law Enforcement," zero. "Provide and Install Signs," zero. "Provide Maps," zero. "Provide Education," zero. "Develop Support Facilities," zero. "Promote Coordinated Volunteerism," zero. "Promote Comprehensive Planning and Interagency," zero. "Dust Abatement," zero.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Don?

MR. FRENCH: I think I'm exactly like yours, zero, eight, eight, eight and the rest zeros.

MR. MOORE: Exactly. This is the first time we've been all on the same page. I'm zero, eight, eight, eight and the rest zero.

MS. ANTLE: And I've gotta screw things up. Eight, eight, eight, zero and then the rest.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Tom, once again I have to ask you, you didn't rate this, correct?

MR. McARTHUR: Correct.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, thank you very much, folks from the Coconino for your input. We're moving on. Do we have anybody from the BLM Office, Kingman Field Office? BLM Kingman Field Office.

MR. MARCEAU: Yes. There are three of us here, Amanda Deeds, Outdoor Recreation Planner. She will be the lead. There's also Ruben Sanchez, he's the Field Manager.

MR. SANCHEZ: Good morning.

MR. MARCEAU: And myself, Len Marceau, Outdoor Recreation Planner. I'll let Amanda take over.

MS. DEEDS: Hi, this is Amanda Deeds. We put in a grant for \$30,000 to pay for three weeks of a contract with Advance Resource Solutions to complete route evaluations for our travel management plan.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, great! We'll go on to the questions, then. Thank you very much Amanda. Let's start with David. Do you have any questions on this one?

MR. MOORE: So no other function other than to pay for the evaluations, correct?

MS. DEEDS: Exactly, just the contract.

MR. MOORE: Just the contract. Okay.

CHAIR SAVINO: Any other questions?

MR. MOORE: Yes, but give me a minute.

CHAIR SAVINO: I'll come back to David in just a minute. Don, do you have any questions.

MR. FRENCH: I don't think so. No, yes I do. I'd like to try to understand what Advance Resource Solution is going to actually do for you. I don't quite get what service they're going to provide.

CHAIR SAVINO: Amanda?

MS. DEEDS: Yes, they come in for about a week at a time and they bring software that helps us analyze all the routes that we've conducted inventory on. So we get together with the contractor – all the specialists in the office – and Game and Fish, and we review each route and come up with proposed alternatives for a NEPA process.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Go ahead, Don.

MR. FRENCH: No more questions.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: Thank you for using ARS. Secondly, wasn't your – all your trails already inventoried, previously?

MS. DEEDS: They've been inventoried and now we've moved on to the second phase, which is evaluation. So, we will complete our route inventory this year. We're almost finished with that.

MR. MARCEAU: This is Len Marceau. This money is for route evaluation, not inventory. This is a contract for ARS to conduct route evaluation.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, explain that to me? What's the difference between an inventory and a route evaluation?

MR. MARCEAU: The inventory is where you're actually on the ground inventorying the work, the condition, your use levels – what's become close to us – close to 5,000 miles – for our uphill office area. The evaluation, as Amanda mentioned, that's where staff is providing, with the use of ARS and their software program, alternatives for the NEPA process. The alternatives are there's one that's – I'm having a senior moment – no change. There's also an alternative that's, as I recall, the "access" alternative. There's an alternative called the "resource" alternative. Whereas you're looking at it in terms of protecting resource issues such as cultural and biological. Access alternative is looking at providing the access for the route. Then there's a fourth alternative which is the office or careful – what they're proposing or their preferred alternative.

MS. ANTLE: So you're using the decision tree as your process?

MR. MARCEAU: Yes we are.

MS. ANTLE: Okay, I totally understand now, thank you.

CHAIR SAVINO: Good, you can explain it to me, then.

MS. ANTLE: I got that one. We'd like all the agencies to use the decision tree and ARS, but they don't. So, can you call Coronado and ask them to do that?

CHAIR SAVINO: Will you call me afterwards and tell me what a "decision tree" is?

MS. ANTLE: I'll explain it to you, yes. I've been in it.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, good. Are you done with your questions?

MS. ANTLE: Yes, I am.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, Thomas, do you have any questions?

MR. McARTHUR: Just for my own clarification here. So this is to complete the TMR or TMP process?

MS. DEEDS: Yes, to complete the TMP process.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay. And, do you have endorsements? I don't see any in the packet.

MS. DEEDS: No, we didn't have any letters of recommendation for this. We've had some help from the clubs in the inventory process, but they aren't involved in the evaluation process.

CHAIR SAVINO: Gotcha! Thomas, are you done?

MR. McARTHUR: And then the evaluation is done on all trails, hiking, equestrian and OHV. Is that correct?

MS. DEEDS: Yes.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR SAVINO: I just have a couple comments here, and it's pretty much answered. I know that in the past, back in 2006, we gave you \$104,000 for the rudimentary inventory and then again in the Cerbat Mountains in 2007, \$97,000. So we've given you just about \$200,000 for your rudimentary inventory. So, you've pretty much answered this and I'm not – I still don't know what this "tree" thing was.

MS. ANTLE: I'll explain it to you guys later.

CHAIR SAVINO: So I won't go into that. So, thank you very much. We'll go on to the evaluation form if you don't mind. David?

MR. MOORE: Sure. Okay, I'll streamline it a little bit and I'll just go, eight, eight, eight, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Don't?

MR. FRENCH: Okay, no eights, zero, zero, four, zero, zero, zero, one, zero.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. I have an eight, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, one, zero.

CHAIR SAVINO: Rebecca.

MS. ANTLE: Eight, zero, eight, eight, zero, zero, one, one, zero, one, one, zero.

MR. MOORE: In the second section those are fours.

MS. ANTLE: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay, zero, zero, four, four. I was rating it differently.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay.

MR. MOORE: On the last one, it was zero, one, zero, zero?

MS. ANTLE: Right.

CHAIR SAVINO: And, Thomas, yet again I have to ask you.

MR. McARTHUR: Yep – no, I didn't use that system.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, great! Thank you very much folks from the Kingman Field Office, we appreciate it. I enjoy riding the trails up there. I know that.

MR. MARCEAU: You're welcome and thank you for your assistance in working through this process.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, thank you. Now is there anybody there from the BLM Arizona Strip?

MS. CHRISTIAN: Yes, we're here.

CHAIR SAVINO: Way up there. I can barely hear you.

[Laughter.]

MS. CHRISTIAN: Well, the phone call had a long way to take it to get down to you guys.

CHAIR SAVINO: Who am I speaking to?

MS. CHRISTIAN: Well, let me make the introductions. My name's Lorraine Christian. I'm the Field Manager for the Arizona Strip Field Office. I think that Pam McAlpine, Monument Manager for Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument is on a separate phone calling in.

MS. McALPINE: Yes I am and I'm glad to be on the phone talking to you all.

MS. CHRISTIAN: And we also have Dianna Hawks, who is our Recreation, Wilderness and Cultural Team Lead for the District. Then we have Paul Fuselieu, who is an Outdoor Rec Planner for the Parashant Monument.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, well, thank you and welcome. I appreciate your hanging on all this time.

MS. CHRISTIAN: Well we appreciate you considering our proposal. If I may, I just wanted to make one real brief opening comment on this. You'll see from our proposal that we're very similar to what Kingman proposed. The one comment or additional thing I'll say is that this is, the travel management for us is an extremely high priority to get it done. We are also proposing to use part of the money, should we be fortunately enough to get some, for ARS, also to help out with route evaluations. What we've found – because both of our national monument land-use plans got sued in federal court. What helped us win and prevail on our route network was using that system to do our route evaluations. So it is extremely helpful to us to help us prevail when we get sued.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, thank you. With that, let's go on. David, do you have any questions?

MR. MOORE: Not yet.

MS. HAWKS: Let me just interject. This is Dianna Hawks. If I could just briefly let you guys know that this is a very long project that we've been involved with. You saw us in 2002. What we're looking at – this proposal is considered the last of it that we want to finish: the travel management plans, environmental assessments on the field office; because those were not done in 2008 when we fortunate enough to complete them for both monuments. So we're proposing to do that. Then we're proposing some assistance in the implementation, some of the kiosks and the flec signs, the decals, FEA interns to help us put on the grounds. So, we're very appreciative and we're ready for questions.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, great! Thank you. David, do you have any questions?

MR. MOORE: Not at this time.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. Don?

MR. FRENCH: Can you come back?

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, I'll come back to Don. Rebecca?

MS. ANTLE: This is for route inventory, again?

MS. CHRISTIAN: No, none of this is for route – no, no, none of this is for route inventory. We completed last year. It did take us a decade to complete the inventory of more than 8,000 miles. So that's complete. What we're looking at now is to finish the evaluation process that Kingman talked about. We're doing the identical thing with ARS. Then we'll do that part of the environmental assessment in the travel management plan. We'll hopefully finish that on the Arizona Strip Field Office.

MS. ANTLE: What's the Travel Management Coordinator you have \$91,000 for?

MS. CHRISTIAN: That is an individual to assist with managing that for the field office because what we've found is that, typically, for all BLM Offices nationwide there are very few offices that have a travel management coordinator. We would like to have one. It would help us get these travel management plan EAs completed within the next few years. Remember we only have the travel management planning EAs for the field office to complete. We've done the EIS for the when the RMP's completed, the designation process on both monuments in 2008. We're almost wrapped up with finishing the travel management plans for those monuments.

So, this coordinator is actually crucial to help us coordinate it. Because we've been trying to do it with staff available and it's hit and miss. It's a long drawn out process, so, we want to hit it; we want to get it done and that coordinator would help us do that. So if we don't get the funding for the coordinator, we'll keep limping along – which is why it's taking us so long. We'll keep limping along until we eventually get it done. But it probably won't be within two-to-three years. It will be longer than that.

MS. ANTLE: Then I assume that's the same for the other five – other four people that the grant is paying for?

MS. CHRISTIAN: The other people? We've got some SCAs that we're proposing. That is to only help with implementation on the ground, route signing, kiosks, things like that, monitoring. Then, I think, that's all we have in there. I don't think we had – we had three SCAs proposed – which will pay for one. We're asking for funding for two. Then, it's set as the travel management coordinator, isn't it?

MS. ANTLE: You've got a Lorraine, Dianna, John and Todd listed.

MS. CHRISTIAN: That's our match. That's beyond funding. We're not requesting that funding under this grant.

MS. ANTLE: All right.

CHAIR SAVINO: I'm a little confused with the cost breakdown.

MR. MOORE: I don't understand how someone whose regular job it is to do this should be considered as a match.

CHAIR SAVINO: Let's address them with that.

MR. MOORE: Can you explain that? Are these people – I mean, is this what they do in their normal course of employment in their assigned duties? Or is this something exceptional?

MS. CHRISTIAN: They are assigned to do it, along with everything else. What Dianna was saying is that we get different priorities from like our state office and it's just a matter of how much – depending on those priorities – how much time we can focus on a particular project in any one year. So we do get pulled off to do other things. What I put here for the match is our estimate on what we're going to be spending on this project, internally. I assumed that's what a match was. We're going to be working on the project with assistance from the OHV grant and the travel management coordinator that would help us speed it up, then we can hopefully finish it sooner.

MS. HAWKS: Yeah, when we get special funding for a project which – a lot of times, generally for special funding we don't use labor; but what happens is, if we get special funding for a project, then, my focus to my staff is, "you work on this particular project to get it done." Then, of course, that pulls them away from other projects.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. I'm totally confused now, and I think we all are. So let's get back on the right – is there anybody here who is not confused in our group?

CHORUS OF VOICES: No.

CHAIR SAVINO: So, what we're – I want to get it back to the realm. You're asking for how much money?

MR. MOORE: It's \$317,000 and some change.

CHAIR SAVINO: Yeah, I know that, \$317,000 something.

MS. CHRISTIAN: Okay, when I submitted the proposal, I actually submitted our own budget in addition to your scope-item cost breakdown. My budget should have been part of your packet. It is a landscape paper that has a budget on it. It shows clearly what our match is, what part we're proposing to pay versus what part we're requesting from the OHV grant. That's why I included it. I thought it might be clearer to see which pieces we're paying for and what we're requesting under the grant.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, all I'm concerned about – so we can get back – I'm gonna have to get it back in within the realm of things. You're asking for \$317,000. Okay? I know your match is \$426,000 for the total \$744,000, which I don't care about, because I care about the \$317,000. That's what you're asking for from OHV funds. Of those OHV funds in regards to the \$317,000, how much of that is for employees? We've already established that \$91,000 is for the coordinator. Correct?

MS. CHRISTIAN: Correct.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, so we have \$91, 000 that's going to go toward the coordinator. That's what they want us to pay for. I don't care what they match. Okay? I care about what they want us to pay for. So far we have \$91,000, and I'm looking at a scope item cost breakdown sheet. It says up there, "Lorraine CHRISTIAN, ASFO Manager, total cost, \$52,366." You're asking for that money, right?

MS. CHRISTIAN: No, no.

CHAIR SAVINO: Why is it in the same category as down there? This is the \$362,000 they have here. Okay? You have it listed on that. Help me out here. You have \$91,000 listed as Travel Management Coordinator contract, GS-911. Correct. You said that you're asking for that money.

MS. CHRISTIAN: Right.

CHAIR SAVINO: So then on that list, right up above it in the same total component cost thing, it comes up to \$362,000. Down below you have listed, Lorraine CHRISTIAN for \$52,300. You have a Dianna Hawks for \$25,458, John Jasper for \$39,000. You have a Todd Calico, GASI – GIS specialist for \$30,000. Advanced Resources, you're asking for that money.

MS. CHRISTIAN: That one – that's not a problem. That's your route evaluation.

CHAIR SAVINO: Right, but those other ones.

MS. HAWKS: Your first four should not have been included on that.

MS. CHRISTIAN: If you actually look on your estimated project cost sheet, look at page five. That breaks down the cash and in-kind match for all those things, even the things that follow on the materials and supplies with the requested grant match for that task; and then the final sheet, page six, of your scope item cost breakdown sheet sums it up. So it's my mistake in doing it the way I did, and I apologize for confusing you.

CHAIR SAVINO: I see it now, okay.

MS. HAWKS: You see on page five – that might clarify.

CHAIR SAVINO: You're saying under "requested grant amount," that's all I care about right now.

MS. HAWKS: That's all we're asking for.

MR. MOORE: I have a question for you. The ranger UTV, will that be used exclusively for this or is it going to be for general BLM use – to be made available for other uses at the BLM office? Also, the same applies to the labor. The travel management coordinator and the BLM interns, are they going to work only on this project until it's completed; or do they have other duties as well?

MS. HAWKS: I'll step in and answer on the personnel part and then Paul can comment on the UTV, but the – the people costs, they would only be working on this project.

PAUL FUSELIEU: In reference to the UTV and the trailer, that is purely for the implementation of our travel management plans.

MR. MOORE: And what are your plans for the UTV when you're done with the travel management plan?

MS. HAWKS: Well actually we won't be done for many years, because that will be district wide. That's why I put on the schedule – if you look at the schedule where we have "implementation" – that's going to be ongoing for, I guess, the next five, six, seven years up here.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, we're back to the thing – the dilemma that we have – should we as an Arizona State Off-Highway Vehicle group be funding federal employees, a contract travel management coordinator position for \$91,000? Should we be doing that? And the general consensus is, no. We shouldn't be funding those positions. That's what the federal government's for, to fund those. I know that you need that money and you're reaching out; but, -- so anyway.

Are there any other questions from our group?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay.

MR. FRENCH: I do have one more question, real quick.

CHAIR SAVINO: Wait, one more question.

MR. FRENCH: I see we're going to split the cost on \$30,000 OHV maps. Is that right?

MS. HAWKS: On the maps?

MR. FRENCH: Yes.

MS. HAWKS: Yes. Yes.

MR. FRENCH: Are those maps free maps?

MS. HAWKS: Yeah.

MS. CHRISTIAN: These will be free because we're required to have free maps. We also see the Arizona Strip Recreation map, but it is such a big map. Those we do sell. We print those and sell those. Those will continue to be sold. But the idea is that we'll have the printed maps for each unit. So we'll have a printed map for the Grand Canyon Parashant, one for Vermillion Cliffs National Monument, one or two for the field office so that we could show all of the routes that are on those areas. We do need to give those out free.

MR. FRENCH: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, thank you very much. Let's go on now. I want to ask a question before we go on to the rating forms.

MR. McARTHUR: I have one question.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, go, Thomas.

MR. McARTHUR: I didn't see any here, but have you any endorsements from any OHV groups for this?

MS. CHRISTIAN: No, we don't.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay, let's go on. David, go ahead and let's rate this?

MR. MOORE: This is very difficult because I feel \$157,332 of the grant application is something I don't feel I want to support.

CHAIR SAVINO: And I feel that if it's agreed upon, like you said – because I feel the same way – then what we can do is table this grant until the next time until we can better review it. Because there's a lot of money involved there.

MR. MOORE: Maybe we can discuss how we're going to do it. I mean, some of it is worth some money; but other things I have big problems with and I'd rather abstain.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, you want to –

MR. MOORE: I make a motion that we table this particular grant until our next meeting when we can schedule a specific time to discuss the validity of all of the features and whether we would like to grant a portion of the grant or have the grant be modified.

CHAIR SAVINO: Is there a second to that?

MR. FRENCH: I second.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay there's been a motion put on the floor and seconded. Any discussion on that?

MR. McARTHUR: Yes.

CHAIR SAVINO: Thomas?

MR. McARTHUR: I agree with that and invite the Arizona Strip folks to – in light of the dwindling time this morning to re-evaluate and re-submit, because there's a lot of wonderful territory up there where we need OHV.

MR. FRENCH: We are going to meet next month.

CHAIR SAVINO: Yeah, and we are meeting next month. Okay, with that said I want to –

MS. CHRISTIAN: Excuse me? Did you say you wanted – I'm sorry to interrupt, but did you say you wanted us to re-submit something, then?

CHAIR SAVINO: Yeah, let me go through this process – the process of the motion. There's a motion on the floor. Then we'll address that.

MS. CHRISTIAN: Okay. All right, thank you.

CHAIR SAVINO: There's a motion on the floor. It's been seconded, and the motion is to table this grant application and this process until we can better review it. All those in favor?

CHORUS OF VOICES: Aye.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, the motion passed. So we're going to table this now to address your question.

We just need to better review this. One of the dilemmas that we're having is we're trying to decide whether, as a group representing Arizona State OHV users, whether we should be venturing into the deal of paying for employees – federal employees to do these jobs. So that's what we have. So we may be getting back to you to get better clarification; or we just may ask you just to present it as it is.

MS. CHRISTIAN: Okay, I was going to say, if it would help, then we'd just say, "pull out that travel coordinator." We could do that; if that's what you thought was best.

CHAIR SAVINO: Well we've already made the motion and stuff, so we're going to have to go on to the next – I don't think I can come back to that, can I? I can't.

MS. CHRISTIAN: No, I mean for next time.

MR. FRENCH: Oh for next time, yeah, if you're willing to do that when we consider the grant.

CHAIR SAVINO: Yeah, if you're willing. We're meeting next month and we'd like to have that come in front of us next month and then do that. But what we'd like to do is have you consider pulling out the – I believe there're three of them in there. The ones I have in question are the ones that have anything to do with hiring employees, basically.

[End of Tape.]

CHAIR SAVINO: [Continuing.] . . . contract travel management coordinator, the \$91,000; you have the SCA interns for \$48,000, then I have a question on the trailer, but I can go either way – and the equipment. So those three things. Then, I don't think we'll have a problem with it.

MS. CHRISTIAN: Okay.

CHAIR SAVINO: All righty!

MS. CHRISTIAN: Yep!

CHAIR SAVINO: Well, thank you very much, and thank you for being on the phone so long. I appreciate it.

With that said, we're done reviewing the grants. Bob, do we have – at this point, it's 12:16, what do you want? Just continue on? Have lunch or come back and

do this? How do you want to handle this? We've done reviewing them all. We've done the rating.

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Chair and Group, there's the second page of that rating system that considers the amount of high-priority products of the projects, the percent of the project that's high priority, there are points available for that. There are also points available whether they provide the letters or not. Hopefully you all went through and scored that part of it. Then there's also the OHVAG discretionary points that you needed to assign. You haven't addressed any of that with any of these projects.

CHAIR SAVINO: Well, where I thought that was going was my misunderstanding. I didn't fill it out because I thought that once we get up there then we all – because it's not a judgment thing on our part. It's whether they meet the first-level priorities. They meet it twice there then it goes over to the next category. So it's not a thing where we have to rate it. I thought once this rating was done and we put it in place with the ones we have, then once it's up on the board, then we add up this much for this part and then it comes out to a total. That's what I thought. I might have been misunderstood – or misunderstood you.

MR. BALDWIN: All right, well, in order to get the total points for each project, all those criteria needed to be evaluated on each project. So, we can discuss over lunch where we need to go with that. In order to get a total point value for each project, that's the goal of the process here today. Based on all of the eligible – all of the possible scoring opportunities.

MS. ANTLE: Bob, when you say we can discuss, do you mean OHVAG will continue to meet through lunch; or do you mean you and Doris will come back with a recommendation after you talk a little bit?

MR. BALDWIN: Doris and I will come back with a recommendation.

CHAIR SAVINO: Gotcha! So, let's break for lunch? Is there a motion?

MR. MOORE: I'm limited to the amount of time that I can stay.

CHAIR SAVINO: How long can you stay?

MR. MOORE: Another few minutes.

CHAIR SAVINO: Well, you've already done your part anyway. This next part is just adding up who has how many – they have in front of them that I rated this one here this many points – we have all those numbers there. So you know that you have in the level-one priority so many points. He covered that. That's in his sheet that he gave you.

MS. PULSIFER: I'm having copies many.

MS. ANTLE: There's a restaurant downstairs, maybe we can go down, get something to eat and bring it back up here and discuss while we have lunch?

AAG HERNBRODE: My concern is that we do have that other meeting starting at one and we are already basically 15 minutes past. We're in the high lunch period for

downtown Phoenix, so it may take us a little bit extra time downstairs to get something. So you may only have about 10 minutes or 15 minutes. Mr. Moore can't stay past lunch anyway. So we're not going to be able to maintain a discussion with him in any case. So you are coming back, after the joint meeting, you're coming back to meet again as OHVAG.

CHAIR SAVINO: We have to.

AAG HERNBRODE: Right. So, come back at that point. That gives Doris and Bob some time to try to figure out what needs to happen and where to go.

CHAIR SAVINO: We're going to break 'til one o'clock. When we come back, we'll adjourn to the ASCOT Joint Meeting, come back after that and meet right here.

[Break for Lunch & SRTAC Meeting.]

D. REPORTS – may be attached or presented verbally or the information may be provided at the meeting and will address the following subjects:

4. **PRfect Media** – will provide an update on the OHV outreach and website improvements project.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, Thomas, I'm gonna go.

I'm going to call this meeting to – I'd like to call back to order the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group on this Friday, April 6, 2012, at 3:25 at the BLM State Office. Roll call to get back on the thing: John Savino, Chairman; I have Don French, Rebecca Antle and Thomas McArthur. We have a quorum. Let's go ahead and start. The Chair recognizes PRfect Media.

MS. BULNES: Hello. Okay, what we're going to do right now is give you a little bit of an update on what we've been working on. Obviously we spent out the April Newsletter. It was sent out March 15th – sent out to a little under 1,600 people. We did get some new people who signed up. We did get six new people – which isn't big, but that's good. We did get 31 percent "quick throughs," 40 percent opened the actual email, which is fantastic! That's actually a lot higher than the norm, which means, people are actually wanting to read the contents of the Newsletter. We only received about 13 percent "bounce-backs," which again is really good. So we're doing well with the Newsletter – good content, people are wanting to read up and follow up their clicking on it. It's re-directing them to the website.

CHAIR SAVINO: It must be my letter.

MR. MERRITT: So, as part of the overall program with regards to building the communications process between all the different OHV clubs across the state, it is starting to work. That's why we have so many email addresses now under one portfolio that we can now use and communicate to. Considering there is over 30 percent "click-through," these people are now reading it and now seeing it. In

the last Newsletter that we sent out, there was an actual call for grant applications, which was a major topic of discussion in the past hour or so.

MS. ANTLE: So you're the reason I spend all my nights reading.

[Laughter.]

CHAIR SAVINO: Can we take questions now?

MR. FRENCH: I just have a real quick question, then you can go on. You said you sent out – I didn't get a Newsletter and I'm on the OHVAG.

MS. BULNES: Then you must have been part of the 13 percent that got bounced back, so I can definitely check your email address. If you want to give me your email address, I'll just add it on there.

CHAIR SAVINO: Go ahead with your –

MR. MERRITT: Make sure you didn't get it "spammed."

MS. BULNESS: Yeah, I'll double check it. I'll go in and double check it and re-send it. What I'll do is send you a separate email to make sure you got it.

MR. FRENCH: Thank you.

CHAIR SAVINO: You have to understand Don, okay. When you say "spam" he'll look in his refrigerator.

[Laughter.]

MR. MERRITT: So that's the March e-Newsletter. Why don't you go on?

MS. BULNESS: We are working on the April one. That one is currently going to be – I'm going to send that over to you on Monday. So all the contents have been approved and it should be ready to do.

MS. BULNESS: We've also developed four new templates which Ron has. The last time we sent one out it had the dirt bike on there; so we did develop four more. So now we're kind of appealing to more people. We've got the ATVs, UTVs, rock-crawlers; and I believe we also have a Jeep Caravan. So, we're just switching up the creative so it appeals to more people.

MR. MERRITT: So every time we send one out there will be a new background.

ADDED: Someone asked about the verbiage in the sample templates.

MS. BULNES: That's just Greek. We just put that on there. That's advertising lingo. We'll plug in actual English when we get the copy.

Then next on the list is OHV video scripts. These are five scripts that we have developed per our conversation that we had in the last meeting. They're all focusing on something different, but it's all OHV. We've got overall OHV script writing opportunities promoting ethical driving, sticker fund and OHV Ambassador Programs. So we're going to have four spots or four videos that we're going to be able to customize. We'll be taking some footage when we're going out to these events, we'll obviously be grabbing some BLM – some footage

so then we can start developing these spots. These will be housed on the website and can also be distributed – however you guys want.

So I'll pass those around. These are – they're not set in stone. The copy is – can obviously be changed up to whatever you guys want. But just to kind of give you a general idea, more or less to show what we're wanting to do. I've also indicated on the very bottom the items that we need to shoot for. For example, we've got to get some families, you know, camping with their OHV vehicles, things of that nature. So on that kind of stuff, I'll coordinate with Robert so we can figure out when we can go out and get some of that footage.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay. I need to get with you on the camping trip, stuff like that.

MS. BULNES: Okay.

CHAIR SAVINO: I gave you the list – the questions I have.

MS. BULNES: Yes.

CHAIR SAVINO: Real quick. I was impressed with the Newsletter; but one thing I'm having a problem with is how to tell somebody where to go. I had no problem with getting your thing and sending it on to my club, and I'm disappointed to hear there weren't that many people who clicked on to it and replied – and got on to the website. You know, there should have been more. I'm going to send it out again. What I would like to do – I also wanna know how – when are we going to be able to – like I said in this little note I passed on to you. I was looking for somewhere along the way to have – to where a person from out-of-state or whatever coming into our state; they click on "Arizona" – "AZOHV" and they go to that site. Is that a possibility? What do we have to do to get there?

MR. MERRITT: Well, we've got a question. I heard in the prior meeting about the website? Is there a separate website being developed now?

MR. BALDWIN: No.

MR. MERRITT: No? Okay, I misunderstood that then.

As far as the website revamp is concerned on the AZ State Parks' site, we have all of that ready to go. We just need your approval on that. Once you give us that approval, then we can move forward. We're ready to revamp the website. We just need the approval. We don't really want to promote it that much until we've got it revamped.

CHAIR SAVINO: Once again, I don't want to have – one of the reasons we went down this road – nothing against Arizona State Parks; but we wanted to have our stand-alone. The OHV dollars are paying for it. It's not State Parks. We wanted to have our stand-alone, Off-Highway Vehicle site where people can go for information. Now we can click in and have them go to the State Parks and state this, ask where it comes through; but we don't want them to have to think about going to State Parks, because the majority of the community out there doesn't realize the State Parks have anything. We're one of the only states in the nation that has State Parks' involvement in OHV uses like this. You go to

California, they could care less about off-highway vehicle use. So a person coming from California, they have no idea to go to the State Park's website. That's why we were looking for a stand-alone thing that OHV – then under that, what you have in thing, you have right here.

If this was a website we went to they'd say, "Hey, State Parks? Let me go to State Parks now, see what else they have available. They OHV-friendly!"

MS. BULNES: Got it!

CHAIR SAVINO: At least they are aware that there's someplace to go. When I go to Utah I get on Utah OHV, I click on that. Google that search and I come up with different things where it tells me to go to MOAB and what have you. Does that make it a little bit clearer?

MR. MERRITT: Well we're pretty clear on that. What we've been doing to this point is, once we finish re-designing the section of the website for OHV on the state parks, then we can drive traffic directly to that landing page and kind of bypass the home page of the state parks. Plus, if you recall, when we first started out we also looked at securing very different URLs so that we could re-direct URLs to the individual home pages of the OHV State Parks. Does that make sense?

CHAIR SAVINO: It does, but just keep in mind, one of the reasons for doing this – there's no offense to state parks to the thing. If you go on their website right now, the only mention of OHV use is over here on the left-hand corner where it says, "Off-Highway Vehicle Programs." That's it. Out of all the stuff, we're putting in over ten percent of their entire operating budget. The reason why we appropriated this money out of OHV funding is to have our stand-alone thing; then refer back to state parks. Are we on the same page there?

MR. MERERITT: Are you talking about a stand-along website?

MR. FRENCH: Well, that's what I thought we were getting.

MR. MERRITT: Yeah, I thought that's what we were getting. Now I'm totally confused.

MS. BULNES: So, currently, the OHV – the State Parks OHV website that is up – that we want to make something completely different. We want to take content from there, but then create a completely different website?

MR. BALDWIN: Make the changes to the website that you propose.

MR. MERRITT: Okay.

MR. BALDWIN: And then make sure we have mechanisms that direct them right to that page, without having to go through State Parks' home page.

MR. MERRITT: That's what we were just talking about. We're communicating them.

MS. ANTLE: On that page, are we going to be able to have links to our individuals clubs?

MS. BULNES: Yeah, we're on the same page, then.

MR. MERRITT: We are on the same page. It's not actually a stand-alone website, it's directing specially to the OHV section of the State Park's website. So they're not going to *stateparks.gov* and then finding you off over here. We're directing them specifically to that home page so it goes right where it's supposed to go. We're communicating.

CHAIR SAVINO: I will be able to get on my computer, Google in "Arizona OHV" and it will take me to the State Parks' website.

MS. BULNES: It should automatically right now. Yeah!

CHAIR SAVINO: It hasn't been doing it.

MS. ANTLE: These ads that you have, is it possible to discuss these? Say offline? I mean, we don't have time today, but –

MS. BULNES: The script?

MS. ANTLE: Yeah, there are just some things –

MS. BULNES: Oh yeah! That is just: "Here is an idea." "Here is what we wanna do." Yeah, it can definitely be "Tweet."

MR. MERRITT: So, that's not a problem. The only thing we'll need clearance from, Robert, is – remember I sent you an email with regards to whether ** will actually make the changes, or whether we can make the changes?

MR. BALDWIN: I don't think they will give you the access to directly download it, so –

MR. MERRITT: Well, that's what I was asking you, because in the past – we've had the state contract for five-and-a-half years, but in the past they would not allow an outside vendor to have access to the backdoor off the website.

MR. BALDWIN: What they **want** you to do is – for you to be able to come over and sit down and download it – send somebody over to download through our system.

MR. MERRITT: Oh, okay. We can do that.

CHAIR SAVINO: I have one other thing.

MR. MERRITT: Yes.

CHAIR SAVINO: Can you possibly – I'm getting the feeling that in order to create our own website for OHV we're talking a whole different ballpark and different funding?

MR. MERRITT: Yeah, that was what was discussed, or what we thought we were doing, to begin with. To completely enhance the OHV section of the Arizona State Parks, then drive traffic directly to it. Not to the State Parks' home site, but

drive traffic directly to the OHV section. Because you can drive traffic directly to any page you want to in any website anywhere in the world. So it's not a big deal to drive traffic to a particular page. Does that make sense?

CHAIR SAVINO: Yes it does, but you're dealing with guys who –

MR. MERRITT: No, that's okay.

CHAIR SAVINO: You know down the road somewhere I'd like to see how this works, then maybe the possibility of coming up and requesting for you guys to give us a proposal on – a grant proposal for next year on –

MS. BULNES: On a completely different site.

CHAIR SAVINO: Now, with that, keeping in mind that we get approval through the State Parks. We aren't going to go out on our own.

MS. BULNES: And I think – what we did was we re-wrote the website. What that's also going to help is that's going to help with your SEO. So when you type in "OHV AZ," it should come up because those words are going to be embedded in the website. So, organically – and this is getting into web-talk – organically if you type in "OHV AZ," if that website have those words on it, it will automatically pop up.

CHAIR SAVINO: To go back a little bit there, I did. Two days ago I typed in OHV – you know, Arizona OHV and it comes up. I could see where down a little ways it says, "Arizona State Parks." Now if I go click on Arizona State Parks it takes me to a non-OHV –

MR. MERRITT: We haven't done any of the work yet.

MS. BULNES: We haven't put it in yet. Right now it's still routing.

CHAIR SAVINO: Sounds good!

MR. MERRITT: Is there anything else that we needed to –

MS. BULNES: Uhm, no. Things that are upcoming, obviously the April Newsletter, not May. Then we are going to be going to one of the meetings – one of the "Meet-and-Greets," on the tenth, which is next Saturday to film some footage of riders, etc.

CHAIR SAVINO: Bob, how do we go about – what is the process in mind – like, I'd like to get them up there to the Maverick Trial and have them up to, you know, one of our club outings and what have you. How do we go about that? Do we go through you to get that request? Do I send the request to you?

MR. BALDWIN: Yeah, tell me what you want to do and then we'll hook you up.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay.

MR. MERRITT: Once you approve it then we just go up there.

MR. BALDWIN: They will develop a script or idea of what they want to accomplish, between the two of you. I mean, it needs to be appropriate to what we're trying to do.

The issue we've had with sending them out to events is if there's nobody to chaperone them or give them an idea of what they're looking at, or what they need to film or stuff, it's not worth it. We got some good results because – Thomas, thank you – was at the one up in Wickenburg and he did a good job of chaperoning your videographer around. So until we can get them out with somebody who – you know, they want to videotape some of the use areas, until we can get somebody to take them out, somebody that knows that area, you know, get them to the scenic spots, and does that kind of stuff; we can't just send them out there and say, "go shoot." That's what we've had trouble coordinating, whether it's with you guys, or whether I get an Ambassador to take them out there or whatever; that's something we need to work on.

MR. MERRITT: As far as the individual scripts are concerned, you can communicate directly with Iliana if you've got some feedback.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, that's it. Did you answer my question? Is there a link that I can send somebody? I have people contacting me all the time, you know, "We'd like to find out more about stuff," and I'd like to give them this page. Will that be the State Park's page?

MR. MERRITT: The State Parks, slash, OHV. You want us to send you the actual link to get to the home page of the OHV?

CHAIR SAVINO: If you would please.

MS. BULNES: Yeah, and then if you want them to sign up for the Newsletter –

CHAIR SAVINO: Well, once they click on there, then I want them to sign up on their own.

MS. BULNES: Right, and the goal is to implement on the website a section where the see: "Do you want to **learn** more about OHV?" "Do you want to know about events that are coming up?" "Sign up for our Newsletter." That is our goal, too. For now you just have to send them the email that you got, then they can sign up for it.

MR. MERRITT: And Robert, as soon as you guys approve the website copy – you made changes to that – when you get done with that and you guys have approved it, let us know. We will go in and make the changes on our end; then we'll need to schedule probably many hours with Ty and sit down with him. Would he be the one doing the actual changes? We'd sit there with him and say, "change this, change this, change this?"

MR. BALDWIN: We'll have to talk about that.

MR. MERRITT: That's what we were asking. If you want us to do it, that's fine; we have to have permission.

MR. BALDWIN: You have to come to our place to do it. You can't do it from offsite.

MR. MERRITT: Oh, can we do it at your place?

MR. BALDWIN: Yeah, you can send somebody over and we can give you access while you're there.

MS. BULNES: We'd have to see the website to actually see how complicated it is.

MR. MERRITT: If we have to revamp it at your place, that's no big deal. As long as we have access to it we can do the work.

MR. BALDWIN: We cannot commit today, we'll get back to you.

MS. BULNES: Once you find out if we can or cannot come, then we'll schedule something.

MR. MERRITT: We'll bring our graphics guy in who knows websites, then he can go in and work on one of your computers to revamp it.

CHAIR SAVINO: Well, we still have to go forward.

MR. MERRITT: Well, we don't know. Because we don't know how technically your website's built. You can't see it without looking at the backend.

MR. BALDWIN: He's talking about downloading –

MR. MERRITT: We're talking about downloading new content, downloading photos, eventually downloading the videos. I mean, we don't know how your website is built and we can't determine that without looking at it. When we say many hours, it's not going to be like an hour. It could be a period of – it could be days; and it won't be all at once, either. We can do, you know – we can spend several hours, then wait a couple week, spend several more hours and just gradually make the changes.

MS. BULNES: What I can also do, if I could have my web guy talk to Ty and then maybe they can kind of figure out something, "Okay, we have it, you know, in this kind of template." Then they can kind of talk just so we can kind of get an idea, before we come in, of how long it's going to take. Just so we know before we get there what we're dealing with.

MR. MERRITT: We can do the job, as long as you give us access to the back end, even if it's at your place.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, thank you very much. Let's go on now.

E. OHVAG ACTION ITEMS

- 2. OHVAG Will Consider Funding the OHV Ambassador Program Expansion Grant** – One OHV Ambassador Program Expansion grant application was received and evaluated by staff. The Group will review and take action on the staff recommendation.

CHAIR SAVINO: What I want to bring up in this discuss – first of all I’m going to table consideration for the Ambassador Program, for the expansion grant for right now for corporations. There’s nobody here to answer questions so I’m going to table that. Okay?

E. OHVAG ACTION ITEMS

- 4. OHVAG Will Review the Grant Rating Process and Staff Recommendation to Include OHV Ambassador Program Projects** – The Group will discuss the rating process that was used for the first time and make recommendations to improve the process. Recommendations may include, but are not limited to, adjusting the allocation of priority points, changing the OHVAG priority, changing funding limits, and other modifications as appropriate. Staff recommends including and rating OHV Ambassador Program project applications with the other projects applications.

CHAIR SAVINO: On the grant process, project funding, we still have – we’re going to be out of here in 15 minutes. Correct, Bill (Gibson, BLM host)?

MR. BALDWIN: If you need to go a little longer, it’s fine, but we’re getting on toward the end of the day.

CHAIR SAVINO: I don’t think we can go – does the rest of the group feel we can continue on with this? What I would like to do is get this – I don’t know. I’m stuck here because there’s still so much confusion. I do know one thing for sure – this has been ingrained in me – because we’ve established this format of grading; and we’ve told the people out there, the grant writers, that this is what we’re using; we have to go forward with that until we have a meeting and fine-tune it. So, with that in mind, can we get it done in this short amount of time?

MS. ANTLE: When do they have to be finished? Do they have to be finished today? Could they wait until next month? Maybe what we could do – if you could send up the numbers that were gathered today, then we could try to muddle our way through these last two sheets and have that ready to do first thing come the next meeting. Then we should be able to approve the grants and send them forward.

CHAIR SAVINO: And if you send it to us, like I said, we’ve already established in the past that we take an average of the rating – so if you send up the total amount for that project, in that first thing, put each one of them on there and then the total, then we can take it, review that thing -- and we’ll go through the bonus things then we can come up with whatever it is. So we come to our next meeting with those totals in the thing, and with the recommendation to fund or not to fund and our reasons why. Is that okay with you guys so we can get outta here? Otherwise we won’t get done and it would be imperative to just do half of them and not do the rest. Are you okay with that, Bob?

MR. McARTHUR: I’m not hearing much of what’s being said, it’s very broken up. I wonder if there’s an adjustment that can be made there?

CHAIR SAVINO: Yes. Thomas, can you hear me?

MR. McARTHUR: I'm having a great deal of difficulty hearing you, it's very broken up.

CHAIR SAVINO: Thomas, can you hear me now?

MR. McARTHUR: Can you hear me now?

CHAIR SAVINO: I can hear you. Can you hear me?

MR. McARTHUR: I'm having difficulty hearing you. I tried interjecting a couple times, but I'm having difficulty. It's breaking up.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, Thomas, here's what we're going to do. This doesn't require a vote. We've decided that because of the time constraints and everything, they're going to – State Parks is going to take our numbers that we've compiled – the four people who compiled numbers on the ratings – they're going to put those numbers down there, add those numbers up, take an average, and send those out to us on a sheet – what those scoring numbers were. Then what we're going to require you to do is to take that form, add in the bonus points where you see it's necessary, stuff like that for the project; put your reasons why you want to award this project or deny this project, and give your rating of those projects.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay, you're breaking up again. My question is, is this required of us all? Do I have to use this form or can I use my own evaluation process?

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, we're going to change over to the phone real quick, Tom, so hang on.

MR. BALDWIN: Thomas, what number can we call you at?

MR. BALDWIN: Are you there, Thomas?

MR. McARTHUR: Yes, can you hear me?

CHAIR SAVINO: I'm going to go forward with this, Thomas, so bear with me as much as you can. You've already established that you did not fill out that first portion. Okay? You made it loud and clear on that. What we're going to do is we're going to take the average of the four ratings that we have, Doris is going to compile those numbers and give us an average, so you'll have a total at the end of that thing. Now our discussion right now is whether we even have to use that second portion of that thing. We've met them, we've been fair and up front with the grant writers, they know what was asked of them, they wrote all that stuff down. Is the bonus thing a necessity?

Where we have a problem – and I'm talking to State Parks on this stuff – where we have a problem, Doris, is that – how do you do it? Now where does Thomas play into the thing on a quorum? Because he hasn't filled out any of that form.

MR. McARTHUR: Well, my understanding is that the whole process here is simply to come up with a scaling of first, second, third, fourth and on down, that would be

weighed. You know, this form is just one way of doing that. Are we now required to use that form or can we use our own evaluation?

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, first of all, let me back up a little bit. One of the reasons why we did this is that we needed to make a level playing field out there for the grant applicants, to let them know that what we're looking for, our number one priority is to mitigate trails or what have you. That's what it is, okay? So we wanted to make it fair for each grant applicant to know what they're doing. So they don't come in saying, "Well, I didn't know you wanted that?" They know up front. That's why we've developed that manual to start with. Okay? So that's why we have the rating process. So we have that, we know that level one priorities are a certain thing, level two, so on and so forth. We've established that. So we need to use that.

Then it comes into the tricky situation with the number rating. What do we use that number rating for? Because this is all going to come down to – that rating is for us. You choose not to use that and we go forward, at the end we expect you to have that rating of what project you feel is number one in your mind; and we're back to the old system.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay, I think there's a flawed or faulty logic here. We needed to let those people know what the priorities were from the original trail survey. There were priorities one, two and three. Now that has nothing to do with this rating system. This rating system has been constructed on top of that. So, the only thing that we need to do is when evaluating these grant applications is use the materials set forth from the trail study to evaluate. We can use our own system.

CHAIR SAVINO: Go ahead, Bob.

MR. FRENCH: Thomas, let me try to explain what's happened here. Bob told us – we voted on this thing last week – or last month and agreed to use this form, which I don't think we all understood, like we should have. But the fact that we put the grant out under that format and that's the way they think they're going to be judged, we have to go by that format. That doesn't mean it can't be changed from now on; but for this set of things we have to use that format.

CHAIR SAVINO: We don't have any choice on that. We have to go with that.

MR. FRENCH: We all know there are going to be changes. Okay?

MR. McARTHUR: Okay. That was missing information.

CHAIR SAVINO: Doris, did you have something you wanted to input on this?

MS. PULSIFER: The information that went out to the applicants, it's the same criteria it's just in a little different format. What this chart does – it's going to be used as a summary to put them altogether into one so you can sort them. But what went out to the applicants are the same questions.

MR. FRENCH: I can relate to Thomas because of this. I didn't familiarize myself like – I didn't open my email. I didn't get the thing until later on in the computer. But anyway, I got the hardcopy packet at the meeting we voted on it. I did not go

through and read it like I should have when I accepted it. Okay? I don't know if he did the same thing or – I don't think anybody understood the whole process, and we're shocked by the actual process. But the point is to make this thing short, we have to go by that – tell me if I'm wrong – we have to go by this format?

CHAIR SAVINO: Yes, it's only fair.

MR. FRENCH: Then we will discuss it at the next meeting, we'll take enough time – allow enough time to discuss it and see where we want to go with it from now on.

CHAIR SAVINO: So, with that in mind, what I'd like to have done – are you willing to take some time and fill out your portion of these numbers on these grants, Thomas?

MR. McARTHUR: Yes, I will.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, could you do this then, email that to Bob – and is this okay with you guys?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIR SAVINO: He can email his rating sheet to you. Now on that, this bonus thing – we're going to have to live with that this time. We'll put the bonus things on there. We can all email that to you. Is that okay with you? We'll email that to you, then you can compile those scores on the thing. Then when we come to the meeting next time, we have that and we have that rating on a form what the highest point total was – at that point, we come over and we say whether we recommend funding or whether we don't recommend funding.

Just a word of advice, if you don't recommend the funding, you have to have some type of explanation. Because what they'll do is they'll go back – and we don't want it to bite up – they're going to go back and take all our reasons why we don't recommend that funding, surmise it into an explanation, because when it goes in front of the board that we don't recommend that funding, that board wants to see a reason – logical reason – so we don't get back into the Desert Wells thing like we did last time. You understand that, Tom?

MR. McARTHUR: I think I got it

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, so this time --- and then I hope to heck that you can make it to the next meeting. Because this is an important meeting. You know, the last time we had a meeting in February to discuss this we had a couple of you guys not even – you were there by telephone, but then you didn't even have the chart in front of you. So we need to make this an important thing so we can get on with life. Is that okay with you guys at State Parks?

MR. FRENCH: So you're going to send up hard copies of this stuff because I can't print it out.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, with that said, is everybody in agreement? We can postpone it until the next time. Okay, I'm going to go on, then. Review the rating process.

We're going to do that at the next meeting. We'll review statewide OHV budget allocations. Can we table that until the next meeting? We're going to have to.

MR. McARTHUR: I just wondered if Doris is sending me a clean sheet for the form?

CHAIR SAVINO: Yes, she's nodding her head, so she will. And then I'd like to also table agenda item number six on the trails symposium so we can get another person here.

F. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS -

Friday, May 4, 2012 in Kingman, AZ at a location to be determined.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, time and place for the next meeting, May 4, 2012 in Kingman, Arizona. Location to be determined. You got that Thomas?

MR. McARTHUR: I've got an issue with May 4th.

MS. ANTLE: Yeah, I've got an issue with May 4th, is it possible to change that to the Phoenix area?

CHAIR SAVINO: I give up.

MS. ANTLE: I can't make Kingman.

MR. McARTHUR: Kingman is fine. Can we move it to the last week of May?

MS. ANTLE: That's Memorial Day.

CHAIR SAVINO: That's one of the problems with this thing, you know, what do we do? We wanted to make this a field trip. One of the reasons we're having Kingman is we have projects up there that are outstanding and we wanted to see them at the same time. But if we can't have a quorum, then, how do we do it? This is important so what do we do here, guys? Do we swap those and swap May and August and go to Kingman in August. I mean we've moved it two years in a row now. You've got to help me out here.

MR. FRENCH: Well, I don't know what to tell you.

CHAIR SAVINO: Help me out here.

MR. FRENCH: We have people who can't go here or there, I don't know what you do about scheduling. As you saw we barely made a quorum today and it's in Phoenix. So, I don't think it matters where. You set a date for a meeting, if you don't have a quorum you don't have a meeting.

MS. ANTLE: Can we come up with a couple options? Send it out by email and maybe have an answer back by the end of next week.

CHAIR SAVINO: And I bet you we still don't hardly have a quorum.

MS. ANTLE: Scheduling a meeting with three people is difficult. Scheduling with five or seven is impossible. But if you have a couple options we might be able to –

CHAIR SAVINO: Bob, here's what I'd like to have you do. Don, do you have any problem if we move this to the following weekend which will be the 11th of May? We move it either way so we have three options on those dates. We either go the weekend before the 4th – the Friday before the 4th, the 4th or the Friday after the 4th. That's three different options and we go with where we have the most consensus. Is that okay with you, Becky?

MS. ANTLEL: That's fine. I can give you the four days out of the year I'm not available and two of those hit those days.

CHAIR SAVINO: Yeah, I know. Thomas, do you have any problem with that?

MR. McARTHUR: No, that sounds good.

CHAIR SAVINO: So, what we're doing, we're staying in Kingman, because we need to look at that project up there and that's our field trip for the year. We're going to make it either the weekend before the 4th, the 4th or the weekend after the 4th. Is that okay with you, Bob?

MR. McARTHUR: So we're talking about a Saturday meeting?

CHAIR SAVINO: No, I mean on that Friday and then that Saturday is the field trip.

MR. McARTHUR: Any week day is hard for me.

CHAIR SAVINO: Yeah, but you're in the group, Thomas, and that's when we meet. It's kind of hard to give – now, if you've chosen to be on this – and I don't want to be critical with you and stuff, but you've missed a lot of meeting. I understand, you're a working individual; and you have – your heart's in the right spot, but your pocketbook isn't.

MS. ANTLE: That's right, Friday has always worked out better for me.

CHAIR SAVINO: The rubber's gotta meet the road somewhere along the way and we've gotta say, we have to have this during the week. We have to have this meeting during the week.

MR. BALDWIN: We could meet on Saturday and do the ride Friday, if you want to do it that way.

CHAIR SAVINO: On that one we could, I guess. We're going to be there –

MR. BALDWIN: We can do the meetings on a Saturday.

CHAIR SAVINO: Here's what we're going to do. Give those options, if you would please, that we can have the meeting on the Saturday the weekend before the 4th – or before the 5th, the weekend after the 5th, the day after Mother's day – I don't know.

MR. BALDWIN: Can we get a feel, somehow, for whether or not we want to ride? Are there enough people coming to even care for a ride?

CHAIR SAVINO: Yeah, we can have that, too. I mean, we don't have to do the ride. It doesn't have to be a quorum to do the ride. But what I would like to do is do a

field trip up there and look at that property, that stuff that we've dumped a ton of money into.

MR. BALDWIN: There may not be anybody to answer questions on a Saturday. That's the problem.

MS. ANTLE: You'll probably get the agencies out there in Kingman. Lynn would probably be the best one out there.

CHAIR SAVINO: Yeah, if they want any more money then they'll have to answer.

MR. BALDWIN: Well, if we do it in Kingman we'll get the Kingman Field Office conference room.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, then what we'll do, we'll have the meeting on Saturday, possibly, and have the ride on Friday, then that way we can do the field trip. The other way it wouldn't have worked.

All right, so that's what we'll do, Thomas, Okay?

MR. McARTHUR: Okay. So that's May 5th?

CHAIR SAVINO: No, Thomas. They're sending out an inquiry, whatever they are, for the weekend prior to May 4 and 5; or the weekend after.

MR. McARTHUR: Okay.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, that's what we're looking at. Expect an email coming from Bob or Doris on that.

G. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR SAVINO: With that said, is there a motion on the floor to – I'd like to entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.

MR. ANTLE: I move we adjourn.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, I'd like to have a second to adjourn this meeting.

MR. FRENCH: I second.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, all in favor of adjourning this meeting.

CHORUS OF VOICES: Aye.

CHAIR SAVINO: Okay, it's a unanimous decision, we adjourn the meeting, Bob.

[Whereupon, at 4:16 pm, the meeting was adjourned.]

E. OHVAG ACTION ITEMS

- 2. OHVAG Will Review the Grant Rating Process and Staff Recommendation to Include OHV Ambassador Program Projects** – The Group will discuss the rating process that was used for the first time and make recommendations to improve the process. Recommendations may include, but are not limited to, adjusting the allocation of priority points, changing the OHVAG priority, changing funding limits, and other modifications as appropriate. Staff

recommends including and rating OHV Ambassador Program project applications with the other projects applications.

Tabled

- 5. OHVAG Will Review Statewide OHV Program Budget Allocations for 2012 and Discuss Allocations for 2013** – Staff will provide information on the use of 2012 funds. The Group will be asked to identify uses of the available funds that should be considered in the budget presentation in May.

Tabled

- 6. OHVAG Will Discuss Involvement in the International Trails Symposium (ITS)** – Staff will provide an overview of some areas where the Group could be involved in planning OHV activities for the ITS.

Tabled

F. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS -

Friday, May 4, 2012 in Kingman, AZ at a location to be determined.

Friday, August 17, 2012 at a location to be determined.

Friday, November 2, 2012 at a location to be determined.

G. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:10 pm

Motion – ANTLE, Second – FRENCH