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Agency Overview

Arizona State Parks and Trails (ASPT) protects and preserves 35 State Parks and Natural Areas. The agency also administers the State Trails Program, the Off-Highway Vehicle Program, outdoor recreation related grants programs, statewide outdoor recreation planning, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and the Site Steward Program. ASPT promotes physical and mental health and wellness within our Arizona communities, and helps drive economies, while protecting Arizona’s cultural and natural resources.

Tribal Consultation Activities ([link to ASPT Tribal Consultation Policy](#))

Goal	Objective	Activity and Performance Measure
Provide Tribes with continued access to current and ancestral tribal resources located on agency-managed lands, along with a role in their preservation, management and interpretation. (IV.2.)	To ensure Tribal access to special places and invite Tribes to participate in the interpretation of these places for the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homolovi staff worked with the Hopi Veterans Center on a traveling exhibit for Hopi Code Talkers. • ASPT is working with Tohono O’odham to develop interpretive signage for the new Ocotillo Trail at Kartchner Caverns State Park. • ASPT invited tribes to visit site at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park. • ASPT arranged for tribal visitation during vandalism remediation. • ASPT staff attend events for incoming and outgoing tribal officials and other dignitaries.
In matters that affect or may affect, resources of potential interest to the Tribes, the Agency will initiate and maintain contact with tribal representatives. (IV.5.)	Tribal consultation is conducted as appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to concerns expressed, CRIT will be sent an invitation to participate in the Trails Plan Working Group to ensure that concerns regarding motorized trail use are addressed in the planning process. • Tribal concurrence / consultation was initiated with the following tribes: Hopi, Tohono O’odham, Fort McDowell Yavapai, Pascua Yaqui, San Carlos Apache, White Mountain Apache, Yavapai-Apache, Zuni, Navajo, Tonto Apache, Havasupai, Form Mohave, Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), Salt River Pima-Maricopa, and Yavapai-Prescott. • State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Cultural Resources staff attend Four Southern Tribes meetings on a quarterly basis to

		stay informed about current tribal issues and opportunities and share agency information as appropriate.
The agency will carefully consider the positions, statements and requests of the Tribes, their representatives and their community members and will factor these into decisions regarding resources of interest to the Tribes. (IV. 6.)	Tribal input is sought and incorporated into agency processes and procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 SCORP public comment from CRIT tribe expressed concern about OHV use and destruction of cultural resources on public lands. Text addressing their concerns was integrated into the document and a tribal representative will be invited to help guide the 2020 Trails Plan process. • ASPT is gathering information from tribes as how to proceed with data recovery at site. • ASPT will be inviting tribal representatives to visit site as part of mitigation.
The agency will accommodate, when appropriate and as resources allow, requests from Tribal representatives and/or community members to access traditional landscapes, ancestral places, and culturally significant artifacts.	Agency will provide appropriate tribal access.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASPT has waived park entrance fees for CRIT members visiting ancestral landscapes within Alamo Lake, accompanied by Army Corps of Engineers personnel.
The agency will open its training programs to Native Tribal or National officials, staff and representatives whenever possible and appropriate.	Training and educational resources will be shared with Tribes, as appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nine of the presentations at the Arizona Historic Preservation Conference in June included presenters from tribes or addressed content that included tribal history and culture. • ASPT cultural resources staff will include a training on cultural sensitivity, offered by Angela Garcia-Lewis of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community at the next Historic Park Managers' Meeting. This training was recorded and will be mandatory training for all staff expected to work with cultural resources in the agency. The video will also be available online via the Government-to-Government Consultation Toolkit.
The agency will share appropriate technical information and data with the Tribes, and requests that the Tribes likewise share appropriate technical information and data with the agency.	Technical data and information is provided to tribes and received from Tribes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government-to-Government Consultation Toolkit, developed jointly by SHPO and SRPMIC, has proven extraordinarily useful and is a model nationwide. ASPT staff have been encouraging other agencies to take advantage of the resource.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency is partnering with tDAR to identify, digitally preserve, and share with tribes all Huhugam-related materials in our archives. • The Agency provided an information kiosk to the Arizona State Land Department, who is collaborating with descendant communities to provide interpretive material in the Picacho Mountains.
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Highlights:

- Implementation of mandate that all ASPT personnel who supervise or conduct ground-disturbing activities attend (a) cultural sensitivity training presented by tribal representatives, and (b) basic artifact recognition training to assist in project suspension when unanticipated resources are encountered.
- In collaboration with tribes, ASPT is producing a series of professional videos that convey the benefits of archaeological preservation and the importance of archaeological sites to descendant communities.
- The Agency has implemented a standardized process through which all ground-disturbing activities must be assessed by cultural resources staff before proceeding.
- The Agency is developing a state-of-the-art, secure spatial database to document ancestral sites under ASPT management, thereby allowing for proactive planning and the avoidance of inadvertent disturbance.
- The Agency has hired one Cultural Resources Intern, and is in the process of hiring three Archaeological Technicians. These added personnel will allow ASPT to invest more time in cultural resource management, government-to-government consultation, and tribal collaboration.

Recommendations from Tribal representatives:

- Upon request from SRPMIC representatives, the Agency will be transitioning to the use of “Huhugam” rather than “Hohokam”, and will hereafter refer to sites by their site number, rather than previously-assigned names, with the exception of ancestral names, when known (e.g., Homol’ovi).

Challenges:

- Ensuring that staff understand the importance of protecting cultural resources at agency-managed properties and the regulatory processes necessary for responsible and compliant ground-disturbing projects.
- Communicating effectively and in a timely fashion opportunities and resources for participation in statewide recreation planning, allowing the agency to enhance tribal recreation opportunities, thus benefiting tribal members, encouraging regional tourism, and serving as an area economic driver.

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