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ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

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Ms. Kristine Firethunder
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RE: FY 2019 State Parks Board Tribal Consultation and Outreach Annual Report
(A.R.S. § 41-2051)

Dear Ms. Firethunder:

Please find attached the statutory annual report on tribal consultation and outreach evaluating the performance and activities of Arizona State Parks and Trails in fiscal year 2019.

We have summarized the key activities undertaken by the director and agency. Our primary activity has been building relationships, developing a new tribal consultation policy and performance measures, and instituting internal practices to support our agency's commitment to strong with relationships with Arizona's tribes.

Please do not hesitate to contact our tribal liaison, Micaela Larkin, if you have any questions or require additional information related to this report.

Best,

Timothy Franquist
Deputy Director
Arizona State Parks and Trails

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Agency Overview:

The mission of Arizona State Parks & Trails (ASPT) is managing and conserving Arizona's natural, cultural and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners at 35 state parks and natural areas. The agency also manages the State Trails program; outdoor recreation grants program; statewide outdoor recreation planning; Off-Highway Vehicle program; and the State Historic Preservation Office, which is responsible for administering federal and state compliance activities related to historical preservation and the protection of antiquities. This breadth of activity illustrates the need for ASPT to maintain a meaningful and collaborative relationship with all our tribal partners.

ASPT is currently focused on building new relationships with tribal communities, training and educating staff about cultural sensitivity and compliance with federal and state cultural laws, and strengthening internal processes and programs that intersect with tribal nations. Bob Broscheid was appointed by Governor Ducey as the new executive director of ASPT in February 2019. As outlined below, Director Broscheid and his team continued work that started in fall 2018 to train staff on cultural compliance, build relationships with the tribal nations, create a culture of partnership, and renew the agency's longstanding commitment to preservation.

Highlights:

- Director Broscheid and staff visited many tribal nations and organizations including the Colorado River Indian Tribe, the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, and the Four Southern tribes. Director Broscheid and his team also met with Tribal Historical Preservation Officers and cultural staff during a private session at the State Historic Preservation Conference in June. From these meetings and conversations, the agency began work on a new tribal consultation policy to be released in fall 2020. Leadership heard the desire on the part of tribal cultural resources teams for consultation to occur early and often. This policy will be written after a consultative meeting with interested tribal communities, who will contribute to the policy development.
- With the help of Kristine Firethunder, Arizona State Parks and Trails initiated training for staff. In FY19, the agency taped *Cultural Sensitivity Training* taught by Angela Garcia-Lewis of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and all staff were required to watch the video. Central office staff attended two sessions, the first with Kristine Firethunder, *Introduction to Tribal Relations*, and a second, *Tribal Relations: The Impact of Being Good Neighbors*, with David Lelsz and Len Drago from the Department of Environmental Quality; Rafael Tapia, Jr. of Native Partnership (non-profit agency); and former Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Ivan Makil discussing the challenges and benefits of tribal consultation. The training allowed for a frank discussion of shared concerns for both tribes and the agency, such as increasing outdoor recreation access for children and potential opportunities for partnerships.
- The agency evaluated and started new processes to support improved partnerships with Native American communities and compliance, including staff training and a re-evaluation of processes for park development. Due to this effort, a culturally sensitive area at Lake Havasu State Park was roped off to prevent damage during July 2019, which is a particularly high-use time for the park.
- Through a program with the Department of Child Safety (DCS), Arizona State Parks and Trails provided free annual day-use passes to foster families within two tribal communities with a goal of encouraging these families to explore the parks and the state.

Looking toward 2020, the agency's major objectives are developing and finalizing the new tribal consultation policy, effectively consulting with tribes on all development processes, and working on fostering park engagement with all nearby tribal communities.

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Area	Activities
Executive Commitment to Connecting with Tribal Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Broscheid and staff met with tribal leaders and/or tribal cultural staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colorado River Indian Tribe (Feb. 2019) ○ Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (April 2019) ○ 4S meeting (April 2019) ○ Tribal Historic Preservation Officer session at the State Historic Preservation Conference (June 2019) • Director met with many members of the legislative tribal caucus. • Director corresponded with Hopi and Ft. Mojave to work towards future meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During FY 2019, team worked with Ft. Mojave tribe after their generous offer to host a meeting with ASPT and neighboring tribes. This led to a productive meeting in July 2019 with the Hualapai, Quechan-Yuma, Chemehuevi, and Colorado River Indian Tribe.
Internal Agency- Wide Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agency developed new training for staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cultural Sensitivity Training with Angela Garcia-Lewis (filmed summer 2018/implemented agency-wide in FY 2019) ○ Introduction to Tribal Relations w/Kristine Firethunder (Jan. 2019) ○ Tribal Relations: The Impact of Being Good Neighbors (March 2019) • Developing new processes for building development, grants management, and tribal consultation. • Developing management expectations for park managers on their role in preservation and respect. • Instituted measures to protect resources when issues identified.
External Agency- Wide Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tribal liaison instituted contact with all tribes listed in the Government to Government portal. These connections resulted in trips to the Chemehuevi Nation (May 2019, Hopi Cultural Resources Office (May 2019), Fort Mojave Nation (July 2019), Yavapai-Apache Nation (August 2019) and ongoing attendance at the 4S meetings. • Director and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) continued to advocate for resources and process improvements for cultural compliance. • SHPO continued to serve as a resource for state agencies regarding tribal consultation and compliance with state and federal cultural resources law. • Agency supports the development of a new database and materials to support the Site Steward volunteers who protect archaeological sites in the state and annual conference planning for the program. • Agency publicized and offered resources related to grants/recreational planning during visits and correspondent with tribal contacts.